

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

**Meeting Location: Conference Room, Rapides Area Planning Commission,
 Alexandria, LA**

In Attendance

Committee	Mayor Clarence Fields, CoP – Present (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Absent Mayor Jeffery Hall, CoA – Absent (Alternate Robert Weekes) – Absent Mayor Willie Bishop, Town of Ball – Absent Jules Green, CoA – Absent (Alternate Mike Wilkinson) – Present James Villard, CoA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, CoP – Present (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Theodore Fontaine Jr., Rapides Parish – Present Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Present Troy Roussell, LADOTD – Absent (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Present (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent William Baron, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Sandra MacQuain/Scott Gammel) – Present Laura Phillips, FHWA – Present (Alternate Carlos McCloud) – Absent Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent
Staff	Matt Johns, Sooraz Patro, Blake Powell, Jonathan Bolen, Destiny Kunefke
Others in Attendance	Dale Craig, Jonathan Lachney (LaDOTD-08), Scott Gammel (England Air Park); Charlie Moore (CoP); Dennis Woodward (RPPJ).

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

There is quorum.

Agenda Item # 3

President Fountaine directed staff to include verbally amended language in all forthcoming TPC minutes wherever there is a motion starting with February 6th, 2019 TPC minutes.

Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to approve Minutes from the previous TPC held on February 6, 2019.

- Motion by Councilman Martin
- Second by Mr. Cooper

The motion passes and was unanimously approved with no opposition.

Agenda Item #4

MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval

a) Draft UPWP FY 2019-2020

Sooraz presented the Unified Planning Work Program Budget summary for the next FY2019-2020. Sooraz informed the addition of upcoming projects MPA Stormwater Study and Rock Island Greenway (S) along with updated Safety Budget for the upcoming FY. Sooraz further informed that the cut in Safety budget is based on new LaDOTD direction in developing Local Road Safety Plans. However, the overall budget has increased by ~22% and is further anticipated to increase in upcoming months owing to possible transit studies being approved by LaDOTD. Sooraz requested TPC to approve the Draft UPWP pending public comment period commencing from May 16 through May 29, 2019.

Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to approve adoption of Draft UPWP FY 2019-2020 pending public comments

- Motion by Councilman Martin
- Second by Mr. Cooper

The motion passes and was unanimously approved with no opposition.

b) TIP FY 2019 – 2022 Amendments/Administrative Adjustments

Sooraz presented details and justification of the FY 2019-2022 Amendments and Administrative Adjustments for the following:

Amendment:

- Add CoA: Rapides Ave. & 3rd St. (Roadway Improvements) (C) STP: \$3,363,500 FFY 2022. Project # issued H.013887
- Add 11.12.04 Three Replacement 29' Buses FTA 5307 Capital FY 2019-2020 (Atrans)
- Update Operating Assistance FTA 5307 Operating FY 2019-2020 from \$1.5mn to \$278,382 (Atrans)
- Remove Preventive Maintenance FTA 5307 Capital FY 2019-2020 \$250,000 (Atrans)
- Remove Replace (two) 30-35' Buses FTA 5307 Capital FY 2019-2020 \$880,000 (Atrans)

Administrative Adjustments:

- Move CoA Bridge Replacements (C) from **FFY 2023** to **FFY 2020**, STP: \$1,700,421
- Move Foisy St: Monroe St to US 167 (Reconst.) from **FFY 2019** to **FFY 2023**, STP \$1,600,000

Sooraz requested TPC to approve the adoption of the updated TIP FY 2019-2022 (Amednments#2) based on above discussed amendments and administrative adjustments to both Highways as well as Transit portions pending public comment period commencing from May 16 through May 29, 2019.

Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to approve adoption of Draft TIP FY 2019-2022 pending public comments

- Motion by Councilman Martin
- Second by Mr. Cooper

The motion passes and was unanimously approved with no opposition.

Agenda Item #5

MPO General Updates

a) Transit FTA Grants 5310/5311 & HSCP FY 2018

Jonathan informed the Committee on the strong possibility of LaDTOD awarding transit grants for the Atrans Service Planning Study (\$100K) and Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study (\$300K) soon. He further briefed about the scope of work for both studies and established need for them.

b) Legislative Bills

The Committee discussed the Rideshare Bill for TNCs currently in play in the State Legislature. The primary bone of contention being State Arbitration (CA). Mayor Fields requested staff to track the bill and relay updated information in future TPC meetings.

c) A/P MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Project Implementation

Sooraz briefed the Committee members that staff had met with Cleco to consider their preference in scheduling stages of projects. Furthermore, staff has prepared Stage 0 applications for the selected projects within Stage I and is currently still awaiting City of Alexandria's Letter of Support before final Stage 0 application submission to LADOTD.

The Stage I projects are as follows:

- Mason Dr. Phase II : Texas Ave. to MacArthur Dr.
- Jackson St.: Texas Ave. to 2nd St.
- Masonic Dr. Road Diet: Texas Ave. to Lee St.
- Jackson St. Bridge I: 2nd St. to City Limits
- Jackson St., Extension: Horseshoe Dr. to Texas Ave.
- Coliseum Blvd.: Monroe St. to Vandenburg Dr.

d) *Member entity Updates*

No updates

Agenda Item #6

Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #7 Adjournment

Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Motion by Councilman Martin
- Second by Mr. Cooper

The motion passes and was unanimously approved with no opposition.