

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 25th, 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) – Absent 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 – Absent (Alternate Dennis Woodward) – 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 – Absent (Alternate Carlos McCloud) – Absent Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent
Staff	Matt Johns, Sooraz Patro, Blake Powell, Jonathan Bolen,
Others in Attendance	Dale Craig, (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

MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval

a) Draft UPWP FY 2019-2020

Sooraz presented the Unified Planning Work Program Budget summary for FY 2019-2020 (Amendment #1). Sooraz informed the addition of transit studies viz. Atrans Service Planning Study (FTA 5303, \$125K) and Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study Phase I (FTA 5311, \$125K). The overall budget has now increased by ~48% from previous UPWP FY 2018-2019. Sooraz requested TPC to approve the Draft UPWP pending public comment period commencing from July 1 through July 14, 2019.

Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to approve adoption of UPWP FY 2019-2020 (Amednment#1) pending public comments

- Motion by Councilman Martin
- Second by President Fountaine

The motion passes with no further discussion 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 for the following:

Amendment:

- **Update** CoA: H.013452 Horseshoe Drive Roadway Improvements (C) STP from initial \$2,000,000 total project cost to revised total project cost of **\$1,700,000** and move from FY 2019-2020 to **FY 2018-2019**.

Sooraz requested TPC to approve the adoption of the amended TIP FY 2019-2022 (Amednments#3) based on above discussed amendment pending public comment period commencing from July 1 through July 14, 2019.

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

- Motion by Mr. Woodward
- Second by Councilman Martin

The motion passes with no further discussion/comment and was unanimously approved with no opposition.

Agenda Item #4

MPO General Updates

a) Member entity Updates

Mr. Gammel informed the Committee on various new developments at the England Air Park as well influx of FAA grants for the EAP infrastructure projects as following:

- Hwy 1/Harold miles Parkway Rd connecting Hwy 1 to Airpark is 95% complete with industrial strength concrete road with project cost around \$6.5 mn connecting the Greens Conference Center with funding sourced from Military Airforce Program (which helps to convert former military bases to civilian airports).
- Secondary runaway (1836), Environmental document accepted by FAA and proceeding forward with design and working on funding for \$19 mn. Most likely embarking on the project in the next 6 months that will extend 1500 ft to the north. Currently, primary runaway is 9351 ft and secondary runaway is 7002 ft. The new project will increase secondary runaway to 8500 ft. to cater to lot of heavy equipment aircrafts especially 747's/777's and provide support to military aircrafts from Fort Polk. The new improved secondary runaway will provide cover to the primary runaway which is almost 70 years old in case it needs repair and rehab. This projects essentially brings more jobs to our community.

Councilman Martin inquired to Staff about the Sugarhouse Rd project which was brought up at the State Legislature for funding. Sooraz responded stating that the project is currently scheduled for FFY 2022 with funding split as: \$2.5 mn (City of Alexandria) + \$2.5 mn (STP<200K \$) + \$7.6 mn ST Bonds.

Agenda Item #5

Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #6 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.