

# MEETING MINUTES

## Jt. Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Transportation Policy Committee Meeting and Central Louisiana Beltway Commission Meeting

**Date: Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

#### In Attendance

<b>Committee</b>	Mayor Clarence Fields, CoP – Present (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present Mayor Jeffery Hall, CoA – Absent (Alternate Robert Weekes) – Absent Mayor Willie Bishop, Town of Ball – Absent (Alternate Mark Roberts) – Present Jules Green, CoA – Absent (Alternate Mike Wilkinson) – Present James Villard, CoA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Absent Nathan Martin, CoP – Absent (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Theodore Fountaine Jr., Rapides Parish – Absent Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent (Alternate Dennis Woodward) – Present Troy Roussell, LADOTD – Present (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Absent (Alternate Terry Spruill) – Present William Baron, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Sandra MacQuain/Scott Gammel) – Present Laura Phillips, FHWA – Present (Alternate Carlos McCloud) – Absent Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent
<b>Staff</b>	Matt Johns, Sooraz Patro, Blake Powell, Jonathan Bolen, Destiny Kunefke
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Dale Craig, (LaDOTD-08), Scott Gammel (England Air Park); Doug Gann (CoP); Deborah Randolph (Chamber of Commerce); Steve Berry (RPSB); Donald Greene (DoA); Jonathan Dean (Cleco); Jonathan Lachney (LADOTD-08); Kenneth Nolley (CoA); Keith Hillman (MMLH); Winston Roberts (GPPJ); Mayor Alma Moore (Town of Boyce); Dr. Paul Coreil (LSU-A); Mayor David Butler (Town of Woodworth); Alderman Charles Veal (Boyce); Reldon Owens (Chamber) ; .

### **Agenda Item # 1**

*Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields*

### **Agenda Item # 2**

*Roll Call*

There is quorum.

### **Agenda Item # 3**

*Mayor Fields calls for entertaining a Motion to approve Minutes from the previous TPC meetings held on May 16, 2019 and June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

- Motion by Mayor Hall
- Second by Mr. Dupree

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

### **Agenda Item # 4**

*MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval*

a) *TIP FY 2019 – 2022 Amendments/Administrative Adjustments*

Sooraz presented details and justification of the FY 2019-2022 Amendments (#4) for the following:

**Amendment:**

- **Move** Bicycle & Pedestrian Implementation Phase I from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020
- **Move** N 16<sup>th</sup> Bridge Replacement from FFY 2020 to FFY 2022
- **Move** Stormwater Study from FFY 2022 to FFY 2020 and update cost from \$150K to \$1.2 mn
- **Move** H.013887 CoA Rapides Ave & 3<sup>rd</sup> St Road Improvements from FFY 2022 to FFY 2021
- **Add** CoP Jones St. Panel Replacement to FFY 2021 for \$800K
- **Move** Jackson St: MacArthur Dr to I-49 Pavement Rehab. From FFY 2021 to FFY 2023
- **Move** ToB Beeson Hwy Dr Bridge Repair from FFY 2021 to FFY 2022

Sooraz requested TPC to approve the adoption of the amended TIP FY 2019-2022 (Amendments#4) based on above discussed amendment pending public comment period commencing from August 30 through September 12, 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.

b) *Draft UPWP FY 2019-2020*

Sooraz presented the Unified Planning Work Program Budget summary for FY 2019-2020 (Amendment #2). Sooraz informed the addition of MTP 2045 (\$360k) and EDC STIC

Incentive Funding (\$61,500). The overall budget has now increased by ~50% from previous UPWP FY 2018-2019. Sooraz requested TPC to approve the Draft UPWP pending public comment period commencing from August 30 through September 12, 2019..

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

- Motion by Mayor Hall
- Second by Mr. Wilkinson

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

### **Agenda Item #5**

#### *TPC and Beltway Commission Chair and Vice Chair Elections*

Matt informed both the TPC and Beltway members about the election procedure every two years referring to both by-laws.

Mayor Fields opens the floor for nominations of TPC Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Dupree nominated to re-elect existing Chair Mayor Fields and Vice Chair Mayor Hall. Mayor Fields calls for a motion to approve the re-election of existing Chair/Vice Chair office bearers for TPC

- Motion by Mr. Dupree
- Second by Mr. Wilkinson

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

Mayor Fields opens the floor for nominations of Beltway Commission Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Dupree nominated mayor Hall as Chair and Ms. Sandra MacQuain as Vice Chair. Mayor Fields calls for a motion to approve the Chair/Vice Chair office bearers for Beltway

- Motion by Juror Winston Roberts
- Second by Dr. Coreil

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

### **Agenda Item #6**

#### *MPO General Updates*

##### *a) Beltway Suitability Analysis Criteria*

Matt introduced the final version of the suitability criteria developed by staff with oversight and input from Beltway Steering Committee. Matt explained the logical reasoning behind each and every criterion and how they are weighted to arrive at Beltway Suitability Map which will be used for identifying most plausible beltway alternatives. Sooraz shared travel demand model results through multiple maps for the various beltway scenarios by way of effects of congestion and travel time.

Matt requested the Beltway Commission to entertain a motion to amend the agenda to change this agenda item from Info. to Voting item. Mayor Hall opens the floor to entertain a motion to change the agenda item from info. only to voting item.

- Motion by Mayor Butler
- Second by Dr. Coreil

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

Matt further requested the Committee to formally adopt the Suitability criteria to embark on the commencement of Technical Memorandum for the Beltway Feasibility.

Mayor Hall calls for entertaining a Motion to approve the Beltway Suitability criteria

- Motion by Mayor Butler
- Second by Juror Winston Roberts

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

*b) Legislative Bills*

*None.*

*c) Member entity Updates*

*None.*

**Agenda Item #7**

*Other Business*

*None.*

**Agenda Item #8** Adjournment

Mayor Hall calls for entertaining a Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Motion by Mayor Butler
- Second by Ms. MACQuain

The motion passes and was unanimously approved with no opposition.