

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: November 1, 2017

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

In Attendance

Committee	Mayor Clarence Fields, CoP – Present (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present Mayor Jacques Roy, CoA – Present (Alternate Delores Brewer) – Present Mayor Neil S. Kavanagh, Town of Ball – Absent Lee Rubin, CoA – Absent (Alternate Eric Duck) – Present James Villard, CoA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, CoP – Absent (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Craig Smith, Rapides Parish – Present Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Present (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Present (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent Charlie Weems, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Jon Grafton) – 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	David Gill, CoA, Dennis Woodward, RPPJ Jennifer Cahill, Cleco

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item # 3

Approval of Minutes from the previous TPC held on May 22, 2017.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by President Smith

Agenda Item #4

MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval

FY 2017-2020 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Sooraz provided information on the TAC recommendations to remove construction phase of Jackson Dr. @ Horseshoe Dr. Roundabout project as funding switched to OETM/STP Flex dollars and add the following member-entity initiated projects in the current TIP:

- CoA Bridge Replacements (E), FY 2018, STP \$400,000 + \$100,000 match
- CoA Bridge Replacements (C), FY 2019, STP \$1,600,000 + \$400,000 match
- ToB Beeson Hwy. Dr. Bridge Replacement (C), FY 2020, STP \$160,000 + \$40,000 match
- CoP Susek Dr. Roundabout Lighting (C), FY 2020, STP \$182,400 = \$45,600 match

TPC approved the TIP highways element pending public comments with the final resolution passed in the forthcoming meetings. The public comment period commences from April 14th through April 27th, 2017.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Rich Dupree

HSSIP Performance Measures and Safety Target Setting

Sooraz introduced the safety performance measures and targets issued by LADOTD as per the FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking:

- 1% reduction in fatalities from a 2016 baseline of 758 to a target of 721 in 2018.
- 1% reduction in serious injuries from a 2016 baseline of 1401 to a target of 1344 in 2018.
- 1% reduction in fatality rate from a 2016 baseline of 1.55 to a target of 1.49 in 2018.
- 1% reduction in serious injury rate from a 2016 baseline of 2.86 to a target of 2.80 in 2018.
- 1% reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2016 baseline of 346 to a target of 311 in 2018.

TPC deliberated the pro's and con's of either supporting the State's targets or coming up with Alex./Pineville MPO specific targets. Sooraz provided preliminary safety statistics based on

available data and put forth overall information pertaining to safety target setting based on other State sister MPO decisions.

TPC approved supporting the LADOTD's safety performance measures targets pending public comment period and adopting a resolution if no comments are received in the next meeting

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Jon Grafton

Agenda Item #5

Federal Rulings

Sooraz provided a brief synopsis of the various House and Senate Bills currently under consideration in the current session. The bills focused on transportation planning topics ranging from SHARES Act; ACCESS Act; End Drunk Driving Act of 2017; HOT CARS Act, SAFE Bridges Act etc. with special emphasis on bills which affect A/P MPO directly.

LA State Legislature Bills

Legislative session was under recess.

Member Entity Updates

Mr. Grafton briefed the Committee on the various activities at EAP with current FY closed out with \$25 million of transportation funding received for airport improvements. Mr. Grafton provided updates on the Harold Miles Road project and stated the benefits to the Port upon opening. He further stated that \$70 million was spent over the past 4 years for transportation upgrades with another \$100 million projected to be spent in the next 5 years. Mr. Grafton stated that outside money is fueling our economy. He stated that EAP is looking forward for January aircraft rotations with an expected 6000 to 8000 troops.

Agenda Item #6 Other Business

Matt informed the Committee that there is a strong possibility of Cleco providing the local match to fund leveraging from either STP/TAP/Safety dollars on all the priority projects identified within the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which was completed on February 2017. He further stated that RAPC gave a presentation to Cleco's Executive Committee and explored possibility of collaborating on funding the bicycle/pedestrian network especially on typical low-cost initiatives such as signage and striping.

Ms. Jennifer Cahill provided insight into Cleco's interest in funding the BPP projects. The Committee responded to all the questions Ms. Cahill had on the BPP project especially on the cost over-runs, OEM's and trail signage. The Committee assured Ms. Cahill to give complete support within the auspice of member entity laws and ordinances in Cleco's endeavor to fund the BPP projects.

Agenda Item #7 Adjournment

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper