

MEETING MINUTES OF THE JOINT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
AND
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)
CAPITAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Thursday, November 16, 2017
1:30PM – 3:00 PM

BREC Commission Chambers, Room 1800
6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Technical Advisory and Transportation Policy Committee Members present:

Hon. Riley Berthelot, Joshua Stutes, Tacie Rabalais, Jackie Baumann, Skip Paul, Hon. Gerard Landry, Hon. Jimmy Watson, Hon. David Toups, Pete Newkirk, Constance Barbin, Frank Duke, William “Bill” Deville, Dan Broussard, Rowdy Gaudet, Sam Digirolamo, Mary Gourdon

The meeting was also attended by:

Kenyatta Robertson, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Kendra Hendricks, Carondalette Stewart, Logan Anderson, Jessica Kemp, Roy Payne, Seneca Toussaint, Drew Ratcliff, Yasoob Zia, Chad Bacas, Mark Kessler, Pong Wu, Scott Kirkpatrick, Michael Eby, Sarah Schramm, Mike Brue, Jamie Setze, Kim Marousek, Rob Miller

1. INTRODUCTION

Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot – TPC Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot. The meeting began with introductions by attendees.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot – TPC Chairman

Chairman Berthelot requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion to approve was made by Hon. H. Gerard Landry and seconded by Hon. David Toups. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) > 200K Project Selection Review and Approval

Jamie Setze, CRPC, discussed the project call timeline and the project selection review and approval process. 34 projects were submitted. 17 projects were selected at a potential cost of \$40.5M in Federal funds. After review and discussion, the chair called for a motion to approve. It was moved by Hon. Gerard Landry and seconded by Bill Deville. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Capital Region Mobility Strategy (CRMS)

Logan Anderson, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, and Scott Kirkpatrick, CRISIS, spoke about the Capital Region Mobility Strategy (CRMS). The Chamber received disaster recovery funds from the Governor’s office to complete the document. It is a strategy document forecasting transportation infrastructure challenges and additional transportation options. Anderson mentioned the document explores ways to enhance the commuter experience. The region

has a high single occupancy vehicle (SOV) usage. We could be at the national average if we pulled 50,000 peak hour trips off the road each day. A good portion of those trips are less than a mile. A request was made to have the MPO endorse the CRMS and incorporate them into the MPO's regional planning efforts. After discussion, it was moved by Jackie Baumann and seconded by Bill Deville to endorse the document.

B. MOVE 2042 Projects – Review and Comment

Jamie Setze, CRPC, discussed about the timeline of the MOVE 2042 Long Range Plan update. He updated the committees on the three test scenarios of projects that were compiled by the staff based on the feedback from various stakeholders and public. A comparison of the number of projects, cost, benefits, and other details of the three scenarios was also presented. Setze mentioned that Wax road (Sullivan – Greenwell Springs) widening project was accidentally omitted and the staff will make the necessary correction.

Maps of the projects were displayed in the hall for viewing and discussion. The committee members were given the opportunity to decide which scenario they would like to see move forward from the MOVE 2042 projects. Jackie Baumann notified the staff about LA 30 (Ashland – Burnside) widening project was missing from the Comprehensive Scenario map. CRPC staff addressed the concern and mentioned a fix will be made accordingly. The comprehensive scenario was the most preferred scenario by the majority of the committee members.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Riley L. "Pee Wee" Berthelot – TPC Chairman

Chairman Berthelot asked was there any other business. There was no other business.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Berthelot asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Hon. Gerard Landry and seconded by Hon. David Toups to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.