

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
CAPITAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

EBR Main Library, Large Meeting Room
7711 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Skip Paul, Hon. David Toups, Kathy Stites, Kevin Durbin, Yasooob Zia, Tacie Rabalais, Tom Stephens, Hon. Ed Reeves, Jamie Etheridge, Hon. Gerard Landry, Blaine Rabalais, Dan Broussard, Codi Neyland, Bill Deville, Jessica Pranjic, Hon. Richard Lee, III, Paul Arrigo, Hon. Darnell Waites

The meeting was also attended by:

Kim Marousek, Frank Duke, Fred Raiford, Adam Beatty, Toby Picard, Carlos McCloud, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Jason Duet, Ruth Phillips, Jason Meyers, Daniel Helms, Kendra Hendricks

1. INTRODUCTION

Harold "Skip" Paul – TAC Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul. The meeting began with introductions by attendees.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Harold "Skip" Paul – TAC Chairman

Chairman Paul asked were there any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, it was moved by Mayor Gerard Landry and seconded by Mayor Ed Reeves to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (2015 – 2018) Amendments

Ravi Ponnappureddy discussed the TIP Amendments for the 2015- 2018 program. The first amendment is the LA327 Spur: Staring Lane Extension (EBR Parish). The amendment will remove the environmental phase since it will be performed in-house at DOTD add engineering phase utilizing \$166,000 is STPFLEX funds in FFY 2018 at 80/20 cost share. The engineering cost is for a topo survey. The second amendment is for the LA 30: South Blvd-W. Chimes St (EBR Parish). The amendment will add an engineering phase utilizing \$45,000 in NHPP funds in FFY 2018 at 80/20 cost share. This is a road transfer project. Engineering cost is for topo survey. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Fred Raiford and seconded by Bill Deville to approve the amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (2018 – 2022) Amendment

Ponnappureddy also discussed the 2018-2022 amendment. The first addition is for the US 61/190-X Chippewa St. Pumping Station to replace /upgrade the pump house components. It would add a construction phase utilizing \$500,000 in STPFLEX funds in FFY 2020 and 80/20 cost share. The second addition is for I-12 to regionally remove and replace existing pavement markings. This will add a construction phase utilizing \$2M in

HSIPPEN funds in FFY 2019 at 100% federal share.

The third addition to the TIP would be LA 1019 (LA16-Calmes Road) in Livingston Parish. This project will remove and replace pipes, catch basins, and/or asphalt. It will add a construction phase utilizing \$300,000 in STPFLEX funds in FFY 2021 at 80/20 cost share. Two projects have been recommended for deletion-I-110 project (EBR Parish) costing \$24M in NHPP funds and US 190 @LA 415: Lobdell Interchange (WBR Parish) costing \$57M in NHPP funds. There is no funding available. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mayor Ed Reeves and seconded by Kevin Durbin, with the additional note that the US 190 project funding is not available at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Baker/Denham Springs Bike Pedestrian Plans Consultant Selection

Kim Marousek mentioned to the group that CRPC received 11 total submissions for the bike/pedestrian plans. The committee met last week and will interview the top two consultants this week.

D. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2019 Amendment

Ponnapureddy talked about the comments FHWA made regarding the UPWP for FY 2019. It was recommended that CRPC

1. add estimated completion dates for each task;
2. add MPO contact information and website to UPWP cover page;
3. include a copy of the MPO Policy Committee approved resolution
4. Include a list of MPO jurisdictional Policy, Technical and Advisory Committee members
5. Include air quality boundary map (8-hour ozone map for affected parishes)

All of the comments were incorporated in the document and sent to the TAC members last week. The additions did not change the funding in the document. It was moved by Mayor David Toups and seconded by Mayor Waited to approve the updates made to the document. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. CRMPO Activity Update

Marousek conveyed the Commuter Krewe update. There will be a contest in September to encourage carpool sign-ups. It is open to the public and all partners. Prizes include a free night's stay at Hotel Indigo. CRPC will host an advanced planning commissioner training on September 15th. Training will cover basics and cover advanced topics. Class size will be limited and will be held at CRPC's office. Contact Kendra Hendricks to sign up.

Ponnapureddy reminded the group of the I-10 widening public meetings to be held August 28-30. He also talked about data collection on local roads. CRPC will check with FHWA about all non-state vs. federal aid roads and non-attainment area vs. MPO boundary. CRPC will estimate the cost of data collection, convene a meeting with all

parishes and municipalities to present the cost of the road scan, and request the TPC to allocate STP> 200k funds for data collection.

Ponnapureddy described the cost benefit analysis completed for the MOVEBR project in East Baton Rouge presented at the Metro Council meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Harold "Skip" Paul – TAC Chairman

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Harold "Skip" Paul – TAC Chairman

Chairman Paul asked was there a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mayor Ed Reeves and seconded by Kathy Stites to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.