

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

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

EBR Main Library, Conference Room B  
7711 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

**Technical Advisory Committee Members present:**

Gerard Landry, David Barrow, Bill Deville, Craig Alford, Richard Lee III, Casey Lewis, Fred Raiford, David Toups, Darrell Waites, Jamie Ethridge, Yasoob Zia, M. Todd Donmyer, Frank Duke, Mary Gourdon and Kevin Durbin.

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Codi Neyland, Thomas Stephens, Hank Grace, Brian Kendrick, Carlos McCloud, Dawn Sholmire, Chad Bacas, Robert Badeaux, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Pong Wu and Dana Weidman.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

*Hon. H. Gerard Landry – TAC Chairman*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Landry and began with self-introductions by attendees.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

*Hon. H. Gerard Landry – TAC Chairman*

Chairman Landry asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting. Hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by David Toups and seconded by David Barrow. Without objection so moved.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2019 – 2022 Amendments

H.011842 CHOCTAW DRIVE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

Construction cost estimate increased from \$3.85M to \$4.65M

Funding Source: STP>200k at 80/20 in FFY 2019

H.013850 DUPLESSIS RD WIDENING (US 61 – LA 73)

Project number has been assigned

Add ROW phase at a cost of \$750k utilizing STP>200k funds at 80/20 in FFY 2020

Add Utility phase at a cost of \$550k utilizing STP>200k funds at 80/20 in FFY 2021

Add Construction phase at a cost of \$2.97M STP>200k at 80/20 in FFY 2022

Committee members reviewed the TIP Amendments on the two projects listed. Following general discussion, a motion to accept both amendments as presented was made by Darrell Waites and seconded by Richard Lee III. Without objection so moved.

B. Capital Region MPO New Consultant Selection Procedures

Committee members were presented with and reviewed the LA-DOTD Consultant Contract Services Manual for Use by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (December 2018). This Manual outlines the procedures for all Louisiana MPOs to use to establish more accountability

as well as standardization of contracts. A motion to recommend to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) that this Manual be adopted was made by Kevin Durbin and seconded by Darnell Waites. Without objection so moved.

#### **4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A. I-10 (LA 415 – I-10/I-12 Split) Widening Project Status, Brian Kendrick, LADOTD**

Committee members viewed a presentation updating them on the I-10 Widening Project Status and date projections for various stages.

**B. Pavement and Asset Second Round Data Collection, Ahmed Khalek, CRPC**

Ravi Ponnappureddy updated the Committee on the Pavement and Asset Second Round Data Collection as prepared by Ahmed Khalek.

**C. CRPC Activity Update, Ravi Ponnappureddy, CRPC**

Committee members were updated on current CRPC projects including Baker/Denham Springs Park and Ride, EBR Local Road Safety Plan, WBR Acadian Trail, 2020 Census and the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioner Training Workshop in Addis.

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Kevin Durbin (WBR) requested that a speaker regarding the railroad permit process be scheduled for a future TAC meeting.

Gerard Landry (Denham Springs) requested that future speakers be asked to consider their audience before making presentations, using language that can easily be understood by all and fewer acronyms.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. A motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Ethridge and seconded by David Toups.