

MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)**  
CAPITAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

BREC Commission Chambers, Room 1800  
6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Transportation Policy Committee Members present:**

Hon. Riley Berthelot, Hon. Gerard Landry, Hon. David Toups, Hon. Richard Lee, III, M. Todd Donmyer, William “Bill” Deville, Hon. Darnell Waites, Hon. Lionel Johnson, Jackie Baumann, Fred Raiford (for Rowdy Gaudet), Jamie Etheridge, Rosemary Langlois (for Mayor Ed Reeves), Sam Digirolamo (Livingston Parish), Mary Gourdon, Hon. Kenny Matassa, Blaine Rabalais (for Town of Brusly)

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Phuoc Dang, Mike Enlow, Kim Marousek, Kendra Hendricks, Ravi Ponnepureddy, Jamie Setze, Constance Barbin, Ruth Phillips, Rhonda Williams, Jennifer Branton, Codi Neyland, Bobby Badeaux, Drew Ratcliff, Lindsey West, Buddy Porta, Jolie Maberry, Paul Sawyer, Perry Franklin

**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 FROM LAST MEETING**

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

Chairman Berthelot requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. It was moved by Hon. Lionel Johnson and seconded by Hon. Darnell Waites to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. CATS Program of Projects FY 2018, Bill Deville, CATS**

Bill Deville, CEO, CATS, discussed the Preliminary Program of Projects. Public transit agencies must publish a program of projects outlining how they plan to spend their appropriated transit funds. The published document was updated to reflect correct cost share amounts based on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. Projects include transit buses, para transit vans, bus equipment, bus facility improvements, and preventative maintenance. During a brief discussion, the committee found out that the City of Baker and CATS are working on a Park and Ride in Baker. It was moved by Hon. Lionel Johnson and seconded by Hon. Darnell Waites to adopt the program of projects. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2019, Ravi Ponnepureddy, CRPC**

Jamie Setze, Executive Director, CRPC, discussed the UPWP. The UPWP outlines the work tasks that the MPO staff proposes to undertake during the FY 2019 fiscal year. The UPWP is developed annually and once it is adopted by the MPO, it is sent to DOTD and FHWA. A few of the highlights of the program include:

1. Amend MOVE 2042 to include I-10 (LA 415 to Essen Lane) Project
2. Continue implementing Commuter Krewe of Louisiana Program
3. Bike/Ped plans for Denham Springs and Baker
4. Local Road Safety Plans for Livingston, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, and other CRTSC parishes.
5. Develop scope of work and RFP for LA30 Environmental Assessment
6. Develop targets and monitor progress of FHWA performance measures and other measures identified in MOVE 2042
7. Continue Regional Traffic Counting Program
8. Public Transit
9. Recovery and land use planning
10. Travel demand modeling
11. Discussions with elected officials/transportation stakeholders to develop regionally significant/transformational projects

It was moved by Hon. Gerard Landry and seconded by Hon. David Toups to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. CRPC Data and Model Sharing Agreement, *Pong Wu, CRPC***

Jamie Setze also discussed the data and model sharing agreement. This agreement is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirement for MPOs. It was developed based on discussions with Federal Highway staff and researching best practices nationwide. The document was reviewed by the TAC at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was reviewed by CRPC's attorney Jerry Guillot based on the recommendation from the TAC. It was presented at the May 8<sup>th</sup> TPC meeting. There was not a quorum present, so no action was taken. It was moved by Hon. Kenny Matassa and seconded by Jackie Baumann to implement the data and model sharing agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2015 – 2018 Amendment, *Tom Stephens, EBR City-Parish***

Jamie Setze reviewed the TIP Amendment which would implement bike share in Baton Rouge. The amendment would add a construction phase in FY2018 utilizing \$250k in TAPFLEX funds, \$495K in TAP>200k, and \$260k in Local Funds. It was moved by Hon. Lionel Johnson and seconded by Hon. Kenny Matassa to amend the TIP. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A. I-10 Widening from LA 415 in West Baton Rouge to Essen Lane in East Baton Rouge, *Brian Kendrick, LADOTD***

Jamie Setze mentioned that the MPO staff assisted DOTD with modeling scenarios for the I-10 widening. He introduced Perry Franklin of Franklin & Associates, a consultant for the project, who was in the audience. Franklin addressed concerns about the IMRs-Acadian interchange, the tentative location of the sound walls and completion of the noise study. DOTD is moving forward with the project. The Terrace Street exit ramp is let for construction and in the mobilization phase. The public meetings have been postponed.

## B. Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Bylaws Discussion, Jamie Setze, CRPC

Jamie Setze discussed the TPC bylaws. Early 2017, the MPO expanded to include new members. Since that time, there were two recent meetings (May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>) where the TPC could not act because a quorum was not met. CRPC staff reviewed the TPC meeting attendance for the past year and proposed draft changes to the bylaws. State law does not allow for proxy voting, electronic voting (email, telephone) or for a quorum less than the majority of the voting members. The MPO was formed based on federal laws and could be considered a federal body. Setze said the MPO will form a committee to review options and recommend them to the full committee.

## C. CRPC Update, *Jamie Setze, CRPC*

Setze gave an update on the MOVE 2042 amendment. The draft funding projection is complete based on LADOTD's Whitepaper. The Whitepaper recommendations include:

1. Project Urban Systems (STP>200K) Funds based on past allocations
2. Reduce Stages 2 and 3 funding projection by 20%
3. With FHWA concurrence, add one or more mega-preservation project (i.e. I-10 widening for \$350M) even though funding could not be identified at this time.

In the preliminary projections, the total funding projection increased by \$66M. The I-10 widening (LA 415 to Essen) will be added for \$356M. To be financially constrained, we will need to reduce current funding from stages 2 and 3 by \$284M. If we go with Capacity/Non-Capacity split of 60/40, there will be a \$170M reduction in current capacity and \$114M reduction in current non-capacity projections.

The committee discussed how to meet the reduction of \$284M. Setze said the staff will review the projects in the long-range plan, which is currently approved. CRPC will facilitate meetings to discuss and identify projects to be eliminated and staff will develop three scenarios with financially constrained project combinations. Once the TAC/TPC select the preferred scenario, staff will perform the air quality conformity analysis. After several questions about the scenarios, Setze said that the staff will go with whatever scenario the MPO chooses.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Chairman Berthelot stressed the importance of the committee members' attendance at the MPO meetings. If you cannot attend, please designate an alternate. If a quorum is not present, it may delay important action items on the agenda. He thanked everyone for attending.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman Berthelot asked was there a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Hon. Lionel Johnson and seconded by Bill Deville to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.