

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

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

EBR Main Library, Conference Room 102
7711 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Skip Paul, David Barrow, Dan Broussard, Mike Enlow, Bill Deville, Garrick Rose, M. Todd Donmyer, Joshua Stutes, Kevin Durbin, Joshua Joseph, Jr., Richard Lee III, Casey Lewis, Mary Gourdon, Thomas Stephens, Kathy Stites, Darrell Waites, Yasoob Zia.

The meeting was also attended by:

Garrick Rose, Joshua Stutes, Carlos McCloud, Carmack Blackmon, P.K. Dang, Kim Marousek, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Drew Ratcliff, Jamie Setze, Dana Weidman, Pong Wu.

1. INTRODUCTION

Harold “Skip” Paul – TAC Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul at 10:30 AM and began with self-introductions by attendees.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Harold “Skip” Paul – TAC Chairman

Chairman Paul asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting. Hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Tom Stephens and seconded by Yasoob Zia. Without objection so moved.

3. ACTION ITEMS - NONE

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. MPO STP>200K Funding – Unobligated Balance

At the request of the Committee at their last meeting, members were provided with information on various words and phrases used by the Federal Highway Administration in MPO STP>200K Funding – Unobligated Balance.

B. Railroad Permit Process

At the request of the Committee at their last meeting, Carmack Blackmon with the Louisiana Railroads provided members with information on the process for securing the necessary permits for local projects. Handouts included a list of railroads, their contact information and basic information on securing a permit as well as a sample application.

There followed general discussion regarding West Baton Rouge’s railroad permit which originated in January 2018 and has still not been addressed. A motion that the Capital Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee prepare a Resolution to be submitted to both the DOTD and Union Pacific Railroad regarding this issue was made by Kevin Durbin and seconded by Darnell Waites. Without objection so moved. The Resolution will be voted on at the next TAC meeting. A draft Resolution will be distributed to the Committee prior to the next meeting.

C. Freight and Fuel Transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT) Pilot Study

CRPC Regional Disaster Recovery Manager Drew Ratcliff provided Committee members with information on the Freight and Fuel Transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT) Pilot Study. The FTOT is designed to analyze a variety of commodities, datasets and assumptions and may be able to be applied to supply chains in our area, such as sugar and petro-chemicals. The Capital Region MPO would like to execute a symposium to bring public and private stakeholders together to discuss the feasibility of such a study in establishing a freight plan for the MPO.

D. December 2018 TAC Survey Results

Committee members reviewed the results of the December 2018 survey regarding meetings, times, duration, location, format and content. The majority of those surveyed agreed that the current parameters for TAC meetings was acceptable.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

As discussed earlier, the Capital Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee will prepare a Resolution to be submitted to both the DOTD and Union Pacific Railroad. The Resolution will be voted on at the April TAC meeting and will be sent to Committee members in advance for review.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. A motion to adjourn was made by Yasoob Zia and seconded by Casey Lewis.