

Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area
Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

BYLAWS

Of The

**BATON ROUGE MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE I

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The Baton Rouge MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is established under the authority of the Baton Rouge MPO Transportation Policy Committee. The committee will use the 3-C (comprehensive, cooperative, continuing) transportation planning process while considering policies and studies appropriate to the committee.

Section 2. The purpose of the Baton Rouge MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to improve bicycling and pedestrian conditions for commuters, children and elderly, persons with disabilities and recreational bicyclists and walkers of the area. The goals of the Committee will be the same as those established in the Regional Major Transportation Plan. In addition the committee will analyze issues arising within the planning area of the transportation management area from a bicycle and pedestrian perspective and make recommendations to the MPO Transportation Technical Advisory and Policy Committees.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Baton Rouge Area MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, (hereafter referred to as the MPO Bike-Ped Committee), shall be inclusive of members from the following groups:

1. Representative from each of the local governments and/or the planning or public works departments (parishes and municipalities) within the Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area.
2. Representative from the State District Office of the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration if applicable.
3. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
4. A representative from local bicycle clubs in the Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area.
5. Representatives from special interest groups such as the Baton Rouge Advocates for Safe Streets (BRASS), Sierra Club, pedestrian community, transit providers such as CATS and Reliant Transportation Inc., ADA community, council on aging such as BRCOA, universities and schools such as LSU, Southern, BRCC, technical colleges and school boards, Safety Council of LA, AAA, and interested citizens.
6. Representatives from park and recreation departments such as BREC.
7. Representative(s) from minority and low income areas.

Members may be invited, or self request membership, but must be willing to have name and affiliation available on a public roster.

A list of specific members will be managed evergreen as needed and distributed each January (roster of members presented in Attachment A.).

ARTICLE III **OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

Section 1. The elective officers of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The MPO staff shall act as Secretary to the MPO Bike-Ped Committee and shall take and submit the minutes for review and approval at the subsequent meeting of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall have the authority to call meetings and hearings of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee and appoint subcommittees as needed to perform the requirements under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU 2005-2009) and successors.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the MPO shall have the authority to carry-out and implement Federal and State policies, regulations, and procedures as it relates to the MPO Bike-Ped Committee in its capacity as the technical planning staff of the MPO on the Bike-Ped Committee.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson if absent. If neither is present, the members present (if a quorum exists) shall elect a presiding officer for that meeting.

Section 5. Should the Chairperson's office be vacated, the Vice-Chairperson shall become the Chairperson for the remaining Chairperson's term of office. A new Vice-Chairperson shall be elected for the remaining term of office of the Vice-Chairperson's position.

ARTICLE IV
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nomination of officers shall be made from the floor and officers shall be elected for two-year terms during the first regular MPO Bike-Ped Committee meeting of even numbered years.

Section 2. The candidate for each office receiving a majority vote of the voting membership in attendance when a quorum is present at the meeting, referenced in Article IV, Section 1 shall be declared elected for the two-year term.

Section 3. All officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled from the current membership and shall be for the unexpired term by standard election procedures unless provided for in other parts of these bylaws such as in Article III Section 5.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1. The meetings of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee shall be held at the discretion of the Chairperson, or as necessary, to carry out business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Meetings shall normally be held each second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Capital Region Planning Commission office, 333 North 19th Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Section 2. A quorum shall be no less than seven members present of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee roster. A quorum shall be present before any formal business is transacted.

Section 3. The Chairperson may call special meetings. It shall also be the duty of the Chairperson to call such meetings when requested to do so in writing by a quorum (seven members of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee). All notices shall specify the purpose of such a meeting and no other business may be considered except by unanimous consent of the Committee. The meeting notice shall be sent (written or e-mailed) no less than three days before the date of each meeting.

Section 4. Each MPO Bike-Ped Committee member shall have one vote.

Section 5. All meetings at which official action is taken shall be open to the general public.

ARTICLE VI **HEARINGS**

Section 1. The MPO Bike-Ped Committee may, at its discretion, hold public hearings when it deems appropriate in the public interest or when state or federal regulation requires it.

Section 2. Notice of such hearings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation giving at least the minimum notice of thirty (30) days.

Section 3. A record shall be kept of those speaking before the MPO Bike-Ped Committee.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting members present at any official session.

Approved by the MPO Bike-Ped Committee on: 10 Sep 2009

MPO Bike-Ped Committee Chair: _____
Bruce Wickert

Adopted by the MPO Transportation Policy Committee
on: _____

MPO TPC Chair: _____
Honorable Melvin "Kip" Holden, Chairman
MPO Transportation Policy Committee
President of East Baton Rouge Parish
Mayor of City of Baton Rouge

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER Attachment A.

Roster of Membership of the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

| ORGANIZATION NAME | REPRESENTATIVE NAME | POSITION |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | | |
| Ascension Parish | Tommy Martinez | Parish President |
| City of Gonzales | Barney Arceneaux | Mayor |
| Town of Sorrento | Blake LeBlanc | Mayor |
| East Baton Rouge Parish | Melvin "Kip" Holden | Mayor-President |
| City of Baton Rouge | Melvin "Kip" Holden | Mayor |
| City of Baker | Harold Rideau | Mayor |
| Central City | Shelton "Mac" Watts | Mayor |
| City of Zachary | Henry Martinez | Mayor |
| Iberville Parish | J. Mitchell Ourso | Parish President |
| Town of St. Gabriel | George Grace | Mayor |
| Livingston Parish | Mike Grimmer | Parish President |
| City of Denham Springs | Jimmy Durbin | Mayor |
| City of Walker | Bobby Font | Mayor |
| West Baton Rouge Parish | Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot | Parish President |
| Town of Addis | Carroll Bourgeois | Mayor |
| Town of Brusly | Joey Normand | Mayor |
| City of Port Allen | Derek Lewis | Mayor |
| FHWA/FTA REPRESENTATIVES | | |
| FHWA | Jamie Setze | Planning Engineer |
| FTA | Tony Ogboli | Community Planner |
| LADOTD REPRESENTATIVES | | |
| LADOTD | Brian Parsons | Bike-Ped Coor. |
| BICYCLE CLUBS | | |
| Baton Rouge Bicycle Club | Bruce Wickert | President |
| Red Stick Racing (Web Club) | web club | |
| Tiger Cycling Foundation (LSU Cycling Race Team) | Jay Bookman | President |

| | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Baton Rouge Velodrome | Mike Gladu | Representative |
| Louisiana-Mississippi Bicycle Racing Association (LAMBRA) | Randall Legeai | President |
| Louisiana Senior Olympic Games (LSOG) | | |
| Cyclists Combating Cancer (CCC-NET) | Will Swetnam | Group Moderator |
| Baton Rouge Area Mountain Bike Association(BRAMBA, Web Club) | web club | \ |
| Baton Rouge TriAthlon Society | \ | \ |
| BATON ROUGE TRIKKE CLUB: | web club | |

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bicycle Advocacy Groups

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------|
| Baton Rouge Advocates for Safe Streets (BRASS) | Mark Martin | Chair |
|--|-------------|-------|

Sierra Clubs

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Delta Chapter | Darryl Malek-Wiley | Regional Representative |
| Sierra Club Baton Rouge Group | Karynne Abel | Chair |

Bicycle Shops

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Capitol Cyclery Louisiana | \ | \ |
| PedalPlay Bicycles | \ | \ |
| Dave's Bicycle Repair | Dave Tullier | Owner |
| Marc's Quality Cycle Works | Marc Breecher | Owner |
| The Bicycle Shop | Josh Rosby | Owner |
| Fleet Feet Sports | Michelle Barton | Manager |
| G.N.Gonzales Bicycles | \ | \ |
| Dirt Road Bicycles | \ | Manager |
| Bike Connection | Mike | Manager |
| Mid City Bikes | Travis | Owner |
| Bike Zone | Reck | Manager |
| Spokesman Professional Bicycle | Steve Sperier | Manager |
| Bike Path | David Moeller | Manager |
| Cajun Cycle Accessories | Mr Mark Matte | Owner |
| Cycle Gear LLC | Robi | Team Leader |
| 3-D Cycles | David Black | Owner: |

Pedestrian Advocacy Groups

Baton Rouge Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiative \ \

Safety Advocacy Groups

Safety Council of Louisiana Baton Rouge Area \ \

AAA

Dayna Bowman

Insurance
Agents:

Baton Rouge Area Foundation

Transit Providers & AAA

Capital Area Transit System (CATS)

Emily Efferson

Manager

Reliant Transportation Inc. \ \

Council on Aging (COA)

East Baton Rouge COA

Johnny Dykes

Executive
Director

Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.

Darlene Schexnayder

Director

Donaldsonville Area ARC

Marlene Dominge

Center, Inc. The

Ruth P. Hubbard

Foundation Industries, Inc.

Jim Lambert-Oswald

Our Lady of the Lake – St. Francis House

Diane Berry

The Greater King David Baptist Church

Tisha Jackson

Director

Iberville COA

Tommie Gordon

Director

Livingston Activity Center

Linda Watts

West Baton Rouge COA

Susan Devecka

Director

Livingston COA/ Public Transit

Sharon Martin

Director

Washington COA

Nancy McBeth

Director

West Feliciana Parish COA

Patricia Gilmore

Director

East Feliciana Parish COA

Brenda Gardner

Director

St. Helena COA

Jim Robb

Director

Tangipahoa Voluntary COA

Debi J. Fleming

Director

Pointe Coupee COA

Becky Bergeron

Director

ADA Community

Interested Citizens

Universities & Schools

Louisiana State University

Gary Durham

Chief of Police

Southern University

Kofi Lomotey

Campus Safety
Chancellor

Baton Rouge Community College

Vallory Hills

Director of
Public Relations

| | | |
|---|--------------------|--|
| State of Louisiana Technical College Region II Campus | Kay McDaniel | Director/ Dean |
| East Baton Rouge School System | Catherine Fletcher | Chief Business Operations Officer |
| Livingston Parish Public Schools | Ronnie Vulgamore | Transportation Director |
| Ascension Parish School Board | Larry Grant | Supervisor of Transportation |
| Iberville Parish Schools | Melvin Lodge | Board President |
| West Baton Rouge Parish Schools | Diane Hebert | Executive Secretary |
| Washington Parish School Board | Sharon Mizell | Administrative Secretary to Superintendent |
| West Feliciana Parish Public Schools | Jesse L. Perkins | Central Office Superintendent |
| East Feliciana Parish School Board | Curtis Jelks | President |
| St. Helena Parish School System | Daisy Slan | Superintendent |
| Tangipahoa Parish School System | Mark Kolwe | Superintendent |
| Our Lady of the Lake College | | |

PARK AND RECREATION REPRESENTATIVES

| | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| BREC (The Recreation & Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge) | Bill Benedetto | Chairman |
| West Baton Rouge Department of Park and Recreation | Dale Sisemore | Park Superintendent |
| Iberville Parks & Recreation District | Michael S. Markins | Executive Director: |
| Parks & Recreation of Denham Springs | Dale Sisemore | |
| Parks & Recreation Center of Ascension Parish | Garney Gautreau | Director |

MINORITY AND LOW INCOME REPRESENTATIVES

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Baton Rouge Black Chamber of Commerce | | |
| Pennington Biomedical Research Center | Claude Bouchard | Executive Director |
| Mid-city Redevelopment Alliance | Samuel Sanders | Executive Director |
| Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO) Baton Rouge | | |

| | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge | | |
| Baton Rouge Area Chamber | | |
| Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence | Christopher C. Velardo | Baton Rouge Representative |
| Muhammad University of Islam | | |
| Cultural Development (Folklife in Louisiana) | Maida Owens | Director |
| Baton Rouge Bar Association | | |
| North Baton Rouge Environmental Association | | |
| St. John Community Action | Elois Joseph | Executive Director |
| Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge | Richel Turner | Executive Director |
| Quad Area Community Action Agency | Wallace Sibley | Executive Director |
| Pointe Coupee Community Advancement | Owen J. Bello | Administrator |
| Louisiana Acorn Fair Housing Organization | | |
| Food Stamps Program | Roseline Stuart | |
| Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council | Nancy-Joe Craig | Executive Director |