

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
AND
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Library
Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**

Transportation Policy Committee Members present:

Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden (TPC Chairman, Mayor-President- EBRP) ~ Hon. Riley Berthelot (TPC, Vice Chairman, President-WBRP), Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Mayor- City of Denham Springs), Hon. Derek Lewis (Mayor-City of Port Allen), Hon. Tommy Martinez (President-Ascension Parish), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor-Town of Brusly), Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor-City of Baker), Brian Marshall (CEO-CATS) and Mr. Jamie Setze (FHWA).

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Dr. Olin Dart (TAC Chairman) ~ Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Vice-Chairman, Mayor-Denham Springs), Hon. Joey Normand (Brusly), Hon. Harold Rideau (City of Baker), Ms. Jackie Baumann (Ascension), Mr. Barry Brewer (City of Port Allen), Mr. Dan Broussard (LA DOTD), Ms. Carol Cranshaw (CATS), Mr. Jamie Setze (FHWA), Clay Stafford (Gonzales) and Mr. Yasooob Zia (LA DEQ)

The meeting was also attended by:

Mr. Don Couvillon (Sigma Consulting Group), Mr. Ron Crum (URS), Juba Diez (Vokert), Kevin Durbin (WBRP), John Fu (DOTD), Mr. Mike Futrell (City of Baton Rouge), Mr. R.J. Goebel (CRPC), Ms. Krista Goodin (CH Fenstermaker), Mr. Bryan Harmon (EBR), Ms. Karen Holden (Providence Eng.), Ms. Sherri Lebas (LA DOTD), Lenise Lyons (CPPC), Mr. Jeff Messina (Urban Sysems), Mr. Don Neisler (CRPC), Mr. Gordon Nelson (CH Fenstermaker), Ms. Yvonne Norwwod (CRPC), Ken Perret (CH Fenstermaker & Assoc), Ms. Laura Riggs (DOTD), Mr. David Rolen (Auaterra Eng.), Ms. Robin Romero (LA DOTD), Ms. Dawn R. Sholmire (DOTD), Mr. Michael Songy (CSRS), Ms. Mary Stringfellow (FHWA), Kiran Vemuri (CATS) and Bruce Wickert (Chairman, MPO Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee).

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Mayor-President Melvin “Kip” Holden, Chairman of TPC
- Dr. Olin Dart, Chairman of TAC
 - The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Mayor-President Melvin “Kip” Holden, Chairman of TPC
- Dr. Olin Dart, Chairman of TAC

**Motion was made by Hon. Derek Lewis and Seconded by Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden to approve the minutes of the previous TPC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and the previous TAC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.
(Unanimous in favor)**

ACTION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

➤ R. J. Goebel, CRPC

- Mr. Goebel advised the committee that Huey Dugas, of CRPC, would normally present this item. However, he was at the TRB Conference in Washington, D.C., therefore, Ms. Sherri Lebas of DOTD preceded with the TIP items.
- Ms. Lebas overviewed each project in detail.

3. Add a new Denham Springs Historical District Streetscape Enhancement (262-03-0017) project under state ARRA projects in FY 2010 with \$300,000 ARRA and \$60,000 STPENH funds.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #3 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

4. Add a new Northern Trailhead Enhancement (099-03-0012) project under state ARRA projects in FY 2010 with \$200,000 ARRA and \$30,000 STPENH funds.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #4 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

5. Add a new I-12 Ramp Metering Equipment Procurement (737-99-1060) project under IM projects in FY 2010 with \$1.5 Million IM funds.

**Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Hon. Harold Rideau to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #5 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

6. Add a new Central Thruway Paving (Florida Blvd to South End of Sullivan Bridge) (742-17-0165) project under ARRA projects in FY 2010 with \$960,993 ARRA and \$3,539,007 Local or STP>200K funds.

**Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Hon. Harold Rideau to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #6 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

7. Increase in ARRA funds in FY 2010 for Project 077-03-0016 to overlay LA 73(US 61(N) - EBR Parish Line) from \$987,000 to \$1,853,567.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #7 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

8. Increase in funds in FY 2010 for Project 050-07-0072 to overlay LA 1(ICWW - US 190) by adding ARRA Backup as a new funding source for \$1,713,000.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #8 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

9. Increase in FBRON funds in FY 2010 for Project 260-01-0020 to bridge replacement of Amite River Relief Bridge from \$1,300,000 to \$2,616,000.

Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #9 on the agenda.

(Unanimous in favor)

- 10.** Increase in STP>200K funds in FY 2012 for Project 742-17-0118 to widen Sherwood Forest (Choctaw - Greenwell Springs Rd) to 5 lanes from \$9 Million to \$14.1 Million.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #10 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

- 11.** Increase in CMAQ funds in FY 2012 for Project 414-01-0036 to improve Nicholson Dr @ Brightside Lane intersection from \$1.5 Million to \$6.4 Million.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #11 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

- 12.** Add the following new Line Items to all the years in the TIP
- TSM Transportation Systems Management for \$350,000 using NHS funds
 - TSM Transportation Systems Management for \$350,000 using STPFLEX funds
 - Safe Routes to School for \$250,000 using STPHAZ funds
 - ITS Intelligent Transportation System management for \$500,000 using ITS funds

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #12 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

- 13.** Approve \$4,515,600 LADOTD Enhancement funds for the following District 61 projects: Northgate Pedestrian Corridor, Sacred Heart/CATS Area Pedestrian Improvements, Hyacinth Ave. Bike Lanes, Florida Blvd Corridor CATS Transit Passenger Shelters, Harding Blvd Corridor CATS Transit Passenger Shelters, Scotlandville Route CATS Transit Passenger Shelters, North Blvd. Town Square Project and Delmont Area Pedestrian Improvements; and approve \$595,600 LADOTD Enhancement funds for District 62 projects in Livingston Parish: Livingston Sidewalk Program-Phase IV and I-12/La 441 Interchange (Exit 29) Landscaping.

**Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #13 on the agenda.
(Unanimous in favor)**

- 14.** Approve \$400,000 LADOTD Bicycle/Pedestrian Education Grant for the MPO Region.
- Bruce Wickert, Chairman of MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - Mr. Wickert explained the details of this grant to the committees.
 - Hon. Joey Normand abstained in regarding this project.

**Motion was made by Hon. Melvin Holden and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; #14 on the agenda.
(In favor)**

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- 15. MPO ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

R.J. Goebel, CRPC

- **MPO Certification Update**
- Mr. Goebel acknowledged and thanked everyone for all of the hard work that has gone into getting this process done. Both committees were advised that there are a few items remaining; which are due by the February 1, 2010 deadline. However, all is in line to get that deadline met.
- **Ramp Metering Project**
- Ms. Sherri Labas provided detailed information regarding this project; which can also be viewed on the LA DOTD website.

16. OTHER BUSINESS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden, Chairman of TPC

Dr. Olin Dart, Chairman of TAC

- Certificates were presented to the following committee members:
 - Hon. Jimmy Durbin – TAC, Vice-Chairman
 - Hon Derek Lewis - TPC
 - Carol Cranshaw - TAC
 - Brian Marshall - TPC
 - Yasoob Zia – TAC
- Nothing further was to be discussed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- Mayor-President Melvin "Kip" Holden motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Hon. Jimmy Durbin.