

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

**Tuesday, June 29, 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. Barney Arceneaux (Mayor-City of Gonzales), Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Mayor- City of Denham Springs), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor-Town of Brusly), 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), Ms. Jackie Baumann (Ascension), Mr. Barry Brewer (City of Port Allen), Mr. Dan Broussard (LA DOTD), Ms. Carol Cranshaw (CATS), Mr. Jamie Setze (FHWA) and Clay Stafford (Gonzales).

The meeting was also attended by:

Mr. Ara Arman (GEC, Inc.), Mr. Wilfred Barry (SJB Group), Mr. Brandon Brewer (JBrandon Brewer, LLC), Mr. Don Couvillon (Sigma Consulting Group), Ms. Cenceria Dalcourt (City of Port Allen), Mr. Brandon Elzey (Livingston Parish), Mr. R.J. Goebel (CRPC), Ms. Karen Holden (Providence Eng.), Mr. Ted Jack (BREC), Mr. Will Jones (Reliant Transportation Group), Mr. Gordon Nelson (CH Fenstermaker), Ken Perret (CH Fenstermaker & Assoc), Ms. Amanda Schram (City of Baton Rouge), Mr. Atri Sen (IEM), Ms. Dawn R. Sholmire (DOTD), Mr. Thomas Swanson (KLL), Kiran Vemuri (CATS) and Bruce Wickert (Chairman, MPO Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee).

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Mayor-President Melvin “Kip” Holden, Chairman of TPC
 - 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. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Brian Marshall to approve the minutes of the previous TPC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 and the previous TAC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.
(Unanimous in favor)**

ACTION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

3. STPFLEX Transfer from FHWA to FTA for CATS – STP \$150,000 from LADOTD

- **R.J. Goebel, CRPC**
 - This item is a federal funds transfer between FHWA, DOTD, FTA and CATS.
 - These funds will be for capital improvement at CATS.

Motion made by Hon. Riley Berthelot and Seconded by Hon. Barney Arceneaux to add this amendment to the TIP.

(Unanimous in favor)

4. BREC Capital Area Pathways Project

➤ **Mr. Ted Jack, BREC - Assistant Superintendent**

- Phase One: Wards Creek Trails from Siegen Lane to Bluebonnet Blvd.
Local Funds \$1,900, 000
- Phase Two: Wards Creek Trails from Siegen Lane to Tuscan Village
Local Funds \$ 70,000

Motion was made by Hon. Joey Normand and Seconded by Hon. Mayor Lewis's proxy in support of this project.

(Unanimous in favor)

5. FHWA Regional ITS Improvements

➤ **Huey Dugas, CRPC**

- State Project Number: 737-96-0058
Total Cost: \$9,000,000 in IM Funds TIP Year: SFY 2011
- Steve Glasscock, with LA DOTD, described this project in further depth.

Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to amend the TIP for inclusion of the above project; item #5 on the agenda.

(Unanimous in favor)

OTHER

6. Coordinated Human Service Transportation Services Plan Update

➤ **R.J. Goebel, CRPC**

- This update presents the process and milestone dates to select and award transportation grants for mass transportation in the capital region; 11 parish area.

Motion was made by Hon. Joey Normand and Seconded by Hon. Barney Arceneaux to approve this document.

(Unanimous in favor)

7. MPO Policy to Integrate Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Systems

➤ **Mr. Bruce Wickert, MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

- Mr. Wickert read and explained the policy statement to both committees.

Motion was made by Brian Marshall and Seconded by Hon. Jimmy Durbin adopt the policy statement.

(Unanimous in favor) (See attached)

8. CATS Triennial Certification Review

➤ **R.J. Goebel, CRPC**

- Every three years the Capital Area Transit System (CATS) is subject to a comprehensive audit. There are 24 areas that are reviewed and it takes place 6 weeks before the site visit.
- Normally, the site visit is a 3 day process. However, CATS responded so favorably that the desk review eliminated 1 ½ days. All of the detail records were in line and readily available.
- The review team was impressed with the progress that had been made since the previous review.

9. MPO ACTIVITY UPDATE

➤ **Huey P. Dugas, CRPC**

- Mr. Dugas advised both committees of the current TIP modifications, which require

- no action.
- Both committees were advised about Tiger II funding. Applicants can be state or local government, transit authorities, MPO's, other state and local government entities. July 16, 2010 is the pre-application deadline and the full application deadline is August 23, 2010.
 - Completed and adopted both the UPWP and the CMP. Both documents have been submitted to FHWA and LA DOTD and are available on our website (www.crpc-la.org)
 - We participated in the following activities:
 - Green Transportation Focus Group Workshop at LSU
 - MPO Best Practices Workshop on May 27-28, 2010
 - Performed in house modeling using our new TransCad model
 - Clean Air Coalition and Clean Cities meetings
 - Code Advisory Meeting for Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX)
 - Attended meetings and helped West Baton Rouge Parish with the LA 1 Connector Project
 - Institute of Transportation Engineers Conference in Alabama.
 - Mr. Dugas advised the committees that he was inducted into the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Transportation and Development Initiative Executive Committee for Louisiana
 - Kick off meeting for the CATS BRT feasibility meeting
 - Scoping meeting for the I-12 Feasibility Study
 - Attended a LA DOTD Design Meeting regarding the LA 64 project in Zachary, LA
 - The MPO Plan and Model Update was presented to both committees.

10. OTHER BUSINESS/CITIZEN COMMENTS

- **Hon. Melvin L. "Kip" Holden, TPC Chairman**
 - Nothing further was to be discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to adjourn.
(Unanimous in favor)**

**Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy
Statement to Integrate Walking and Bicycling into
Transportation Systems**

It is the policy of the Baton Rouge Urbanized Area to improve conditions and opportunities for walking and bicycling and to integrate walking and bicycling into the transportation system. Walking and bicycling provide numerous individual and community benefits including health, safety, environmental, transportation, and quality of life. The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization will strive to go beyond minimum standards to provide safe and convenient facilities for walking and bicycling modes.