

**MINUTES
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tuesday, May 17, 2011 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
BREC Commission Chambers, Room 1800 ~ Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**

MPO Policy Committee Members present:

Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden (TPC Chairman, Mayor-Parish President- City of Baton Rouge-East Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Riley Berthelot (Vice-Chairman, President- West Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Mayor- City of Denham Springs), Hon. Tommy Martinez (Parish President- Ascension Parish), Hon. Mike Grimmer (Parish President- Livingston Parish), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor of Brusly), Hon. Mac Watts (Mayor- City of Central), Brian Marshall (CATS), Ronnie Robinson (LADOTD), Non-Voting Advisory: Connie Standige (LADOTD) and Jamie Setze (FHWA).

MPO Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Dr. Olin Dart (Chair of TAC), Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Mayor- City of Denham Springs) (Vice Chair), Hon. Mike Grimmer (Parish President- Livingston Parish), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor of Brusly), Hon. Mac Watts (Mayor- City of Central), Huey Dugas (CRPC), William Daniels (EBR-DPW), Clay Stafford (Gonzales), Jamie Setze (FHWA) and Dan Broussard (LADOTD).

The meeting was also attended by:

Gordon Nelson (CH Fenstermaker), Cory Belden (CH Fenstermaker), Courtney Maciasz (CRPC), Ravi Pannapureddy (CRPC), Robin Romeo (LADOTD), Carley Williams (Providence), Ron Crumm (URS), Buddy Porta (Arcadis), Elrun Musa (LADOTD), Dawn R. Sholmire (LADOTD), Jerry Trumps (Neel-Schaffer), Doug Burgin (Neel-Schaffer), Wilfred Barry (SJB Group), Jackie Baumann (Gonzales), Don Couvillon (SIGMA), Bobby Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), Will James (Reliant Transportation), Jose Barro (Slantey Consultants), Jeff Decoteau (Stanley Consultants), Bryan Harmon (EBR-DPW), Ed Wedge (LADOTD), Laura Riggs (DOTD), Lenise Lyons (CPPC), Mike Bruce (ABMB), Marshall Han (Livingston Parish), Mike Dowty (Livingston Parish News), Dr. John Fu (DOTD), Todd Mance, Jr (CATS), Don Redman, David Barrow (City of Central) and R.J. Goebel (CRPC).

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden- TPC Chairman
 - The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden,- TPC Chairman
 - Mayor Holden asked the committee if there were any corrections or additions that needed to be made to the minutes of the previous TPC (3/22/11) and TAC meeting (3/15/11). There was no opposition.

Motion was made by Hon. Mike Grimmer and Seconded by Hon. Riley Berthelot to approve the minutes of the previous TPC and TAC meetings. (Unanimous in favor)

ACTION ITEMS

1. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Project # H.002292 in EBR LA 64: LA 19 to McHugh Rd widening, ROW cost increased more than 20% from \$4.0 M to \$5.4 M and funding source is STP>200K

B. New Project in LIV Tate Rd: Range Ave to Pete’s Hwy Base Widening & Overlay is added to the MPO TIP in FY 2011. Project cost is \$0.35 M and project funding is STP>200K.

C. New Project in LIV Wax Rd: LA 16 to LA 1026 New Base & Overlay is added to the MPO TIP in FY 2011. Project cost is \$1.42 M and project funding is STP>200K.

D. New Project in LIV Plantation Rd./Enterprise Rd: LA 1034 to LA 1032 New Base & Overlay is added to the MPO TIP in FY 2011. Project cost is \$0.69 M and project funding is STP>200K

Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and seconded by Hon. Mike Grimmer (Unanimous in favor)

2. MPO PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Mr. Huey Dugas said CRPC has prepared a document that was sent to the TAC committee, which is serving as the work group. A meeting was held on May 2, 2011, at the Bluebonnet Library. Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Dr. Olin Dart were in attendance. Hon. Durbin said the document was rejected because of its length. There will be another work-group meeting within the next 30-45 days. No motion was made.

3. MPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) 2011-2012

Motion to approve the UPWP was made by Hon. Riley Berthelot and seconded by Brian Marshall. (Unanimous in favor)

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. MPO ACTIVITY UPDATE

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

- Mr. Dugas provided an activity update on staff activities. CRPC staff modeled Edenborn Parkway for the City of Gonzales; provided estimates for Livingston Parish on the Juban Development; provided stage zero studies for DOTD

2. LOCAL PLANNING UPDATE

David Barrow, City of Central and Hon. Jimmy Durbin, City of Denham Springs

- Mr. Barrow provided an update to the TPC Committee on the City of Central's master plan.
- Hon. Durbin provided an update to the TPC Committee on the City of Denham Springs' master plan.
- Mr. Ronnie Robinson of DOTD presented an update on the Mississippi River water levels and prevention measures for flooding.

3. MPO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

Ronnie Robinson, DOTD

- Mr. Ronnie Robinson of DOTD presented an update on the Mississippi River water levels and prevention measures for flooding.

4. LADOTD PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION)

Robin Romeo, DOTD

- Ms. Romeo stated the goals of DOTD is to preserve their system with safety and expansion. Projects are broken into 4 categories, so that they will not compete against one another. There is system preservation, operations, traffic safety, and additional capacity.
- Hon. Kip Holden inquired when DOTD made the public announcement of a change in rules and procedures for CMAQ funds. Ms. Romeo said within the last year or so the new rules were adopted. Mr. Dan Broussard stated a call has not been placed to the 16 parishes eligible for funding, but will likely hear from DOTD in the Fall. Mr. Broussard said Baton Rouge has current CMAQ projects in the TIP through 2014.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden- TPC Chairman

- There was no new business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden adjourned the meeting.

Motion was made by Hon. Mac Watts and Seconded by Hon. Joey Normand.