

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
BREC Commission Chambers ~ Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Dr. Olin Dart, TAC Chairman, Hon. Jimmy Durbin, TAC Vice-Chairman (Mayor-City of Denham Springs), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor- Town of Brusly), Hon. Bobby Font (City of Walker), Hon. Mike Grimmer (Parish President- Livingston Parish), Dan Broussard (LA DOTD), Kevin Durbin (WBR Parish), Cathy Gautreau (LA Motor Transport Assoc), Yasooob Zia (DEQ), Ronnie Robinson (DOTD), Ben Laurie (Ascension Parish), Lenise Lyons (CPPC), Carol Cranshaw (CATS), Hon. R.J. Loupe (Mayor- City of Port Allen), and Huey Dugas (CRPC).

The meeting was also attended by:

Gordon Nelson (CH Fenstermaker), Dawn R. Sholmire (LA DOTD), Bryan Harmon (EBR Parish-DPW), Mike Bruce (ABMB), John Kensie Worsham (CRPC), Tom Barthkiewicz (DOTD), Ron Crum (URS), Hugh Engels (City of Zachary), Don Couvillon (Sigma Consulting Group), Doug Burgin (Neel-Schaffer), John Fu (DOTD), Karen Holden (Providence), Darius Bowton (Providence), Wilfred Barry (SJB Group), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Roosevelt Bryant (City of Baker), Glen Graham (ABMB), Ryan Gremillion (BRAC), Raj Porandla (CRPC), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Courtney Maciasz (CRPC), Juba Diez (Volkert), and Paul Griggs (Volkert)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Dr. Olin K. Dart, Jr., P.E.- TAC Chairman
 - The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Dr. Olin K. Dart, Jr., P.E.- TAC Chairman
 - Dr. Dart asked the committee if there were any corrections or additions that needed to be made to the minutes of the previous joint TAC meeting, which was held on 6/21/11. There was no opposition.

Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Hon. Bobby Font to approve the minutes of the previous TAC meeting; which was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. (Unanimous in favor)

ACTION ITEMS

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- A. **Project #H.002370 in ASC LA 42: US 61 to LA 44 Widening and Improvements, Add Utilities Phase in FY 2012 for \$3.5 M and funding source is HSIP.**

Project #H.004100 I-10: LA 415 to Essen on I-10 and I-12 Feasibility/Environmental

Study, Engineering \$1.2M, Environmental \$2.3 M and funding source is STCASH. Add “Adv Const to be paid back with NHS” as comments.

Motion to approve made by Hon. Joey Normand and Seconded by Hon. Jimmy Durbin to approve both projects. (Unanimous in favor)

4. MPO PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Hon. Jimmy Durbin, Mayor of Denham Springs

- Mr. Durbin presented the updated MPO Project Prioritization and Selection Process. Hon. Durbin noted he did participate in the TAC working group meetings. The working group meetings for the selection process was spurred by a request for road projects that would be funded through STP > 200K.

Motion to approve and submit to TPC committee made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Ms. Carol Cranshaw. (Unanimous in favor).

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

A. MPO Activity Update

- Some activities the staff has been involved in since the last meeting are as follows: incorporated TIP amendments approved by TPC committee, updated the ward map boundaries for Livingston Parish, attended Clean Air Coalition meetings, conducted TAC/TPC meetings in June, attend Downtown Development District board meeting, prepared new route maps for CATS, met with consultants to review a work plan to update traffic zoned demographic analysis for project at I-12 and Pete’s HWY, attended Southern Transportation Air Quality Summit, participated and presented at CPEX Policy Forum, attended Walker Master Plan and Development public meeting, participated in an I-12 widening study at DOTD, attended Regional Incident Management Team meetings, prepared statistical analysis of 2010 Census data for CATS, participated in the Capital Area Expressway Authority meeting, facilitated bicycle/pedestrian advisory committee and campaign, attended LMA conference in Shreveport
- Projects under construction from DOTD website total 31 for almost 50 miles for almost \$400 million.
- Projects in the TIP- 107 projects for almost \$700 million.
- Green Light Projects- 12 under construction for \$270 million; 20 completed projects for \$139 million; total of over \$400 million in EBR Parish
- Changes in TIP- **1.) Livingston Parish-** Wax Road between LA 16 and 1026, a new basin overlay STP greater than \$200K; project was not going to be ready for FY 2011, so moved it to FY 2012; **2.) Livingston Parish-** Plantation Enterprise Road between LA 1034 and 1032, a new basin overlay STP greater than \$200K; project

was not going to be ready for FY 2011, so moved it to FY 2012; **3.) East Baton Rouge Parish-** Central Thruway Phase I from Florida Blvd to French Town Road- include Comite and Beave Bayou bridges and some paving; \$4.9 million- 100 percent local funds, but still needs to be in the TIP because of regional significance; project added to FY 2011; **4.) East Baton Rouge Parish-** Greenwell Springs at the intersection of Central Thruway- short distance of two new lanes; that money was decreased from over \$8 million to \$7.7 million; **5.) East Baton Rouge Parish-** Millerville Road widening; new cost estimate is cause for modification with STP money \$200 K and over by 3.1 million; **6.) East Baton Rouge Parish-** LA 30 (Nicholson Drive) at intersection with Brightside Drive; intersection improvements; project moved from FY 2012 to FY 2013; will not be LET until Dec. 2012; **7.) Regional Project Incident Mgmt-** needed to be modified, FY 2011 needs to be \$630,000 in CMAC and \$380,000 in STP FLEX for FY 2012 to FY 2015; DOTD spoke to FHwy and agreed the change needed to be made.

B. Local Planning Update

Hugh Engels, City of Zachary

- Mr. Engels provided a brief update on the City of Zachary's master plan. The chapters of the master plan can be found on Zachary's website.

C. MPO Construction Projects Update

- The speaker was unable to attend.

D. ATMC/Incident Management Team Meeting Update

Glen Graham, P.E., ABMB

- Mr. Graham noted DOTD recently awarded a new staffing contract for the TMC, which includes all TMC's in the state; the contract was awarded to ABMB- 6 year contract- responsible for the staffing and operations of the TMC; brought on a traffic engineer as the ITC operations supervisor;
- DOTD consolidated the Baton Rouge and statewide TMCs; took effect April 1, 2011; this has expanded the supervisory coverage
- New MAP vehicles (trucks) have been purchased; previous MAP vehicles have accumulated a great number of miles, which prevented vehicles from functioning properly

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Olin K. Dart, Jr., P.E.- TAC Chairman

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Dr. Dart adjourned the meeting.