

**MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 10, 2010 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Library ~ Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Dr. Olin Dart, P.E., TAC Chairman; Hon. Jimmy Durbin, TAC Vice-Chairman (Mayor-City of Denham Springs), Hon. Henry Martinez (Mayor-City of Zachary), Barry Brewer (City of Port Allen), Carol Cranshaw (CATS), Dan Broussard, P.E. (LADOTD), Jay Hardman, P.E. (Port of GBR), Jackie Baumann, P.E. (Ascension Parish) and Huey Dugas (CRPC).

The meeting was also attended by:

Tim Crobon (Connetics Transportation Group), Kalilah H. Davis (CRPC), Cenceria Dulcourt (City of Port Allen), John Fu (LA DOTD), , R.J. Goebel (CRPC), Charla Hunt (CRPC), Lawrence Lambert (ABMB), Lenise Lyons (EBR-CPPC), Yashasvi Maheswarapu (CRPC), Ken Perret (LA GRTA), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Raju Porandla (CRPC), Don Redman (AAA), Amanda Roussel (GEC), Dawn Sholmire (LADOTD), Stephen Spohrer (LTM/GEC), Thomas Swanson (KLL Consultants), Jason Taylor (CRPC), Chris Tullier (CRPC), Kiran Vemuri (CATS), and Jim Wiley (LTM)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Dr. Olin Dart, P.E., 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 06-29-10. There was no opposition.

Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Jackie Baumann to approve the minutes of the previous TAC meeting; which was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. (Unanimous in favor)

ACTION ITEMS

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

A. Project #254-02-0052 in EBR LA 37 Sullivan Rd-LA64 Mill and Overlay is amended to reflect a lower cost of \$1,987,000

This project was \$2.5 million, but it has been reduced by \$1.9 million, which is greater than a 20 percent difference or \$600,000.

B. 2011-2014 tip (May be viewed at www.crpc-la.org)

West Baton Rouge Parish motioned for an amendment to add LA. Hwy 415 from I-10 interchange South to the end of road to rehab the concrete. In addition, WBR requested a zero-stage study of the 415 interchange. Two projects for the City of Port Allen were requested: 1) construction on the right turn lane of LA. 1 south bound at LA. 76; and 2) an upgrade on the LA. 1 median line from Avenue G to LA 986.

- These projects will be for 2013-2014 because there is no stage-zero study. The projects will be placed on the TIP with the contingency that money is available and will be effective 10-01-10 for the beginning of the next federal fiscal year.

Motion was made by Hon. Jimmy Durbin and Seconded by Barry Brewer to approve this request. (Unanimous in favor)

NON-ACTION ITEMS

4. MPO ACTIVITY UPDATE

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

- CRPC did transmit the recently adopted CMP (Congestion Management Process) document and the UPWP to both the Federal Highways and DOTD. The documents are available on www.crpc-la.org for review.
- The Bike and Pedestrian grant awarded to CRPC allowed for a pre-bid meeting on July 26, 2010. Eight public relations firms attended. Five meetings of the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee convened.
- Huey Dugas was appointed to the West Baton Rouge Transportation Authority Selection Committee.
- Commute patterns for BRACS were researched and the following are the results:
 - A.) East Baton Rouge has 322,000 work trips a day; 2) Livingston has over 49,000 that commute to EBR a day, with 32,000 work trips just within the parish; 3) Ascension Parish has 25,000 work trips to East Baton Rouge a day, with 35,000 within the parish; 4) West Baton Rouge Parish has over 15,000 work trips to EBR, and 12,000 within the parish; and 5) Iberville Parish has over 5,000 to EBR

5. AUDUBON BRIDGE UPDATE

Stephen Spohrer, P.E., G.E.C.

- The bridge is a four-lane bridge, 2 ½ miles long. The lanes are almost interstate size.
- There is 12 miles of roadway from the East of Hospital Road in New Roads that tie into U.S. 61. In addition, there will be four new intersections at LA. 1, LA. 10, River Road on the Westbank, and US 61 on the Eastbank.
- The main span of the bridge will be the longest cable stayed bridge in North America for at least two years after its completion.
- The towers of the bridge are completed as well as the lower cross beams. In addition, one upper cross beam is complete with another near completion.
- Fourteen of the 53 bridge segments are erected with 10 stay cables in place.

6. CATS MARKET RESEARCH SURVEY

Tim Crobons, Connetics Transportation Group

- The CATS Research Survey is a 3 part study that is comprised of the following: 1) comprehensive information analysis; 2) Market Research Analysis (starts in October); and 3) alternatives analysis (a year-long)
- The survey itself is about a year-long study, which started in May 2010.
- Public meetings have been conducted as well as surveying riders and field work.
- An overview can be obtained on www.mycatsbr.com

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Dr. Olin Dart P.E. adjourned the meeting.