

**MINUTES
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tuesday, October 26, 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- City of Baton Rouge), Hon. Barney Arceneaux (Mayor- City of Gonzales), Hon. Riley Berthelot (Vice-Chairman, Parish President- West Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Jimmy Durbin (Mayor- City of Denham Springs), Hon. Derek A. Lewis (Mayor- City of Port Allen), Hon. Henry Martinez (Mayor- City of Zachary), Hon. Tommy Martinez (Parish President- Ascension Parish), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor- City of Brusly), Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor- City of Baker), Hon. Mike Grimmer (Parish President- Livingston Parish), Hon. Mac Watts (Mayor- City of Central)

The meeting was also attended by:

Ara Arman (GEC), Jackie Baumann (Ascension Parish), Jonathan Boxey (ABMD), Mike Bruce (ABMB), Stacy Cook (CRPC), Don Couvillon (SIGMA), Ron Crumm (URS), William Daniel (Mayor Holden’s Office), Kalilah H. Davis (CRPC), Huey Dugas (CRPC), Brandon Ellzey (Livingston Parish), Mary Fernandez (BREC), Greg Garland (The Advocate), R.J. Goebel (CRPC), Courtney Maciasz (CRPC), Brian Marshal (CATS), Philip Myer (GPC), Ken Perret (LA GRTA), Eric Poche (SJB Group), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Clay Stafford (City of Gonzales), Chris Tullier (CRPC), Bruce Wickert (Baton Rouge Bike Club)

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 joint TAC meeting, which was held on 10-19-10. There was no opposition.

Motion was made by Hon. Derek Lewis and Seconded by Hon. Jimmy Durbin to approve the minutes of the previous TAC meeting; which was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. (Unanimous in favor)

ACTION ITEMS

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. CATS CMAQ Projects

R.J. Goebel, CRPC

FY 2010-2011

- A. Capital Vehicle Lease Purchase**
- B. Transit Ozone Action Program**
- C. Circulator Routes Demonstration Projects**
- D. Marketing/Public Outreach**

- CATS was approved for \$800,000 last year, which has a 3-year life cycle. CATS has lease-purchased 33 transit vehicles and advertising projects. In addition, there are ongoing circulator routes Downtown, LSU, Southern University, and BREC facilities. Once completed, CATS would like to advertise transit options for the public, should any additional funds remain.

Motion was made by Hon. Barney Arceneaux and Seconded by Mike Grimmer.

2. CATS Enhancement Projects

Carol Cranshaw, CATS

- Mr. Goebel requested the item be deleted as it had already been approved by TPC.

Motion was made by Hon. Tommy Martinez and Seconded by Henry Martinez .

NON-ACTION ITEMS

3. MPO ACTIVITY UPDATE

A. 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.
- TRANSCAT modeling was performed on Government Street in Baton Rouge for the Mid-City Redevelopment Organization.
- Modeled LA 408 extension (Hooper Road into Livingston Parish) and modeled LA 933 extension into Livingston Parish/Old Hammond Highway. A model for the Perkins Road extension coming off of Perkins Road, going South at Picou Lane with an overpass over I-10 and landing at Highland Road and Old Perkins was modeled.
- CRPC participated in FUTUREBR meetings.

B. LA 64 Widening and Improvement

Huey P. Dugas, CRPC

- DOTD engineers have plans completed. There is an existing LA 64, which is a four lane, undivided roadway with curb and gutter and subsurface drainage. The project runs from West to East with limits from LA 19. The project length is almost one mile, and the cost is 9.4 million- almost 4 million in construction.

- The plan is to widen LA 64, remove left turn vehicles from the thru-lanes. There will be a 16 foot raised median with a left turn lane and will maintain four thru-lanes with median openings and left turn lanes. There will be six foot sidewalks on each side.

C. ITS Regional Deployment

Steve Glascock, P.E., LADOTD- ITS Engineer/Manager

- Three phases: 1.) Bonnet Carre Spillway; 2.) Baton Rouge to Lafayette (under construction); and 3.) Baton Rouge
- The current focus is I-10 from Highland Road to Sorrento as well as Airline Highway from Scenic to Sorrento. There's also a small segment on I-10 up to Harding and a small section on I-12 to O'Neil Lane.
- The budget is \$8.5 million. Communications will either be wireless or fiber.

D. Louisiana—Mississippi River Trail Feasibility Study

Eric Poche, SJB Group- Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture

- Existing conditions, constraints, and opportunities for the levee trail have been reviewed. Recommendations for trail head locations, cost, and estimation figures have been made.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden-TPC Chairman

5. ADJOURNMENT

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden adjourned.