Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday August 21, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL
   Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
   Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A Resolution in Support of Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
      Proposed NLCOG MPO Resolution
      Kent Rogers
   B BPPJ – TIP Amendment Approval: North-South Corridor
      Request to meet cost overruns utilizing STP>200k funding
      Chris Petro

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A SporTran – TIP Amendment Intro.: Re-Allocation of Funds
      Bus Purchase, Transfer Center Construction, Support Equipment
      Chris Petro
   B Long Range Transportation Plan – Project Selection Procedures
      NLCOG Project Selection Process
      Kent Rogers
   C Approval Of Minutes
      June 19, 2015
      Dr. Wilson, Chair

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
   A Long Range Transportation Plan Update
      (J. D. Allan  Alliance Transportation Group)
   B LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension
      Kent Rogers
   C Technical Coordinating Committee Recommendations
      Kent Rogers
      a. Two Parish Pictometry Multi Year Flight
      b. Regional Thoroughfare Plan

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-agenda Items)
      Dr. Wilson

IX. ADJOURN
    Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, September 18, 2015 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Friday, August 21, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC (arrived late)

Others Present
Ms. Tari Bradford – City of Shreveport
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Darryl Foster – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mr. JD Allen – Alliance Transportation Group, Inc.

With due notice, Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Ms. Tari Bradford from the City of Shreveport sat in for Mayor Tyler. Mr. Rogers reminded her she did not have voting privileges.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wilson welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)
Dr. Wilson called on Matthew Linn for public comment. Mr. Linn asked the members to support the proposed resolution in support of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety.

V. Unfinished Business

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into unfinished business. Mr. Rogers noted Mr. Sweeney’s arrival. Mr. Rogers introduced to the committee Dr. Shelly Barrett who filled the position of Regional Transportation Safety Coordinator.

Mr. Rogers noted the changes staff made to the Parish’s resolution as being representative of the current projects and programs relating to pedestrian and bicycle issues. Mr. North motioned to adopt the resolution with Mr. Washington seconding. The motion passed.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the next order of business which was the approval of the Bossier Parish Police Jury’s (BPPJ) request for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for the North – South Corridor. Mr. Rogers reviewed the purpose of the amendment and the public comment period which produced no comments. Mr. Petro stated the total cost of the amendment is $2.6 million in STP>200K. Mayor Walker clarified which project is the North – South Corridor. Mr. Altimus stated it was the Swan Lake Road Extension. Dr. Wilson asked how long this project has been in progress. Mr. Rogers stated about seven years. Mr. Altimus stated the costs escalated over the 10-year period, construction and land costs, and that the gas line came as a surprise as it was installed 50 years ago and not in the timeframe on a 30-year title search. He stated the line must be moved and the cost is $900,000. Mr. Altimus stated the parish must pay the 20% match on cost overruns. Mr. Washington asked if this is the same project that was approved approximately $1 million at the last meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that was a different project and that Bossier City shifted the funds allocated for one project to another project. Mr. Washington stated he still had a concern regarding what money was left in the STP>200K funding stream. Mr. Petro stated that even with this project, everything was still financially constrained. Dr. Wilson asked if there were any other concerns. Mr. Washington stated he was still concerned about the $2.6 million for cost overruns on a project. Mr. Altimus stated the gas line was nearly a million on its own and the remaining is what LaDOTD states are the cost estimates. Mr. Altimus asked Mr. Rogers if the Bossier Parish Police Jury (BPPJ) had ever asked for money. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Petro stated this is the first time BPPJ has asked for money since NLCOG’s inception in 1963. Dr. Wilson called for a motion to approve the TIP amendment for the cost overruns. Mayor Walker motioned to approve with Mr. Marsiglia seconding. The motioned passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC
VI. New Business

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the first order of new business which was SporTran’s requested TIP amendment to reallocate funds. Mr. Rogers explained this is a new amendment being introduced for public comment. He stated previously allocated $1 million transfer from the same pot of money for SporTran. He further stated originally it was to purchase more buses and for the new intermodal facility. It has now changed to a transfer center at 70th Street and St. Vincent and for the intermodal facility. The remaining funds would be for continuing with bus replacements. Mr. Rogers clarified that this is an introduction for public comment. Mayor Walker motioned to approve as presented; Mr. Marsiglia seconded. Dr. Wilson asked if any consideration had been given to some route changes with the intermodal facility. Mr. Rogers stated the public transportation study is currently looking at that and there is a public meeting on September 10, 2015. Mr. Washington stated the new route structure does not stretch into the parish. They are still looking at how to best address those areas. Dr. Wilson asked for the final cost of the new intermodal facility. Mr. Washington stated a little over $4.6 million. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the Long Range Transportation Plan Update (LRTP) Project Selection Procedures and Process. Mr. Rogers stated that as the LRTP is being updated; all projects in the current plan are being reviewed along with new projects submitted by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members. Mr. Rogers stated staff and the TCC looked at best practices and modified them for our area. The TCC put the process into practice the previous day scoring projects according to the checklist they developed. Dr. Wilson stated he spoke with Mr. Robert Glass who sits on the TCC; he liked this way of evaluating projects. Mr. Rogers clarified the membership of the TCC as the technical level staff from the parishes, cities, MPCs, and SporTran. Dr. Wilson asked if the MPO Transportation Policy Committee would use the form. Mr. Rogers stated the TCC would use the form to evaluate and rank projects that would then be submitted to this committee for recommendation. Mr. Rogers stated the TCC has already noticed that some projects may not be needed as submitted awhile back, but there are other improvements that may be more appropriate now. Mr. Rogers stated the categories are safety, system preservation, and capacity expansion. Mr. Sweeney asked about the timeframe for the projects to reach this body. Mr. Rogers stated approximately next month. Mr. Washington stated he had a concern that the form was not submitted to this committee prior to the TCC using it as the previous day’s meeting. Mr. Allen stated this process and form was introduced at the previous month’s meeting during his project update for the LRTP. Mr. Washington stated that it still concerned him that this process was used prior to the formal approval from this body. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the LRTP Project Selection Process; Mr. Sweeney seconded. Mr. Rogers stated that just because a project comes out as priority one, does not mean that it will be the first implemented. Funding issues come into play as projects
move through the project delivery process. Mr. Allen clarified that the project delivery process is different than the project selection and prioritization process. The motioned passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the June 19, 2015 meeting. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes with the correction as noted; Mr. Altimus seconded. Mayor Walker noted that in the last sentence, first paragraph of unfinished business there was a misspelled word. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier City MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC

VII. Presentations and Project Updates

1. Long Range Transportation Plan Update (LRTP)

Mr. Allen began discussion with the Bike Plan element. He stated it is slightly behind schedule, but Mr. Melton received many more comments than expected. He is working through the comments and laying out the comments with GIS to give Tier 1-3 projects and a complete set of identified corridors and projects. He stated the expectation is a draft for staff the first of next week.

Mr. Allen stated as for the LRTP update they are still waiting on some counts to be finished. He further stated some chapters are ready to send to staff for review. Mr. Allen stated that they are taking a more detailed approach to the plan with a detailed analysis of deficiencies for all modes, opportunities for all modes, and the outcome of the Delphi process. He stated the draft chapters will be ready for TCC review and then on to the committee for their review. After that it will be ready for approval of the draft for public comment. Mr. Rogers stated the goal is to take each of the different plans and components going on right now and bring them to the committee for review as a comprehensive look at the area’s transportation system and needs. Mr. Washington asked when the rail study comes back to this board. Mr. Rogers stated a few technical memos have been sent. Mr. Washington stated they had some concerns in the study that they would like to discuss. Mr. Rogers stated they were working on setting up a meeting with the East Texas Coalition to clarify some items. Mr. Washington stated he has concerns that the www.NLCOGlistens.com website stated this was the final public meeting a few weeks ago, and if there are changes there should be another public meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that if there were significant changes, there would be another public meeting. He also stated that the draft document will also go out for public comment. Dr. Wilson stated his concern that the new intermodal facility will be
built next year and it needs to be part of the project for the rail study. Mr. Rogers stated that for the cost/benefit analysis of the rail stations, those were generic and not final locations. Long term there will have to be a more detailed study with the FRA that is similar to the FHWA studies done for roadways. This study now is more of a high level feasibility study.

2. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension

Mr. Rogers directed the members to the handouts and slides from the Project Advisory Committee’s (PAC) second meeting. Mr. Rogers stated the meeting consisted of discussion of the input received from the public meetings, the analysis done prior to the public meetings and the input from the PAC. He discussed a couple of the issues that were found with some of the alignments and interchanges. Mr. Rogers stated there would be more review and then the PAC would develop a preferred alternative. This recommendation would then be brought before this board. This board will then submit this recommendation (if they approve) or another recommendation to FHWA. FHWA then has the ability to concur with this board’s recommendation or not. Mayor Walker asked who comprised the PAC. Mr. Rogers stated is the TCC, LaDOTD, FHWA, and staff. Mr. Rogers directed the members to the list of attendees from the second meeting as shown in the meeting packet. Mayor Walker asked if Mr. North was on the PAC and if he spoke for FHWA at the meetings. Mr. North stated he was not on the PAC. Mr. Rogers further clarified the members from LaDOTD and FHWA Louisiana Division as noted. He stated most members are the TCC but there are others from LaDOTD in Baton Rouge and FHWA.

3. Technical Coordinating Committee Recommendations

Mr. Rogers stated the TCC recommended a Regional Thoroughfare Plan which would be an expansion upon the highway portion of the LRTP once that is completed. This plan would give some cross-sections and design criteria for the region. He stated there was also a two-parish, multi-year pictometry flight. Mr. Rogers stated they are working on some cost estimates to give to the TCC who will then submit a recommendation to this committee in the future. Mr. Altimus stated that the flight is needed and should be done in the fall/winter so as to not have issues with tree coverage. Mr. Rogers said there is some funding available for the thoroughfare plan and flights, but that approval would be needed from FHWA.

Mr. Sweeney stated that the Shreveport MPC is making the thoroughfare plan a high priority. He’s already discussed it with the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish and that it is important for both sides of the river. Mr. Rogers stated Mr. Petro is putting together benchmarks for a good plan. He stated the committee is looking at $250,000 for the plan for both cities. He stated Shreveport doesn’t have one and Bossier City’s is outdated. He stated it is a golden opportunity to resolve issues in advance and set up a blueprint where roads should go and have the authority to set aside for right of way acquisition. Mr. Sweeney stated every major metropolitan area in the US has one and that this is money available and it is extremely important to pursue this plan. Mr. Sweeney stated that if the committee loses this chance, they would be shooting themselves in the foot as
it could resolve some issues that they have dealt with for years. Mr. Sweeney stated there is a tremendous opportunity to receive the funding opportunity without having to tap into local funds as there are other organizations in the area that may be willing to pay the matching funds to get this plan completed. Dr. Wilson asked if there was a deadline for the funds. Mr. Sweeney stated no, that’s why he wants to lay out a plan for moving forward. Mr. Rogers stated now is the perfect time with the update to the LRTP.

Mayor Walker stated the alignment on the LA3132 extension that would possibly disrupt or re-open the I-69 EIS ROD would not be in the best interest as it took so long to get that ROD. Dr. Wilson asked what was going on with the I-49 Corridor Study. Mr. North stated it is in for review and that the Loop-It option of using I-220 amounts to having to reconstruct the LA3132/I-220 as it no longer meets the current interstate standards. Mr. Rogers stated they expect the numbers to be finalized within the month and if approved, public meetings could be scheduled. He stated there are also issues with some of the interchanges on LA3132 and the bridge across Cross Lake.

Mayor Walker asked if they could take the information with them. Mr. Rogers stated they could take any of the information from their packets. Mr. Rogers stated staff had been talking with FHWA about scenario planning and how projects move through the various processes. Mr. Rogers stated the members were more than welcome to take the extra binders of information with them as a resource.

VIII. Public Comments (Non-agenda Items)

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjourn

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mr. North seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
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   A Caddo Bossier Thoroughfare Plan – TIP Amendment Introduction Chris Petro
      Allocation of up to $250,000 in STP >200k funds for regional thoroughfare plan
   B Caddo Bossier Pictometry Imagery Collection – TIP Amendment Introduction Kent Rogers
      Allocation of up to $691,844.40 in STP >200k over a 6 year period for three flights.
   C Approval Of Minutes
      Dr. Wilson, Chair
      August 21, 2015

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
    A. Public Transportation Plan Update
       Kent Rogers
    B. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension
       Tyler Comeaux BKI
    C. I-49 Inner City
       Kent Rogers
    D. North Louisiana Passenger Rail
       Kent Rogers

VIII. ADJOURN
     Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, October 16, 2015 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
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Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier
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Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

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III. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wilson welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Dr. Wilson called for public comments. There were none.
V. Unfinished Business

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into unfinished business. There was none.

VI. New Business

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the introduction of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for the Caddo – Bossier Thoroughfare Plan. Mayor Walker motioned to introduce for public comment the TIP amendment for the allocation of up to $250,000 in STP>200K funds for the development of a Regional Thoroughfare Plan as recommended by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers gave a brief description and background of the purpose of a thoroughfare plan. He said the development of a thoroughfare plan document will describe the thoroughfare planning process, review and analyze current and future planned roadway projects in the area, create an official thoroughfare plan map, and provide standard cross sections by functional roadway classifications and local street guidelines for development. The thoroughfare plan will officially identify and preserve rights-of-way needed for the expansion of existing roadways as well as for future highway corridors to serve anticipated growth and development. The plan will assist in the identification of projects for future Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP). The proposed thoroughfare plan will be developed by a consultant and will provide long term vision of the major street network to meet future travel needs. He stated it brings down the high level view of the LRTP to the local street level. Mr. Rogers stated the estimated cost of the plan is $312,500. Utilizing the STP>200K funds requires an 80% federal and 20% local match. The local match amount would be $62,500 and the federal amount would be $250,000. The TCC provided options to the committee regarding various options for splitting the required local match.

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Mayor Tyler asked if this is how local matches are always split. Mr. Roger said the committee usually splits local matches based on population. Dr. Wilson asked for clarification as to how staff
determines the population of the parish. Mr. Rogers stated the populations are based on the 2010 Census total population with the city portions removed from the parish population so as not to count people twice. Mayor Walker asked if this funding would be new money required from the entities. Mr. Rogers stated yes. Dr. Wilson asked when the money would be needed. Mr. Rogers stated in 2016. Mr. Washington asked if private funding was allowable. Mr. Sweeney stated that securing private funding would be a good opportunity to help defray the local governments’ burden. Mr. Sweeney asked Mr. Rogers about the timeframe and when the money would be due. Mr. Rogers stated the local match is required to be in place prior to expending STP>200K funds. He estimated March 2016 to have a signed contract in place and the first invoice due in May 2016. Mr. Sweeney asked if the overall timeline for the development of the plan was 12-18 months. Mr. Rogers stated yes. Mayor Walker asked if the plan would take into account I-49 and I-69. Mr. Rogers stated yes. Mr. Washington asked if NLCOG staff would take the lead on securing private funding. Mr. Rogers stated staff would work with the two MPCs. Mr. Sweeney stated there are already some key organizations in the area who have a vested interest and see this plan as a worthwhile investment. Dr. Wilson asked the committee to decide which funding option they approved. Mr. Rogers reminded the committee that the population split is the traditional method. Mr. Altimus stated the committee needed to determine the funding option for each agency’s upcoming budgeting. Mr. Altimus motioned to approve the use of the 2010 population funding option. Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the next order of business which was the Caddo – Bossier Pictometry Imagery Collection. Mr. Rogers stated the TCC recommended the capturing of Pictometry Imagery for both Caddo and Bossier Parishes with three flights over a six-year period. He stated the total cost is about $865,000 with STP>200K funds of $691,844.40 and a local match amount of $173,000. Mr. Rogers stated traditionally the population split has not been used for aerial imagery. Mr. Washington asked what method is traditionally used. Mr. Rogers stated the even split. Mayor Tyler motioned to use the even split funding option. Mr. Sweeney asked if this would be a competitive process as he is aware of other companies that provide the aerial imagery sought and that may have better pricing. Mr. Rogers stated the difference between Pictometry and other firms is that they provide not just the ortho images, but also obliques. He stated Google does something similar but that they do not fly them together and you’re on their schedule as to when it’s flown. Mr. Sweeney stated there are other firms available and he suggested Mr. Rogers look into those other firms. He stated he would send information that he has to Mr. Rogers. Ms. O’Neal asked if included in the contract is a flight after any environmental catastrophe. Mr. Rogers stated yes it did, per incident with no limits. Dr. Wilson asked about the recent flooding. Mr. Rogers stated the state had a flight done. Dr. Wilson asked if it was available to other agencies. Mr. Rogers stated it should be in the next few days. Mr. Rogers also clarified that the TIP amendment is up to $$691,844.40. Mayor Tyler asked if Mr. Rogers would be bringing back bids to the committee. Mr. Rogers stated yes and that the firms can do presentations if that is the committee’s desire. Mr. Washington asked if there would be a Request for Proposals published. Mr. Rogers stated no, that it is bid based on specifications. Mayor Walker asked if this would be new money required of the agencies. Mr. Rogers
stated yes, but that it would be spread over a six-year period. Dr. Wilson asked if it was normal for a six-year contract. Mr. Rogers stated Pictometry had options to choose from and the various GIS departments would like a regular schedule of flights. Mr. Sweeney asked if Mr. Rogers knew when the flights were scheduled. Mr. Rogers stated February 2016 would be the first and then the committee could schedule remaining flights. Dr. Wilson reminded the committee of Mayor Tyler’s motion to introduce this TIP amendment for public comment and to use the even split method of funding the local match. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

**Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran**

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the August 21, 2015 meeting. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes with Mr. Washington seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran**

1. **Presentations and Project Updates**

    1. **Public Transportation Plan Update**

    Mr. Rogers stated at the public meeting held on September 10, 2015, there were 63 people in attendance. He stated the passenger counters which will allow access to data such as where people get on and off have been placed on the buses. Mr. Rogers stated part of the study is looking at the traditional hub-and-spoke route system that SporTran currently uses and evaluate its effectiveness. The consultant looked at the data and recommended circulator routes with connections within some neighborhoods. This will allow for smaller headways and a more efficient system. Mr. Rogers discussed the proposed downtown circulator which will run as a 12-13 minute loop. Mr. Washington discussed the proposed hubs throughout the service area and the continued use of the downtown terminal, even after operations move to the new intermodal facility. Dr. Wilson asked about a rumor regarding the demolition of the old terminal downtown for a parking garage. Mr. Washington stated there is a plan to remove the tent and add parking above, but that the terminal will still function. Mayor Tyler asked about route changes in Bossier City. Mr. Washington stated they did not change much through this study, but they are still looking at and working with the city and parish to serve areas and possibly expand into rural transportation for Bossier Parish.

    Mr. Washington also noted the questions of how and where a small hub in Bossier City may speed up headways and cycle people through Bossier City rather than the public having to ride the bus into Shreveport and then go back on another bus into Bossier City. Mr. Rogers discussed the Cedar Grove Transfer Terminal which will serve the
airport and medical center. He stated the advantage is a more efficient system to get people where they need to be. He also stated the AVL and passenger counters will help with developing and evaluating the performance measures as required by MAP-21. Mr. Rogers discussed the remaining study work and that staff had received the draft technical memos the previous day and the draft plan should be available at the next meeting. Mr. Washington stated the blue dots on the map handouts showed additional possible facilities for rural service and possible routes to reach the Port and new Walmart in north Caddo Parish.

2. **LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension**

Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Tyler Comeaux with BKI to the members. Mr. Comeaux discussed a general overview of the Stage 1 process. He directed the members to the detailed description of the current position of this study in the process. Mr. Comeaux discussed the screening methodology for potential impacts of the alternatives. Mr. Comeaux asked about the status of I-69. Mayor Walker stated $29 billion for 32 different Sections of Independent Utility (SIU) in which Louisiana has SIU 14 and 15. SIU 16, which passes through part of Louisiana (Stonewall, LA to Tenaha, TX), is the responsibility of Texas. He further stated SIU 15 Segment Three is the Red River Crossing and the first priority in Louisiana. Mr. Rogers stated this committee sent two requests about six months ago. The first was requesting an allocation of part of the earmark for corridor preservation. He stated an overlay district within the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) boundary may help with preserving the corridor. For areas within the parish, but outside the MPC boundary, ordinances can help preserve the corridor. The second request asked for part of the earmark money to start the NEPA process for SIU 16. He further stated the plan is to approach the next governor and LaDOTD Secretary and request the funding again.

Mr. England said, Dr. Wilson you had mentioned, we were talking about I-69 about overlays working with the MPC and other governmental agencies where they don’t have jurisdiction outside of the ring we refer to. What all would that involve? I ask the question with regard to I-69 because here we are with 3132 on the advent of doing the same thing. We don’t want history to repeat itself. Mr. England said what is it that can be done and in a greater detail I would like to... Mr. Rogers said there are two things. Currently the way—until there is an environmental document on the project, none of us can go out and purchase that right of way because the feds claim we’re biasing the project and you know, telling it has to go here regardless. Without going through the environmental process, you’re biasing it and pre-determining an exact location. So they preclude you from purchasing the right-of-way. The other side of that comes into such as I-69 where it’s millions of dollars to do this thing throughout the State of Louisiana. We know we don’t have that amount of money. So what is it we can do in the interim before we have enough money to purchase all that right of way to keep from infringement upon those corridors? So once we have that environmental study, there have been instances where there is a zoning or planning commissioner doing some overlay districts through the Planning Commission. They would have jurisdiction to say we’ve determined an overlay district that fits within this boundary, fits within this right of way that’s been approved of through Federal highways and EPA and all those...
agencies. They now have jurisdictional power to say no, you can’t build in this area. You’re precluded from doing that. We’d like to use whatever models we can pull out from this process with the I-69 stuff. We want to use that for the Inner Loop or future projects in the City, all those types of projects that once we get them more identified. The second part of all that goes back to that thoroughfare plan concept where our overall plan to where they would have a little bit of jurisdiction, a little bit of leeway in saying, hang on a minute. We’ve got this plan in this area. We need to be very careful of what gets developed in there. The basic thing is to try and find ways to preclude those types of things that happened in the past, what we can do to avoid those things.

Mr. England said what I’m getting at is to take the word try out of the sentence and the equation what can be done. But also a trailing question that I have, not about the word try, is obviously SIU 15 in the vicinity of the Port is outside the ring of the MPC. So how are you going to have the overlays? Comments were made about the vicinity of the MPC ring and I-69. Mr. England said it’s very close, but the majority of it is outside. Mr. Rogers said part of that is within that scope we’ve put together- part of it is working with the attorneys, the parishes etc. Some of it is doing some research on what has been successful in other areas of the country and what is legally allowable. I think the issue that we continue to run into when talking with some of those folks is just the Napoleonic code of Louisiana law says the way land rights on Louisiana purchases and having to take what those best practices that have occurred in other parts of the country and how there would be legal folks involved and how to they massage those so that the parish or the city or whomever the appropriate jurisdiction is can pass an ordinance or pass something that has teeth that would pass that muster with Louisiana law.

Mr. Sweeney said your statement is very pertinent because with City and Caddo Parish in the process of trying to adopt the Unified Development Code, part of that whole game plan is there is a series of zoning maps that will come with the UDC. And it basically allows us a unique opportunity to be able to re-designate certain areas of the city and the parish to different zoning classifications, and believe it or not to do so in the realm of putting public notice out to the public. We don’t have to go notify the property owners in this unique situation. And so the opportunity is there as long as my staff is aware of where those corridors are. Then we can actually, whether we do an overlay district or what I’ll refer to as a holding pattern. I can go in and re-designate and recommend this to the Board and to City Council and to the Parish Commission that I would re-designate certain areas where we have a pretty firm deal on where the right-of-way is going to be, not taking the developer rights away but basically saying a lesser zoning classification that says you won’t have as much freedom to do as much now. Believe it or not there is that opportunity to do that legitimately without it being considered a taking under State and Federal law. So I’m just saying that what you’re saying is very timely because what my staff is doing right now is going to sanction a section of the City trying to clean up the zoning map. So when we get to those areas, I will probably need more feedback from you guys to know exactly where those areas are and then I can inform the city and the parish these are key areas that we need to preserve as best we can without being taken to court and being told you took all of my homeowner rights away from me. We didn’t but we’re going to lessen what you can do. I can’t do anything about what’s outside my territory but then the parish could—I’m not saying do a moratorium but they could do a
moratorium where they say there will be no development in this area for a period of the
next two to three years. Someone might take you to court over that but the idea would
be to you could do various things, but it will take a different approach. You don’t really
have any language controls outside of that territory and it’s a little harder but it can be
done. I just—I’m not certain exactly how that would be done.

Mr. Rogers said I know Bossier went through the process—y’all went through the
process of looking at doing some kind of parish wide stage zoning type things. That may
be a part of what comes out of this study is that maybe that’s what really needs to be
done to help propose. Those were just really broad.

Mr. England said the nature of the question was with regard to the 3132 presentation
but it did parallel for conversation to I-69. What you’re saying, I understand about the
need for process, the acquisition of right of way before the process is started. With I-69,
the ROD has been established. Therefore, we have that record of decision. We know
where the corridor is. But then parallel to that, 3132, if I’m reading the tea
leaves correctly here in the presentation, the trumpet interchange, now that it’s gone
under DOTD review in the Stage 1, is an incredibly bad idea. And then it’s going to be
incredibly hard to do that, which leaves option B1, B2 and the No Build option. Then
what I fear is that if B1 and B2 are the options for 3132—and we’re not even talking
about a No Build option--- they both tie into I-69 and if we don’t do something in the
terms of protective buying or the comment made about overlay, Mr. England said we’re
going to run into the same problem if someone decides they want to put in a rural
neighborhood where people want 2-acre lots and it just so happens it’s in the vicinity of
where B1 and B2 intersect with I-69. The land owners will start writing letters saying
we want to sell our land but you guys won’t tell us exactly where the corridor is. You’re
hurting us by not determining this. You’re 30 minutes behind. By determining this, I
think all these issues we’ve experienced in the past could be overcome if we could all
work together on this project, and, even though it is outside your jurisdiction, lend your
expertise to where if the parish and we all can work together, we can do this. And we
won’t have history repeat itself.

Mr. Rogers said and actually what that initial request was for was to fine tune the legal
research that needs to be done about it. They have what they need. The City and the
Parish need to sit down and agree. Mr. Sweeney said not to sound like a broken record,
but that’s an example right there is that if we had a thoroughfare plan already approved,
that we wouldn’t have to fight as much of a battle. But we don’t have that. So that’s
water under the bridge. But for the future by having a thoroughfare plan we will not
have these issues. But we had to do the best we can. You’re right; we’ve got to
approach this in a very comprehensive way to say how can we keep from creating the
same mistakes again that we have had in the past.

3. Interstate 49 Inner City Connector (ICC)

Mr. Rogers discussed the progress of the I-49 ICC Stage 1 Environmental Impact
Statement. He stated there have been delays due to some issues at LaDOTD, but that the
next round of public meetings should be in December 2015 or January 2016. There will
be five public meetings throughout the project area that will discuss the five build alternatives and no-build. Dr. Wilson asked about the full I-49 Corridor Study from Kansas City to Lafayette. Mr. Rogers stated this is the only portion that does not have an environmental clearance. He further stated that the portions just north of Texarkana, AR to Ft. Smith, AR have an environmental clearance, but there is no money to build.

4. **North Louisiana Passenger Rail**

Mr. Rogers discussed the upcoming meeting with Judge Anderson and Amtrak. He stated Amtrak will speak about the Dallas/Ft. Worth to Atlanta connection and what local entities can do and possible federal money available. Mr. Rogers stated this project may be a TIGER grant opportunity in the future. Mayor Tyler asked Mr. Rogers for a list of attendees since they will meet at her office just prior to the lunch meeting.

VIII. **Public Comments (Non-agenda Items)**

Dr. Wilson asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

IX. **Adjourn**

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday October 23, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL
    Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
     Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
    Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A SporTran—TIP Amendment: Re-Allocation of Funds
      Chris Petro
      Bus Purchase, Transfer Center Construction, Support Equipment
   B Caddo Bossier Thoroughfare Plan – TIP Amendment
      Chris Petro
      Allocation of up to $250,000 in STP >200k funds for regional thoroughfare plan
   C Caddo Bossier Pictometry Imagery Collection – TIP Amendment
      Kent Rogers
      Allocation of up to $691,844.40 in STP >200k over a 6 year period for three flights.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study – Introduction
      Kent Rogers
      Introduction of Resolution Adopting the North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study
   B Approval Of Minutes
      Dr. Wilson, Chair
      September 18, 2015

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
    A LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension
       Tyler Comeaux BKI
    B I-49 Inner City
       Kent Rogers
    C Regional Safety Coalition
       Dr. Shelly Barrett

VIII ADJOURN
    Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, November 20, 2015 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Friday, October 23, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC (arrived at 9:02 a.m.)
Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 4 (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG

With due notice, Mr. Altimus called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altimus called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

III. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Altimus welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Mr. Altimus called for public comments. There were none.

V. Unfinished Business

A. SporTran TIP Amendment: Re-Allocation of Funds

Mr. Altimus moved the committee into unfinished business. Mr. Petro stated there were no public comments received regarding the proposed amendment. Mr. Sweeney arrived. Mr. Rogers gave a brief description of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for a re-allocation of funds for SporTran to purchase buses, support equipment, and to further work on
the transfer center. Mr. Washington clarified SporTran used state funding to purchase the buses and that this funding will be used for the other items. Mr. Washington motioned to approve the TIP amendment with Mayor Tyler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

B. Caddo – Bossier Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Petro stated there were no public comments received regarding the TIP amendment for the allocation of up to $250,000 in STP>200K funds for the development of a Regional Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Rogers gave a brief description of a thoroughfare plan and stated Ms. Lea Desmarteau with Caddo MPC may have private funding lined up. Mr. Altimus reminded the committee that they approved the funding option as based on population. Mr. Sweeney stated he had begun talking with organizations to secure private funding for the local match. Mr. North arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Mayor Walker motioned to approve the TIP amendment for the allocation of up to $250,000 in STP>200K funds for the development of a Regional Thoroughfare Plan; Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 4

C. Caddo – Bossier Pictometry Imagery Collection

Mr. Rogers gave a brief background on the need for the imagery. He stated they are looking for both orthos and obliques. Mr. Altimus asked how the funding split would be secured. Mr. Rogers stated the committee voted last month to split the local match evenly by parish. He further stated that he was reaching out to oil and gas companies that helped pay for aerial imagery several years back to see if they would be interested again. Mr. Sweeney motioned to approve the TIP amendment for the allocation of up to $691,844.40 in STP>200K funds over a six-year period for three flights. Mr. Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 4

VI. New Business

Mr. Altimus moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the introduction of the Resolution to Adopt the North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study. Mr. Rogers stated the study was subject to a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption by this committee. Mayor Walker stated he sent a comment regarding the resolution from Judge Anderson. He stated the request was to modify on page two, “Be it further resolved that NLCOG call upon Louisiana’s State House and Senate Joint Transportation Committee to fully support and funding for this important endeavor …” Mayor Tyler motioned to approve with Mayor Walker seconding. The motion passed with no opposition.
Mr. Altimus moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2015 meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that due to staff being out of the office, there were no minutes. They would be available for approval at the next meeting.

VII. Presentations and Project Updates

1. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension

Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Tyler Comeaux with BKI to the members. Mr. Comeaux discussed the current position of this study in the process. Mr. Comeaux stated the study is moving forward with public comments and a public meeting scheduled for November. Mr. Comeaux showed the PowerPoint presentation to the members and outlined changes as noted through the Project Advisory Committee. He stated that LaDOTD requested costs for and the potential impacts of adjustments to the Alternatives A and C. Mr. Comeaux stated the lengths of Alternatives A and C increased to 5.1 and 5.6 miles, respectively. He discussed the upcoming public meeting on November 19, 2015 and the LSU-S University Center from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. which would help gain public input on the adjusted alternatives and additional input on the study to-date. Mr. Altimus asked Mr. England what the Port’s thoughts are. Mr. England stated the Port feels Alternatives A and C are no longer viable and need to be removed. He further stated there needs to be continued study on Alternatives B1 and B2. Mr. England questioned why this was not done in the Stage 0. He stated Alternatives B1 and B2 are roads to an interstate not anywhere near completion. Mr. England stated there are concerns that SIU 15 for I-69 needs to have careful consideration to the order of construction. Mr. Rogers stated the order of construction was discussed by this committee previously and that there is an earmark for SIU 15 specifically for the Red River Crossing. Mr. England stated Alternatives B1 and B2 could be a repeat of history with planned route to an interstate yet to be constructed and that subdivisions could be built in the right-of-way. Mr. Rogers stated there is an approved environmental document and ROW can be preserved with that document. Mayor Walker stated I-69 will be a long time coming and there is a need to find construction and ROW acquisition funding for Section C of SIU 15 (Red River Crossing). Mr. Altimus thanked Mr. Comeaux for asking this body to move the LA 3132 Stage 1 project forward with the public meeting scheduled for November 19, 2015. Mayor Walker motioned to approve with Mr. England seconding. Mayor Tyler asked where the meeting would be held. Mr. Comeaux stated the LSU-S ballroom. Mr. Rogers briefly explained the format of the meeting as an open house public meeting format with a presentation, individual stations and maps, access to discussion with the consultant and stations with written and verbal public comments taken. He further stated the last 30 minutes would be a question and answer period. Mr. Altimus asked if there would be an additional comment period after the public meeting. Mr. Comeaux stated there would be and that there would be forms for the public to fill out. Comments would be compiled and then brought back to this body. The motion carried with no opposition.
2. **Interstate 49 Inner City Connector (ICC)**

Mr. Rogers discussed the progress of the I-49 North segment which is approximately $670 million for the section from I-220 north to the Arkansas border. Traditional funding is 80% federal and 20% state. This section is 40% federal and 60% state. He stated progress on LA1 to I-220 should be open roughly this time next year. Mr. North verified that these sections (J and K) should be open roughly this time next year. Mr. Rogers stated the ICC Stage 1 next round of public meetings should be December 15-18, 2015. Mr. Rogers stated the consultant has a drop date of November 20, 2015. There will be five public meetings throughout the project area with North Shreveport, downtown, two in Allendale/Ledbetter Heights, and South Shreveport/Inner Loop areas being the locations. He stated the meetings will be the same type of format as the LA 3132 meetings. Mr. Rogers stated project boards will be available at the next meeting prior to the public meeting. FHWA is currently reviewing the information. Mayor Tyler requested Mr. Rogers keep the committee informed via e-mail.

3. **Regional Safety Coalition**

Mr. Rogers introduced Dr. Shelly Barrett as the new Northwest Louisiana Regional Transportation Safety Coordinator. Dr. Barrett gave a brief background of the safety coalitions around the state and the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Dr. Barrett discussed the statewide Emphasis Areas and that each would require a partnership with coalition teams including enforcement, emergency medical services, and engineers. Dr. Barrett introduced State Police Troop G Commander Captain Tom Madden and Lt. Steve Robinson, as well as Law Enforcement Liaison Ted Riser with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. Capt. Madden stressed this is a multi-disciplinary approach and that the regional meetings will be more than just meeting for a sandwich – they will be worthwhile and productive. He stated that he and Dr. Barrett are seeking out the right people to involve in the coalition.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Mr. Rogers briefly informed the committee about the House reauthorization of the transportation bill. He stated that it will now go to the full House and then for concurrence with the Senate bill. With no further discussions, Mr. England motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL
    Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
     Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
    Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A  North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study – Adoption
      Kent Rogers
      Resolution Adopting the North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   B  Public Transportation Study – Introduction
      Kent Rogers/Tom Hunter
      Introduction of Public Transportation Study for Shreveport Bossier Urban Area
   C  Approval Of Minutes
      Dr. Wilson, Chair
      September 18, & October 23, 2015

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
   A.  LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension
       Paul Waidhas BKI
   B.  I-49 Inner City
       Rob Williams Providence

VIII ADJOURN
     Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, January 15, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

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Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

With due notice, Mr. Altimus called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

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II. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

III. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Altimus welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Mr. Altimus called for public comments. There were none.

V. Unfinished Business

A. North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study – Adoption

Mr. Altimus moved the committee into unfinished business. Mr. Rogers stated the only public comment received regarding the study was from Judge Anderson. Mr. Rogers directed the members to page two of the resolution and noted the modification, “Be it further resolved that NLCOG call upon Louisiana’s Congressional delegation to secure the long-term funding necessary for full federal participation in this important endeavor;” and, “Be it further resolved that NLCOG call upon Louisiana’s State House and Senate Joint Transportation Committee to fully support
and funding for this important endeavor ...” Mr. Altimus verified that this was the only comment received in the 30-day public comment period. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the resolution adopting the North Louisiana Passenger Rail Study with Mr. Washington seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

VI. New Business

Mr. Altimus moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the introduction of the Public Transportation Study for a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption by this committee. Mr. Rogers stated the committee had previously received the technical memos relating to this study over the last year. Mr. Tom Hunter with AECOM gave a brief presentation reviewing the study. Mr. Washington stated SporTran believes that this study will assist in more connectivity for the residents of Shreveport and Bossier City. He stated the “blue dots” on the proposed transit system map show future urban/rural nodes that identify additional future transfer hubs within the parish for rural community connectivity. The study also gives ideas for expanding the system. Mr. Rogers stated the automated vehicle locator (AVL) helps in this study by helping to determine where route changes should occur and the addition of neighborhood circulators. Mr. Washington stated the passenger count system and AVL also help improve the efficiency of the system. Mr. Altimus verified that there will be a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Rogers affirmed. Mr. Washington stated SporTran put each individual route on their website for feedback. He stated they have already received 300 responses and the survey will be up until December 26, 2015. Mr. Altimus asked if there would be a press release issued. Mr. Washington stated the city produced one awhile back and would do one again. Mayor Tyler motioned to introduce for public comment the Public Transportation Study for the Shreveport – Bossier Urban Area; Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Mr. Altimus moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2015 meeting. Mr. England expressed concern that his statements regarding the LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension under Presentations and Project Updates. He stated specifically in paragraph two there was an issue. He stated he is aware that the meetings are recorded and there are concerns that the discussion was reduced to two inches in the minutes. He stated this project is important to the Port; they take their own minutes from these meetings. Mr. England has nearly six pages of discussion just in what is contained in the second paragraph there. He requested the council table the minutes, or at least this portion, to allow him to work with staff. He stated there is quite a bit that he said that is not in the minutes and he would like to see that.

Mayor Walker motioned to postpone the minutes for further refinement; Mayor Tyler seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. Bill Altimus – Bossier Parish Police Jury; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Mr. Altimus moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2015 meeting. There were no comments. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes; Mayor Tyler seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.
VII. Presentations and Project Updates

1. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension

Mr. Rogers stated there was a public meeting on November 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with roughly 50 people in attendance. Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Paul Waidhas with BKI to the members. Mr. Waidhas introduced Mr. Tyler Comeaux from the Shreveport office and Mr. Ed Elam, the principal working on the project. Mr. Waidhas gave a condensed presentation of the looped presentation at the public meeting. He showed the different alternatives. Mr. Waidhas discussed the results of the alternatives review. He stated Alternatives A and C were the two that were detailed the most. He further stated the traffic study found that the Relay Station driveway would need to be closed as it comes out into the middle of the interchange ramp which does not meet standards. There is also a private property access road that would also need to be closed. Mr. Waidhas stated that because of the merging distance the ramp would need to be extended which would mean the median at Leonard Road would need to be closed. He also stated Gate A of the Port would need to be closed because that would come out at the beginning of the taper. Morris Dickson drive would need to be extended so these uses could be served. Existing facilities prohibit cutting across and connecting to Ron Bean Boulevard except to go all of the way around. On LA 1, there would need to be an overpass of the railroad tracks that access the Port. New traffic would be introduced on the LA 3132 connection, so for either Alternate A or C traffic cannot be stopped on a limited access roadway which would cause these to be an elevated structure. The end result is that the cost of Alternative A and C increased because of the extension needed to serve Ron Bean, the elevated structure over the railroad tracks, and a service road to provide access from Leonard Road to LA 1. He stated there are also more potential wetlands impacts. Mr. Waidhas quickly went over the advantages and disadvantages. As was determined in the Stage 0, all of the build alternatives are feasible; it is just a matter of the various degrees of impact and varying degrees of cost. He stated they are in line with the TIP in that they connect with the future I-69. Mr. Waidhas stated the disadvantages really come down to a comparison of potential impacts and construction costs. The no-build is not consistent with the TIP. Mr. Waidhas discussed the next steps. He stated that from a technical standpoint, the analysis reveals that Alternatives B1 and B2 seem to have the fewest problems, lower costs and more advantages. He stated moving forward, they will evaluate the public input received from the meeting and then bring this back to the committee for a decision regarding which two alternatives to move forward with more analysis as this is what the scope of the contract calls for as they move toward the locally preferred alternative. He opened for questions.

Mr. England stated in regards to Alternative B1 or B2, there has been discussion about building the road in segments if funding was not available to carry the road from Flournoy Lucas to I-69 and build the I-69 corridor from LA 3132 and back to the Port. He asked what would happen to Leonard Road at the intersection of LA 3132. He stated let me ask another way; from the intersection of LA 3132 and Leonard Road east, northeast, what will occur exactly. He asked would that be a repeat of Flournoy Lucas Road in regards to widening the road. Mr. Waidhas stated there would be a supplementary traffic study on the preferred alternative. He stated they would start with the regional transportation model and project the expected future traffic and that would go into the study to determine the number of lanes needed. It will also focus on the railroad crossing, as well as the interchange. Mr. Comeaux stated for cost purposes, they estimated a four-lane highway, but until the supplemental traffic study is complete, they won’t
know exactly what needs to be done. So the costs reflect an improvement on Leonard Road from Bayou Pierre east to LA 1. Mr. Waidhas stated in the study now is a placeholder cost estimate until further study would be done. Mr. England asked if it would have to be studied further, for example with Routes A and C and the overpass over the railroad tracks; that would all have to be further studied after the detailed traffic study. Mr. Waidhas stated that was correct. There were no further questions or discussion.

2. Interstate 49 Inner City Connector (ICC)

Mr. Rogers introduced Ms. Jolie Maberry with Providence Engineering to give an update of the I-49 ICC. Ms. Maberry stated the ICC is still in Stage 1 of the DOTD process. She stated this is due to adding a fifth build alternative and the study required on the improvements needed along LA 3132 to bring it up to interstate standards. She stated a lane would need to be added along with some interchanges closed. She reviewed the other four alternatives. Ms. Maberry stated they were also updating the costs due to increases over the years. She stated Round Three of the public meetings are currently being scheduled along with materials reviewed by LaDOTD and FHWA. She stated the meetings would be January 19-22, 2016 with three meetings in the inner city area and two along LA 3132 to I-220 route. Prior to the meetings, stakeholder meetings will be scheduled during the first two weeks of January 2016 and would include public and elected officials, the Citizen’s Advisory Committee, local pastors, and housing entities. After the meetings, the selection process for the preferred alternative can begin. Mr. Washington asked if the Cross Lake Bridge was studied. Ms. Maberry stated it was studied as part of the Alternative 5 analysis and there would need to be additional lanes on the bridge. Mr. Rogers stated from what he recalled a full lane each direction, three lanes on the Inner Loop and I-220 and at the northern interchange there would need to be an additional lane due to the weaving and merging. Ms. Maberry stated that as it exists now, the curve is too sharp for interstate standards and would need to be flattened. Mr. England asked if the study on Cross Lake Bridge was part of the no-build. Mr. Rogers stated no, that it is part of the NEPA-derived Alternative 5 study. Mr. England stated “the Loop” and maybe has was confused. He stated there was previous discussion about a no-build; and no-build does not necessarily mean no construction. He asked if the study includes the upgrade of I-20 and still a widening of the bridge. Mr. Rogers stated that is a determination that GHWA will have to make down the line. Right now there is signage directing traffic to reconnect with I-49 and that FHWA does not like to have gaps in the roadway. He stated if they do allow for a gap, there will still be directional signs to lead traffic back to I-49. Mr. Sweeney stated with the four alternatives there are elevated portions and that there is some consideration now to have some at-grade. Ms. Maberry stated Providence if putting together an estimate and that the grade would fall between the bayou. Mr. Sweeney stated the key is that as much as possible to make it grade-level to make it more connected to the neighborhood. Ms. Maberry stated originally all of the area was considered wetlands and that has now changed. Mr. Sweeney stated another issue is that as much as possible the road can be at-grade, the route that is selected a key component is how it is designed. He stated that as much as possible relating it to the adjacent neighborhoods, designing it aesthetically pleasing so that it becomes a signature road and a benefit to the neighborhood. He said the reality is how the road is built and the design element is what the area has to live with for the next 50 years and how it impacts the community. Mr. Sweeney stated it is his hope that this committee will discuss those issues as we get closer to development. Mr. Rogers stated that in the public meetings over the span of this project was for the community to look at Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and fitting in green spaces in the area. He stated that as we get further into the project, we can look more detailed into this issue. Mr. Rob Williams with Providence stated that once a preferred alternative is selected, they will be able to dig deeper into CSS and what they community would like to see. He stated they have already done a small-scale study, but once they get closer to a preferred alternative they will be able to look more closely at CSS and alternative methods to keep the area open. Mr. Sweeney
asked if any option or consideration to go below grade to create less of an impact. He asked if there were any obstacles such as the water table. Mr. Williams stated the water table is an issue and early on they did look at that as an option. Mr. Sweeney stated that in some cases depressing the roadway even a bit can create a more connected pedestrian and local roadway going over the top. There were no further questions or discussion.

3. **House and Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bills**

Mr. Rogers directed the members to a comparison summary sheet from Transportation for America regarding the House and Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bills. Mr. Washington voiced a concern regarding a letter submitted urging reconsideration for the bus capital funding for the southeast states. He stated $500 million is out there with $250 million going to seven states and the other goes to all 50 states. He stated this bill would combine it all as one again. He stated they will submit this letter on behalf of Shreveport. Mr. Altimus stated NLCOG needs to issue a letter as well. Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Washington to send their letter to him and he will circulate the letter to the committee on behalf of NLCOG.

**VIII. Adjourn**

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
AGENDA
Friday January 15, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL
   Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
   Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Public Transportation Study – Adoption
      Kent Rogers
      Adoption of Public Transportation Study for Shreveport Bossier Urban Area

   B. Approval Of Minutes
      September 18, 2015
      Dr. Wilson, Chair

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   C. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension
      Paul Waidhas BKI
      Recommended Alternatives for Moving Forward

   D. Approval Of Minutes
      November 20, 2015
      Dr. Wilson, Chair

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
   A. I-49 Inner City – Community Meetings Update
      Providence/Franklin
   B. Long Range Transportation Plan Update
      Kent Rogers
   C. Regional Safety Coalition
      Dr. Shelly Barrett

VIII. ADJOURN
      Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, February 19, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, January 15, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC
Mr. Danny Malone, representing Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier (non-voting)
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

With due notice, Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Danny Malone, representing Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier (non-voting); Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

III. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wilson welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Dr. Wilson called for public comments. Mr. Scott Sinclair spoke about the LA 3132 traffic study. Mr. Sinclair stated that after looking at the traffic study performed during the Stage 0, and recognizing there may have been some updates, it was difficult for him to justify $160 -170 million to accommodate that level of traffic. He stated the distance, particularly for B1 and B2, is about 6 miles as BKI was asked to study all of the way to I-69. He further stated the traffic study in the Stage 0 forecasts on the model for traffic at peak times that would be using this road in 2032 concluded there would be in peak traffic times in the morning 7/10 of a passenger car per mile on the northern section and 3/10 of a passenger car per mile per lane on the southern portion. He stated this tells you that peak travel times in the morning, if you take a snapshot of this roadway, you
would see 6 cars on 6 miles of interstate at peak times. He stated the p.m. peaks are a little different. It is 3/10 of a mile on the northbound and 5/10 of a mile in the southbound lanes. So these are the peak times and we’re talking about spending $160 million here and $170 million here to accommodate that level of traffic. He stated his question was has the traffic study or traffic impact been updated and if not, if these are still the valid numbers, then he would encourage the MPO to look seriously at that component. He stated he understands there are a lot of factors, but to please look at this factor and think about whether it justifies this expenditure and the effort and the energy and the resources that are being consumed to pursue this.

Dr. Wilson asked for any other public comments. Mr. Steve Lenert spoke about the LA 3132 preferred routes. Mr. Lenert stated if it doesn't come through his front yard, it's real close on B1. He stated aside from the fact that it's his personal issue with it; it makes more sense in his opinion that if this happens someday that down the road on Alternative B2 there would be a lot less of an infringement on a lot of people on Robson Road. He stated there is a nesting bald eagle site right where Alternative B1 comes through, so in addition to not wanting it to come through his yard or his neighbor's yard; it would be disappointing to see it go through either his or his neighbor's yard. He stated the committee's consideration of that information would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. John Perkins stated he would like to thank Mayor Walker for starting a conversation about the costs of all of these highways and how they would be paid for. He stated he is confused as he is hearing from other city officials that there is a 60/40 split and it's on Louisiana and we're broke. He asked why the discussion and the angst created in the City of Shreveport if we're broke. We're not going to be able to build a highway anytime soon or fix the roads. We can’t even fix what we have. He stated he wondered why we're even here today discussing building more roads and we can’t even fix what we have. He stated he did appreciate the Mayor's thoughts and for stepping forward and being a part of that conversation. It meant a lot to the people in Shreveport and he did appreciate it. Dr. Wilson asked for any other public comments. There were none.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Public Transportation Study – Adoption

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into unfinished business. Mayor Walker motioned to begin discussion of the Public Transportation Study adoption with Mayor Tyler seconding. The committee approved unanimously. Mr. Rogers directed the members to the resolution approving adoption of the study and stated staff received two comments from the public. He stated one was regarding the article in the paper and stated he was pleased with the route configurations and different types of services. The comment stated there was a concern regarding the signs for stops and to please not put one in front of his home as there is one now. Mr. Rogers stated the second comment received was from a city councilmember who stated they would have preferred the comment period begin earlier and not so close to the holiday season. Mr. Rogers stated it is a common concern with anything that is introduced for public comment anytime between November and January, but that the projects need to continue moving forward rather than wait two months to introduce it for public comment. Mr. Rogers responded to the comment that it would probably be about a year before these routes are implemented and may be some minor tweaking along the way as the intermodal center gets underway. Mr. Washington stated he submitted 171 surveys from the survey SporTran posted to their website. He asked how that data would be used to correlate the concerns received. Mr. Washington stated he submitted the surveys to Mr. Hunter with AECOM and had not received a return call after four or five phone calls. Mr. Rogers stated he had not heard anything back from Mr. Hunter either, but that typically they do an appendix to show how they addressed those comments. Mr. Rogers stated that similar to the councilmember's comment, the routes may be tweaked as we start to implement them. Mr. Washington stated he wanted to make sure the record showed that there were more than just two comments received and that the 171 surveys were a part of this process and submitted back
to the planners for inclusion in this study. Dr. Wilson asked if the study is adopted today, how will the revision take place. Mr. Rogers stated typically there is an appendix showing the comments and how they were addressed. Mr. Rogers stated the committee could hold off on approving the plan or wait until the appendix is received. He stated they would defer to Mr. Washington and SporTran. Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Washington if waiting would hinder their process. Mr. Washington stated it would not as they are behind due to the weather. Dr. Wilson stated he would like an update on the status, but would wait so as not to confuse the two during this discussion. Mr. Washington agreed. Dr. Wilson confirmed that waiting would not impact SporTran. Mr. Washington stated it would not and he recommended waiting until the appendix is received and reviewed so that the citizen's concerns would be heard. Mr. Washington stated he would like to see a final draft prior to adoption. The motion to approve was withdrawn by Mayor Walker with Mayor Tyler seconding. Mr. Washington motioned to delay the approval until a final report is received. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

B. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2015

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2015 meeting. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Mayor Tyler seconded. Mr. Rogers stated these were the minutes Mr. England asked to be postponed for the inclusion of parts of pages 5 and 6, some additional discussion from Mr. England in terms of I-69 and LA 3132. Mr. Rogers stated Mr. England wanted more detail included. Mayor Walker asked if these minutes included the additional details Mr. England requested. Mr. Rogers affirmed. Mr. Rogers stated Mr. England had reviewed the amended minutes. Dr. Wilson asked for further discussion. There was none. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish Commission; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

VI. New Business

A. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the discussion of the recommended alternatives moving forward with the Stage 1 Environmental Study for the LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension. Mayor Walker motioned to begin discussion of the recommended alignments as the MPO Preferred Alignments for further environmental analysis. Mayor Tyler seconded. Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Tyler Comeaux with BKI to give a brief presentation and update on what has occurred since the last public meeting. Mr. Comeaux stated this committee would need to recommend alternatives to LaDOTD and the Federal Highway Administration before further study could be completed. Mr. Comeaux briefly went through the background of the project. Mr. Comeaux stated LaDOTD accepted the traffic study from the Stage 0. He stated that is Alternatives A or C were selected, then a traffic study would be completed for the intersection of LA 1 and Leonard Road and not necessarily the entire route. He stated if LaDOTD determined further or different traffic study was needed, then they would proceed from there. He briefly described the Alternatives A, B1, B2 and C, as well as the No-Build. Mr. Comeaux stated that the ramps with Alternative C would require further traffic study due to LaDOTD’s comments from June of 2013 regarding what interchanges...
would be needed in that area. Mr. Comeaux discussed the technical review, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) comments, and the community input. He discussed the potential impacts with each alternative. He stated each of the four build alternatives have varying degrees of impact. Mr. Comeaux stated the evaluation matrix was available at the public meeting. He noted the community input from the Stage 0 showed the majority wanted Alternative A. He stated the community was asked to prioritize the alternatives based against each other. He stated public comments received at the November 19, 2015 public meeting showed that B1 is the most preferred alternative closely followed by Alternative A and B2. He stated the No-Build and Alternative C received less support. He stated Alternatives A and C were the most costly due to the elevated portions and to still have access at the Port. He stated B1 and B2 appeared to be more feasible as far as costs and displace fewer structures. Mayor Walker asked Mr. Rogers if the Port’s objection was to B1 and B2. Mr. Rogers stated the Port’s major concern was with Alternatives A and C in that the massive increase in cost on those alignments was to provide the continuous support and entrance and the major ingress and egress needed to maintain access to the businesses and the residence back by the levee. He stated it was the same with the large truck stop on LA 1. Mr. Comeaux stated with all of this said, when the committee comes to a recommendation, BKI will go out into the field to complete investigations. He stated the solicitation of views to the agencies and aerial imagery has given the most up-to-date information to this point. He stated the alternative evaluation matrix will be finalized by going out into the field to verify each structure that would be displaced and make sure everything is taken care of that needs to be shown in the study as displaced structures. Mr. Comeaux stated there were 41 in attendance at the meeting and 23 written and 15 completed preference forms from after the meeting. He stated the comments from the public meeting mainly focused on displacement and noise considerations. Mr. Comeaux stated B1, A, and B2 were supported. He asked the committee for any comments or questions, as well as which alternative(s) the committee would like to recommend to LaDOTD and FHWA to move forward.

Mr. Rogers stated as was previously described, the committee as the MPO would make a recommendation to LaDOTD, who would then concur or not concur and send their recommendation to FHWA. FHWA can then concur or not concur. Mr. Rogers stated the contract states that up to two alternatives can be recommended for further review. He said eventually it would be narrowed down to one final preferred alternative. Mr. Sweeney asked if the information had been through the PAC. Mr. Comeaux stated B1 and B2 were significantly ahead in the PAC preference. Mayor Tyler asked if Mr. England was concerned about Alternatives A and C. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Malone stated that was correct. Mr. Rogers stated the continued access needed on those alternatives contributed significantly to the cost increase. Mr. Comeaux stated due to the comments received by LaDOTD in June 8, 2014, BKI went back to the public with the four alternatives because of the significant changes outlined by LaDOTD from before the LaDOTD traffic comments. Mr. Comeaux reviewed the evaluation matrix and the public comment preference shown in the slide. He stated Mr. Washington asked about cost projection and the noise mitigation plan, what type of plan is proposed for residents in those areas. Mr. Comeaux stated it would be further defined in the line and grade. Mr. Washington asked if we were looking at a significant cost increase. Mr. Comeaux stated no, that that was included in the cost projections. Mr. Rogers stated a general cost was done in the cost projections. Mr. Comeaux stated BKI knows the number of structures within 500 feet of the right-of-way and those structures would need noise mitigation. Dr. Wilson asked what the cost was on I-49 North for the entire project. Mr. Rogers stated $700 close to 800 million. Dr. Wilson asked if it was approximately 32 miles. Mr. Rogers affirmed. He stated rural areas are less expensive than urban areas. Dr. Wilson stated these numbers seem quite high for 5 miles of road. Mayor Tyler agreed. Mr. Rogers stated the more urban areas have a higher cost. Mr. Comeaux stated as a ball-park it is 10 times more expensive to build a bridge than at-grade. Dr. Wilson stated we need to come up with two choices that will be whittled down to one. Mr. Comeaux stated BKI would finalize the environmental with those two and then the committee would choose a preferred alternative to do line and grade, that would be the bridges and crossings – a semi-plan. Mayor Tyler stated regardless of what we do today, it goes to the
Federal and they tell us. Mr. Rogers stated that at the end of the day, it is FHWA’s decision as they issue the expected Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the study it will be on what they call the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. Mayor Tyler asked how many stages until construction. Mr. Comeaux stated funding is next and then design and construction. Dr. Wilson asked within the discussion point they are at now, what is next. Mr. Rogers stated he had drafted a resolution for the recommendation, with blanks. He read the resolution. Mr. Sweeney motioned to consider B1 and B2 with Mr. Washington seconding. Dr. Wilson asked for continued discussion. Dr. Wilson stated he was comfortable with B1 and B2. Mayor Tyler confirmed her support. Mayor Walker stated the Port’s position with A, B1 and B2 included in these options. Mr. Malone clarified the Port’s position of preferably B1. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**B. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2015**

Dr. Wilson. Mayor Tyler motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**VII. Presentations and Project Updates**

1. **I-49 Inner City Connector – Community Meetings Update**

   Mr. Rogers directed the members to the copies of the flyer and push cards for the six upcoming meetings. Mr. Rogers stated that originally there were five meetings scheduled, but due to weather damage at one church and conflicts with other venues, an extra meeting was added. Mr. Rogers stated there will be information on all five build alternatives at the public meetings and will also be posted to the project website. Mr. Rogers stated that with the six different meetings, the various times and locations, he feels that there is ample opportunity for the public to participate at any meeting and provide feedback. Mr. Washington asked when this type of presentation will be available for I-49. Mr. Rogers stated that 15 days for for postmarked comments to be received after the last meeting, and allowing the consultant to compile the public input received at the upcoming meetings, the committee can expect a presentation in about a month, depending on how many comments and what kinds of comments come back. He stated probably March or April, and then following this committee would need to make a recommendation on preferred alternative(s). There was no further discussion.

2. **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

   Mr. Rogers directed the members to the Long Range Transportation Plan Update and stated the draft chapters had been distributed to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) for review. He stated that once the feedback is received from the TCC and any changes made, the draft would come to this committee for approval to open for a 30-day public comment period. Dr. Wilson asked if this would include the bicycle plan. Mr. Rogers stated that it would and that it is a separate review than this document. Mr. Washington asked how the transit study played into the development of the long range transportation plan. Mr. Rogers stated that at the Board of Directors meeting next, is an amendment to allow Alliance Transportation to do an executive
summary of all of the studies that have occurred including the rail, transit and bike studies to create a comprehensive 2040 transportation plan for the area. Dr. Wilson stated that would be good. Mr. Rogers reminded the members the TCC is currently reviewing. Dr. Wilson asked if the rail study was fully complete. Mr. Rogers stated yes, and that it was adopted at the last meeting. Mr. Rogers stated Amtrak had looked at our study and the Texas study and would like to move the combined corridor further into the federal process. He stated that study will go into further detail such as stop times, etc. He stated that in terms of highway, the rail study was like a Stage 0 feasibility study and the combined Ft. Worth to Atlanta would be further detailed with most information focused on Ft. Worth to Meridian, MS. Mr. Sweeney stated he wanted to focus for a minute on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan and that it would be appropriate to schedule a meeting for NLCOG to formally present information at the city council and parish commission to inform them and get their buy-in for the plan. He stated with the process for gathering money already started, he felt it would be prudent to inform the council members and commissioners in Caddo and probably Bossier, too, that it would be politically prudent so as not to get to the middle of the process and have negative feedback regarding not being informed. Mr. Rogers agreed and said that staff would put together a presentation based on the draft scope that’s been developed. Mr. Washington stated he would like to see a similar presentation for the transit development plan and how the system and stops would be realigned. Mr. Rogers stated the intent was to take the summary of all the plans to the governing bodies and to ultimately have each jurisdiction adopt their appropriate portions. Mr. Rogers stated they would do the thoroughfare plan up front. There was no further discussion.

3. Regional Safety Coalition

Dr. Barrett reminded the members of the invitation for the January 26, 2016 Regional Safety Coalition kick-off meeting with the LaDOTD safety section who will discuss the four emphasis areas and expectations. Dr. Barrett stated she is excited to get the official process rolling.

Dr. Wilson asked for an update of the intermodal facility. Mr. Washington stated they are about six months behind. He stated due to site conditions and the weather, the project was stalled. A basement facility was full of water and is being pumped out. It is expected to open fourth quarter of 2016 barring any weather issues. He stated he would keep the committee up-to-date.

Mr. Rogers stated there was a fact sheet developed by staff on the Motorist Assistance Patrol (MAP). He stated this is something he would like to include each month on different aspects and programs. He stated part of the sponsorship comes through the MPO. Mr. Washington asked who they report to. Mr. Rogers stated the contract comes through LaDOTD on a five-year basis. Mr. Rogers stated the MAP runs through the major urban areas in the state and in our area it extends to the Haughton exit on I-20, about to start or have just started patrolling north on I-49, and extending a little further on I-49 south.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
AGENDA

Friday February 26, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

I. CALL TO ORDER     Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair
II. ROLL CALL  Kent Rogers
III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS         Dr. Wilson
IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS  Dr. Wilson
V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Public Transportation Study – Adoption  Kent Rogers
   Adoption of Public Transportation Study for Shreveport Bossier Urban Area

VI. NEW BUSINESS
B. Long Range Transportation Plan Update  Kent Rogers/ATG
   Introduction of the Long Range Transportation Plan for public comment
C. Approval Of Minutes  Dr. Wilson, Chair
   January 15, 2016

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
A. I-49 Inner City Connector  Kent Rogers
B. Regional Safety Coalition  Dr. Shelly Barrett

VIII. ADJOURN  Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, March 24, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
MINUTES

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Members Present
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC
Mr. Eric England – Caddo – Bossier Port
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Members Absent
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC
Mr. Brandon Buckner – FHWA (non-voting)
Ms. Ronisha Hodge – FTA (non-voting)

Others Present
Mr. Jerry Jones – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

With due notice, Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

III. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wilson welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Dr. Wilson called for public comments.

V. Unfinished Business
   A. Public Transportation Study – Adoption
Dr. Wilson moved the committee into unfinished business. Mr. Rogers noted that he would like to ask for a postponement on the approval of the Public Transportation Study until the next meeting. The consultants are still addressing some comments on the final plan and Mr. Rogers and Mr. Washington would like additional time to verify the inclusion of all public comments. Mayor Tyler motioned for postponement with Mayor Walker seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ayes:** Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

**VI. New Business**

**A. Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. JD Allen with Alliance Transportation Group. Mr. Allen spoke briefly about the recent adoption of the new transportation legislation Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mr. Allen stated that the previous transportation bill included the requirement for performance measures. Mr. Allen discussed the public meetings and the stakeholder meetings they held to gather input and information for the development of the plan. He stated the second round of public meetings included an update of the initial feedback received from the public and the stakeholders. Mr. Allen discussed the planning factors outlined in the transportation bill and how the public ranked them as far as importance for selecting and prioritizing projects. Mr. Allen discussed how this feedback helped develop the project selection and prioritization process. Mr. Allen discussed the Delphi process and how it helped identify economic and population growth in the parishes. Mr. Allen discussed the development of the travel demand model. He discussed the multi-modal deficiency analysis the team completed on highway, transit and freight. Mr. Allen discussed the bicycle and pedestrian effort that was completed on both parishes. He discussed the Bicycle Environmental Quality Index and Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index on approximately 100 randomly selected areas. Mr. Allen briefly discussed the alternative solutions and scenarios performed. Mayor Walker clarified that I-69 was included in the various analyses. Mr. Allen confirmed that it was included.

Mr. Allen discussed growth scenario planning. He stated they defined a couple of different scenarios including high growth within both urban downtowns. He stated there are some land use issues that would need to be addressed. He also discussed some transit-oriented development that would allow for express service along certain corridors. He stated that as express services are allowed along various corridors, it can help spur development along those corridors. He stated it is a long-term effort. Mr. Allen discussed the development of the project selection process and criteria. He reminded the members they had previously adopted the process. Mr. Allen discussed how they tied the public's priorities into the project selection criteria. Mr. Allen briefly discussed the environmental and social impacts and directed the members to the technical memo that went into greater detail about their analysis. Mr. Allen briefly discussed the Mobility 2040 brochure as a separate public involvement piece that will summarize the various planning documents recently completed and adopted. At the close of his presentation, Mr. Allen summarized the tasks completed to-date with the development of the long range transportation plan. He stated the Technical Coordinating Committee has thoroughly reviewed the document over a period of several months; he requested the committee review. Mayor Walker asked Mr. Allen to briefly discuss with the visitors the staged approach to funding – short-, mid- and long-term, as well as the unfunded needs. Mr. Allen stated the unfunded needs category does not mean that those projects will not happen. He stated with the recommendation that the MPO spend all of their allocation each year, and with the Feds realization there are projects without identified funding sources right now, money may become available through various opportunities and not through the formula grants. Dr. Wilson asked which category the majority of the money
comes to the MPO; Mr. Allen stated STP>200K because we are an urban area over 200,000 in population. Mr. Rogers stated those funds are typically used for projects like Youree/Kings, Walker Road widening, Shed Road, Bossier North-South Corridor and some others. He stated those projects took multiple years of funding and the MPO had to stockpile in order to get those projects done. He stated the TCC had discussed with staff to begin phasing those larger projects out and replace them with the smaller maintenance projects, overlays and intersection improvements. Mr. Allen stated the average overlay costs $1.20/square foot, while a reconstruction costs about $12/square foot – it’s better to do your maintenance ahead of time. He also stated that it is important to consider the through-put on a roadway which averages 1500-1800 vehicles per lane per hour while the average through-put in an intersection is 400-800 vehicles per lane per hour. He stated it’s better to do the intersection projects to reduce bottlenecks and improve the overall system performance. Dr. Wilson asked when the plan was hoped to be adopted. Mr. Rogers stated the earliest would be the April meeting. Dr. Wilson asked if the plan would apply to the projects in the queue. Mr. Rogers stated the short-term applies to the projects in our current Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Allen explained that is why the committee adopted the LRTP last year in the interim while this update was completed. Mr. Allen asked for any further questions. There were none.

Mayor Walker motioned to introduce the Long Range Transportation Plan Update for public comment with Mayor Tyler seconding. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

B. Approval of Minutes –January 15, 2016

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2016 meeting. Mr. Eric England motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

VII. Presentations and Project Updates

1. I-49 Inner City Connector

Mr. Rogers directed the members to the short update provided for the I-49 Inner City Connector Study. He stated there was an average attendance of 100 people at each of the recent public meetings held in January. Mr. Rogers stated Providence received 497 individual comments, 8 resolutions and one petition with 61 signatures. He stated Providence is currently reviewing all of the feedback received. He stated the matrix they are developing regarding the public input, along with all of the matrices developed to-date, will be presented to LaDOTD and the Federal Highway Administration to help in refining the alternatives. Mr. Rogers stated once the preferred alternative is identified, more detailed analyses will be conducted including air, noise, wetlands, Phase 1 cultural resources and various things like that. He stated the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be available around the end of this year. He stated the draft EIS will be advertised in the Federal Register for 45 days along with a public hearing during that time frame. There will probably be two meetings with one during the day in the downtown area and one in the evening within the project area. Following those meetings, the comments will be included in the final EIS for FHWA for a 30-day review period. At the end of that, the Record of Decision will
be issued. Mr. Rogers stated it should be around this time next year if all goes well. Mr. Rogers noted that there have been more than 24 public meetings held to-date for this project, not including small group meetings with neighborhood groups, civic groups, etc. Mayor Walker asked if in the summary provide there is a cost for each alignment. Mr. Rogers stated there is a large matrix available and he would forward a link to the website (www.I49shreveport.com) that has all of the public meeting boards and materials posted. Mayor Tyler clarified they would be able to view all of the public meeting materials. Mr. Rogers affirmed. He stated off the top of his head the costs were just under $500 million to just over $600 million. He stated that varied depending on elevated versus at-grade, interchanges, etc. Dr. Wilson asked if that was for all five options. Mr. Rogers said yes that included all five alternatives. Mr. Washington asked if Providence would come for a presentation. Mr. Rogers stated he would ask them to come in April or May. Dr. Wilson asked if this would be constructed with federal money. Mr. Rogers stated typically it’s 80% federal share with 20% local funding. He stated there is a minor stream of funding from it through the Unclaimed Properties Act. There was no further discussion.

2. Regional Safety Coalition

Dr. Barrett gave a brief update on the Regional Safety Coalition. She discussed the four emphasis areas. Dr. Barrett stated strides have been made in occupant protection over the last ten years with engineering, enforcement and education, but there is a lot of work to be done. In Northwest Louisiana, there is still an issue with compliance for seatbelts. In Troop G alone for 2015, 47% of fatalities were from non-compliance with seatbelt laws. There have been seven deaths since January 2016 related to not wearing seatbelts. Dr. Barrett discussed impaired driving and the sobriety checkpoints conducted across the region. She stated in Bossier Parish last year four checkpoints had 12 DWI arrests. She stated the Bossier Parish Sheriff created a DWI enforcement unit in July 2015. She stated a fifth emphasis area will be added which will be distracted driving to include texting and driving. She stated they are working very hard with the state to condense meetings from four hours to two. She stated March 10 will be the next coalition meeting. She briefly discussed the mock crashes and Sudden Impact presentations that are given to young drivers during the prom season. Dr. Barrett spoke about the training she has received for the infrastructure emphasis area. Dr. Barrett discussed the behavioral money from SAFETEA-LU has been removed in the FAST Act. Dr. Barrett discussed organizational safety and the needs for each agency to address transportation safety within their agency. Mayor Tyler asked if Dr. Barrett checked with Sheriff Prator and Chief Shaw regarding DWI and impaired driving checkpoints. Dr. Barrett said she did not, but that they are very active in the coalition. Mayor Tyler stated she would love to get some data regarding how Shreveport and Caddo are dealing with the DWI. Mr. Rogers stated that Dr. Barrett is taking the statewide plan and bringing it down to the local level.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mr. England seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday April 15, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

I. CALL TO ORDER  Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL  Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS  Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS  Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Public Transportation Study – Adoption  Kent Rogers
      Adoption of Public Transportation Study for Shreveport Bossier Urban Area

   B. Long Range Transportation Plan Update  Kent Rogers/ATG
      Adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   C. Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program  Kent Rogers
      Introduction of the FY 2017 UPWP for public comment

   D. Approval Of Minutes  Dr. Wilson, Chair
      February 26, 2016

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
   A. I-49 Inner City Connector  Kent Rogers
   B. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension  Kent Rogers

VIII. ADJOURN  Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, May 20, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, April 15, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC
Mr. Eric England – Caddo – Bossier Port
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

With due notice, Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

III. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wilson welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

IV. Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Dr. Wilson called for public comments. There were none.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Public Transportation Study Adoption

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into unfinished business. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the resolution adopting the Public Transportation Study for the Shreveport – Bossier Urban Area; Mr. North seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers noted that they had asked for a postponement at the last
meeting pending the addressing of some comments on the final plan. Mr. Rogers stated the consultant still has a few minor updates to the graphics and maps, but that he and Mr. Washington are satisfied with the content. Mr. Washington stated that he was dissatisfied with the unprofessional presentation that occurred by the consultant; he stated that they have asked the consultant to revise that and present it again. He stated the information within the plan, the data, is in the plan and good. Mr. Rogers stated the consultant will redo those and resend the plan as appropriate. Dr. Wilson asked about using this consultant in the future. Mr. Washington stated he believed the issue stemmed from the three different project managers that worked on this project. He stated that at the end of the project, the last project manager did not know what the other two project managers did. Mayor Tyler asked if we paid for this. Mr. Rogers stated yes, that there are still outstanding invoices, but until the work is completed satisfactorily they will not be paid. Mr. Washington stated he did not think the entire contract should be paid in full as not all of the outlined work was completed as requested. Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Washington if the plan is sufficient. Mr. Washington stated he felt the data within the plan is good, but that it is a rough draft and more planning would be done with the SporTran staff. He emphasized that thought the process was not good, the data obtained was good that will allow his staff to proceed with planning new routes with the new terminal. Mr. Washington stated they are bringing a planner on staff that will do transit planning. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

B. Long Range Transportation Plan Update (LRTP) Adoption

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the next order of unfinished business. Mr. Rogers briefly reviewed the previous activities regarding the plan and the increased public comments period due to the recent flooding. Mr. JD Allen with Alliance Transportation spoke briefly about a couple of comments that were received. Mr. Allen spoke about a couple of comments received by Mr. England. He also spoke about some comments from the general public regarding the SporTran routes and the I-49 inner city routes. He stated the MPO staff responded to those comments. Mr. Allen stated there were a lot of pings on the www.nlcoglistens.com website, but no comments were submitted. Mr. Allen stated the public, and the technical committee, were both given ample opportunity to review and comment on the plan. Mr. Allen stated they would begin work on the brochure with all of the major planning efforts that have recently occurred. Mr. Rogers stated there may be an open house once that brochure is created for the public to see what all has occurred as far as planning. Mayor Tyler clarified that the plan in their packet is a draft. Mr. Allen stated that was correct. Mr. Washington stated there would need to be more discussion with the mayors in Bossier Parish cities and towns, as well as the parish administration, for proposed routes into Bossier City and some outlying areas with smaller vehicles. Mr. Allen referred the committee to the Technical Memo as part of the LRTP Update for more information. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Altimus seconded the motion. Mayor Tyler clarified that the plan in their packet is a draft. Mr. Allen stated that was correct. Mr. Washington stated there would need to be more discussion with the mayors in Bossier Parish cities and towns, as well as the parish administration, for proposed routes into Bossier City and some outlying areas with smaller vehicles. Mr. Allen referred the committee to the Technical Memo as part of the LRTP Update for more information. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Altimus seconded the motion. Mayor Tyler stated she sent letters to the delegation about our Amtrak situation the previous day and wanted to know if it was referenced in the document. Mr. Rogers stated the brochure would address the outcome of the rail plan and there were some minor references in the LRTP document. Mayor Tyler spoke about House Bill 357. Mr. Allen stated the brochure would be a great quick and easy information source to send out to the delegation regarding all of the plans that the area has completed. With no further discussion, Dr. Wilson called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
VI. New Business

A. Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dr. Wilson moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the discussion of the Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Rogers clarified this is the introduction of the document for public comment. Mr. England motioned to introduce the UPWP for public comment; Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers stated there is a 30-day public comment period required. He stated the work program outlines the work that staff will complete for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2016. Mr. Rogers directed the members to the Planning Prospectus on page 11 which gives a brief summary of the elements within the UPWP. Mr. Rogers stated there have been a few shifts within the tasks to put each MPO around the state on the same page. Mr. Rogers briefly reviewed each task and the products associated with those tasks. Mr. Washington asked if there was funding to move forward over the next year with some of the bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Rogers stated there was and that with the FAST Act, it released money that was previous held back particularly in the Transportation Alternatives program. He stated initially they were looking at the Shreveport Common area into the Intermodal Facility. Mr. Rogers stated the bike plan that was conducted with the parish could feed projects into this program. Mayor Tyler asked about the four Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) grants. Mr. Rogers stated MAP-21 allowed for sidewalk and crosswalk improvements in and around the schools. Mr. Rogers stated Cherokee Park, Arthur Circle, Meadowview, Bossier and some other elementary schools participated. He stated it was a two-step program with education coming first and then identifying areas for improvements based on parent, teacher and community surveys. Mayor Tyler stated she wanted to make sure we were leveraging our resources as they are trying to find funding to make some of the same types of improvements. Mayor Tyler asked for further information regarding the Safe Routes program. Mr. Rogers stated he would get the list of schools and other information to Mayor Tyler. Mr. Rogers continued discussing the various tasks and products. Mr. Rogers directed the members to the more detailed descriptions of each task beginning on page 17. Mr. Petro stated this morning a project number was assigned to the Regional Thoroughfare Plan. He stated the next step is for the Technical Coordinating Committee to tighten up the scope so that LaDOTD can create the city-state agreements. He further stated beginning next week, he and Mr. Rogers would be addressing the local officials regarding the Regional Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Sweeney clarified that it includes both city councils and parish administrations. Mr. Rogers stated yes. Mr. Sweeney stated it is very important for all bodies requested to approve this plan be educated about what the plan is and what it means for the area and for the future. Mr. Sweeney updated the committee on the local funding and stated he has commitments for all of the local funding for the Shreveport area and he believes Mr. Marsiglia has the funding secured for the Bossier area. He stated the funding will go straight to NLCOG. Mr. Sweeney stated the Port of Caddo – Bossier was one of the contributors; he thanked Mr. England for his assistance in discussing this project with the Port’s board. Mr. Rogers stated this plan will not remove the NEPA and environmental processes, but it will give some legal backing for some issues that can arise. Mr. Sweeney asked when the selection process would occur. Mr. Rogers stated the city-state agreement would need to be in place prior to a consultant receiving a notice-to-proceed. Mr. Sweeney asked who would be part of the selection process. Mr. Rogers stated the TCC would review proposals and make recommendations to the board; he stated final selection would be this board with contract approval through the Board of Directors. Dr. Wilson asked if the local bodies would have to adopt the plan. Mr. Rogers stated yes, that it would be adopted first by this body, then the MPCs, then the city councils and parish commission/police jury. Dr. Wilson asked for further questions. There were none.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

B. Approval of Minutes –February 26, 2016
Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the February 26, 2016 meeting. Mr. Washington motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Shreveport MPC; Mr. Eric England – Caddo Bossier Port; Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

VII. Presentations and Project Updates

A. I-49 Inner City Connector

Mr. Rogers directed the members to the short update provided for the I-49 Inner City Connector Study. He stated the project team, including federal and state agencies, reviewed the comments and the matrix of data collected, and which corridors to move forward with. He stated part of that discussion centered on areas that were removed from the official wetlands designation. He stated there would an initial look at those areas prior to moving forward with the corridor decisions. Mr. Rogers stated the FHWA representative stated he expects the draft EIS will not identify one preferred alternative, rather it would have two or more build alternatives to be considered. Mr. Washington asked for an update on I-49 North at the next meeting regarding the new schedule. There was no further discussion.

B. LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension

Mr. Rogers stated the consultant for the LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension has requested a supplemental scope of services as the further analysis requested on the two corridors showed a few things on both corridors. Mr. Rogers stated the hope was that there would be an outstanding issue with one of the corridors that would help narrow it down, but there are issues with both corridors that will need to be further investigated prior to moving forward. Mr. Rogers stated there are bald eagles within the area as well as Indian mounds and artifacts. He stated the project is still moving forward.

Mr. Washington stated that with the adoption of the Public Transportation Study there needs to be presentations for both city councils and parish bodies. Mr. Rogers stated he would set up the presentations. Mr. Rogers stated with the brochure being developed for all of the plans, does this committee want the combined brochure taken to the bodies or each individual plan. Mr. Washington stated with the intermodal facility back on schedule, he feels this needs to be addressed now and not wait for the brochure.

Mr. England asked about the new completion date for LA 3132 Stage 1 study given the developments. Mr. Rogers stated it has changed in regards to the original by about six months. He stated he did not remember the original completion date from the original notice-to-proceed. Mr. Rogers stated there would still be a public hearing prior to the study going to LaDOTD and FHWA for a 45-day review period. He stated that could add a delay while those entities review the study. Mr. England asked Mr. Rogers to send him a timeline.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further discussions, Mr. Altimus motioned to adjourn with Mr. North seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday May 20, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

II. ROLL CALL
    Kent Rogers

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
     Dr. Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
    Dr. Wilson

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A  Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program
      Adoption of the FY 2017 UPWP
      Kent Rogers

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A  Regional Thoroughfare Plan Scope for Advertisement
      Approval of Scope for advertisement
      Kent Rogers

   B  Approval Of Minutes
      April 15, 2016
      Dr. Wilson, Chair

VII. PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
   A.  I-49 North
       LA1 to I-22 @MLK @I-220
       David North

   B.  Regional Safety Coalition
       Emphasis Areas
       Dr. Shelly Barrett

VIII  ADJOURN
     Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, June 17, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday May 25, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC

Members Absent
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mr. Eric England – Caddo – Bossier Port
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Others Present
Ms. Anna O’Neal – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

In the essence of time Mr. Altimus called the meeting to order. Since a quorum was not present as of yet Mr. Altimus asked Mr. Rogers to begin with items that need no action.

Presentations and Project Updates

I-49 North Update

Mr. Rogers directed the members to a few slides in their packets. He indicated that these showed the progress of I-49 Sections J and K from LA 1 south to I-220. Mr. Rogers noted that a great deal of the segment from LA 1 to MLK Drive was complete yet not open to traffic due to use by construction crews for the segments south. Mr. Rogers stated that the images presented were from the Pictometry Project approved by the Board and that the images were taken in late February so relatively recent.

Regional Safety Coalition

Mr. Rogers directed the members to the safety coalition information in the packets. He indicated that the regional coalition recently held their initial speed planning workshop for development of the regional goals. He indicated that the process used was that data from the state plan and the other regional coalitions was presented along with the data for our region. Each group was then to provide feedback on if there was something missing that the other coalitions had not identified or if there were issues they had chosen that was not appropriate to our region. Mr. Petro describe the method used and that the table leaders went from group to group rather than having everyone move from one area to another. Mr. Petro stated that the participants appreciated this and that it showed an appreciation for
their time and efforts. Mr. Rogers then stated the next round would be held at the BHP Billiton facility at the corner of Knight and Preston Streets in Shreveport. He thanked Mayor Tyler for her and her staff’s assistance in securing this location. Mayor Tyler stated that it is a wonderful facility and hopes that it can get more use by the community.

Call to Order

Mr. Altimus then called the meeting to order with due notice a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Members present: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Altimus welcomed the public and the committee members to the meeting.

Public Comments (Agenda Items)

Mr. Altimus asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. John Perkins stated that he had attended a meeting of the catholic dioceses and that it was stated at that meeting Routes 1 and 4 had been chosen for the I-49 Inner City Connector. He asked Mr. Rogers if a decision had been made. Mr. Rogers stated that no such decision has been made. Mr. Perkins then suggested that cog staff provide small media bites in order to keep the public informed. He stated that he felt there was a great deal of information being presented on social media by multiple sources and would be good to have something directly from cog.

Unfinished Business

1. Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Altimus moved the committee into unfinished business. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program; Mayor Tyler seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers noted that they had made a few minor clerical corrections and at the request of FHWA on page 15 added two planning factors. Mayor Walker asked if staff had received any public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that other than those from staff and FHWA no there were no comments received. With no further discussion, Mr. Altimus called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC

New Business

2. Regional Thoroughfare Plan Scope for Advertisement

Mr Altimus moved the committee into the first order of new business which was the Regional Thoroughfare Plan Scope for Advertisement. Mayor Tyler motioned to approve the scope for advertisement; Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers stated there the scope would be advertised through the Shreveport Times, the Daily Journal of Commerce, on our web page and distributed to the ‘usual suspects’ Mr. Sweeney asked for how long would we advertise. Mr. Rogers stated that other than those from staff and FHWA no there were no comments received. With no further discussion, Mr. Altimus called for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC
committee would review proposals and recommend the top 3 to this committee. Mr. Rogers then asked if
the committee would like to hear just from the technical staff or would they like to have the top 3 teams
present to them. Mayor Walker asked Mr. Rogers to clarify that in the past we have had presentations.
Mr. Rogers stated that a majority of the time for projects of this scale that is correct. Mayor Walker
stated why deviate, lets have the top 3 present. Mr. Sweeney asked if Mr. Rogers had spoken to any of
the groups about the project yet. Mr. Rogers stated that he had presented twice to the Caddo Parish
Commission and to the Port Commission. Mr. Altimus noted that Bossier Parish was good to go. Mayor
Tyler asked that staff coordinate with Mr. Crawford (the CAO) for presentation to the city. Mr. Rogers
stated we was going to schedule the remainder of the presentations once we have the final brochures
on the long range plan available for distribution. He stated he would use these as the background
material s describing that the Thoroughfare Plan is like the next step in the process and that it takes the
work that had been done and brings it down to the next level. With no further discussion Mr. Altimus
called for vote, the motion passed.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie
Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC

3. Approval of Minutes –February 26, 2016

Mr. Altimus moved the committee to the approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2016 meeting.
Mayor Tyler motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Walker seconded the motion. The
motion passed with no opposition.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie
Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Mark Sweeney – Shreveport MPC; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC

Adjourn

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday June 17, 2016, 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Woody Wilson, Chair

ROLL CALL
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Dr. Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Mobility 2040 Brochures
   Mobility 2040 LRTP -- Executive Summary
   Mobility 2040 Brochure
   Kent Rogers/ J. D. Allen

2. Mobility 2040 LRTP -- Executive Summary
   Mobility 2040 Brochure
   Kent Rogers

NEW BUSINESS
2. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2017
   Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Officers
   Kent Rogers

3. Regular Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017
   Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Meeting Schedule
   Kent Rogers

4. Approval of Minutes
   Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2016
   Dr. Wilson, Chair

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES
5. I-49 North
   LA1 to I-22  @MLK  @I-220
   David North

Special Announcement
August 19, 2016 Meeting we will have Providence Engineering present on the Preferred Alternatives Report for the I-49 Inner City Connector.

We will also have presentations from the top applicants for the Regional Thoroughfare Plan

ADJOURN
Dr. Wilson

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, August 19, 2016 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Dr. Woody Wilson -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Mayor Tyler, Mayor Walker, Mark Sweeney, Sam Marsiglia, Eric England, David North, Dinero’ Washington, Brandon A. Buckner – FHWA non-voting, Ronisha Hodge – FTA non-voting
Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC
Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Members Absent
Mr. Mark Sweeney – Caddo MPC
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Others Present
Mr. JD Allen – Alliance Transportation
Mr. Jerry Jones – Legal Counsel for NLCOG
Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Dr. Wilson asked for public comments. There were none.

Unfinished Business

I. Mobility 2040 Brochures and Executive Summary

Mr. Rogers asked Mr. JD Allen to speak with the members about the Mobility 2040 brochures and Executive Summary for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Mr. Allen explained the executive summary was outlined in their scope of work for the LRTP. He stated the summary includes graphics, performance measures and the goals and objectives as outlined in the full document. Mr. Allen said the summary discusses the build and no-build strategies, as well as the project selection process that is currently being used. Mr. Allen stated the summary also includes the phased projects in table format and mapped. Mr. Allen then discussed the Mobility 2040 brochure and stated it is a snapshot of each of the major planning documents recently produced for the area: Passenger Rail Feasibility Study, Public Transportation Study and the LRTP. Mr. Allen stated this is the last of Alliance’s deliverables for their contract. The members had no questions. Mr. Rogers stated he would bring these booklets with him when he meets with the various city/parish councils. Mr.
Petro stated he felt these booklets were an excellent use of the money as it makes it easier to disseminate information to the public and elected officials.

New Business

II. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2017

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the next order of business. Mr. Rogers stated handout shows the current membership and the suggested chair and vice chair for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Rogers stated the chair of the MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) would be the vice chair of the Board of Directors, the chair of the Board of Directors would be the vice chair of the MPO TPC, and the members would rotate through in that way. He stated that when there is an off-year, as happened when Mayor Tyler becoming the new mayor, one of the other members could slide into that interim spot until the new term begins. Dr. Wilson called for a motion. Mayor Walker motioned to approve Mayor Tyler as chair and Mr. Altimus as vice chair for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) with Mr. North seconding. The motion passed with no objections.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

III. Regular Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the next order of business. Mr. Rogers stated as with previous years, the meetings will be the third Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of July and December. Dr. Wilson called for a motion. Mayor Tyler motioned to accept the proposed meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) with Mr. England seconding. The motion passed with no objections.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2016

Dr. Wilson moved the committee to the next order of business and asked the members to briefly review the minutes. Dr. Wilson pointed out on page 2 it states “Dr. Altimus” instead of “Dr. Wilson.” Dr. Wilson called for a motion. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes with the correction as noted with Mayor Tyler seconding. The motion passed with no objections.

Ayes: Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish; Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish; Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City; Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport; Mr. Sam Marsiglia – Bossier MPC; Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport – Bossier; Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

Presentations and Project Updates

V. I-49 North Update

Mr. Rogers directed the members to a few slides in their packets. He stated the images presented were from the Pictometry Project taken recently. He stated they show Sections J (LA 1 to MLK) and K (MLK to I-220). Mr. North stated Segment J is for all intents and purposes complete. He stated there is one correction at LA 1 with one of the islands being too large. He stated there has been some cracking in the panels. Dr. Wilson asked when it would open. Mr. North stated not until K is completed and that would be in late 2017. Mr. North stated the cracked panels in J would be remediated. He stated the cracking was due to the flooding and the swelling and shrinking that occurs with the clay soil. Mr. North
discussed Segment K. He stated the schedule shows a completion date of April 2017 and was originally scheduled for completion in Summer 2016. He stated the floods have knocked the project back about a year. Mr. North stated one of the critical items of the K-1 project were three very large box culverts. He stated those have been underwater completely four times in the last year. He said that is part of the delays. He stated the bridge foundations over MLK are complete and the columns will be set soon. He stated K-2 shows 36% complete with 55% time used. He stated there have been issues with concrete and water, but they have finished the footings on the north side of I-220. He said they are beginning to assemble some of the bridge and they are paving along I-220. He said they are getting some exceptionally smooth pavement. Mr. North stated DOTD hopes to open Russell Road before long; the bridge is moving along well. Mr. North stated there is a K-3 and is complete and in the process of being closed out. Mayor Walker asked when completed, depending on the decision to go through Allendale or around, will it affect this. Mr. North stated this configuration is built to allow for either. Mr. North asked about the status of the I-49 Inner City Connector (ICC). Mr. Rogers stated Providence will be at the next meeting in August to present the alternatives to the board for the purpose of deciding two alternatives to move forward. Dr. Wilson suggested moving the August meeting to the Chambers at Government Plaza. The members agreed.

Special Announcement

Mr. Rogers stated at the August 19, 2016 meeting Providence Engineering will present on the preferred alternatives report for the I-49 Inner City Connector. Mr. Rogers stated there will also be presentations from the top applicants for the Regional Thoroughfare Plan.

Dr. Wilson asked when the committee will vote on a route. Mr. Rogers stated they can vote at that meeting after the presentation or at a later time. It is at their discretion. Mr. England asked if Providence would present on the two routes. Mr. Rogers stated Providence indicated they would present on the two they have narrowed it down to and then at some point it will be narrowed down to one preferred which ultimately rests with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Rogers stated FHWA prefers to have the recommendation of the MPO prior to issuing the Record of Decision for the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. Mr. Allen stated the committee might want to craft the language carefully prior to submitting it to FHWA. Mr. Rogers stated the MPO recommends moving forward with the process. Mayor Tyler stated she would like to see how those recommendations are worded prior to the next meeting. Mr. Rogers stated he would send around the verbiage with blanks for the members to review. Mayor Tyler suggested adding language in the public notice so as to notify the public clearly about the recommendation. Dr. Wilson asked if the committee should plan to vote at that meeting or to take time to think until the next meeting. Mr. Rogers stated he would recommend the committee be prepared to move forward at that meeting. Mr. England asked if the committee would receive materials prior to the next meeting. Mr. Rogers stated they would as soon as staff received them from Providence. Mr. England asked Mr. Rogers to remind him of how many alternatives there are for I-49 ICC. Mr. Rogers stated there are five alternatives, four "through" and the loop option. He stated of the four “though” there are discussions on whether to have one or two interchanges. Mr. England stated there are four through the path and the loop option; he asked if technically that loop would be the no-build option. Mr. Rogers stated the no-build would encompass directional signage to direct traffic to I-49 North, but the loop is not the “no-build” - it is Build Alternative 5. Mr. England stated the no-build does not necessarily mean “no cost.” Mr. Rogers affirmed. Mr. England asked if the loop around option would mean another bridge would have to be built across the lake. Mr. Rogers stated it would not be another bridge, but it would be additional lanes to the current bridge and re-doing one of the curves at I-20/I-220. Mr. North stated every ramp at I-20 would have to be reconstructed. Mayor Tyler asked if this is the option the Loop-It group wants. Mr. Rogers affirmed. Mr. England asked about the handouts Mr. North spoke about previously, if they would accommodate whatever is chosen. Mr. North stated they would. He further stated the no-build would keep a permanent discontinuity in I-49. He stated if the no-build is chosen, I-49 ends at I-220 and then picks up again at I-20. Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Rogers to clarify the sequence of events beginning with the August meeting. Mr. Rogers stated it would take awhile for the entire timeline to complete. He stated he has asked for a timeline to share with the committee. He stated Providence would take those two chosen alternatives and complete
more detailed field work and environmental analysis. Dr. Wilson asked if it would be three to four months after the committee submits their recommendation to FHWA that the FHWA decision is known. Mr. Rogers stated it would be more like six to eight months before FHWA’s decision is known. Dr. Wilson asked if once FHWA makes their decision, will it move to the funding category. Mr. Rogers stated the consultant will put together the Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement and it is at that point that there is a formal public hearing on that document. Mr. Rogers further stated it would be out for public comment for 45 days with the public hearing no earlier than 30 days into the public comment period. Mayor Tyler asked Mr. Rogers to have the specific details included in the presentation so as not to be guessing at the details. Mr. Rogers stated he would ask Providence to include that in their presentation. He further stated the public comments are put into the draft document and submitted to the federal agencies for comments. Dr. Wilson stated that once all of this happens, there is no longer a debate on the route. Mr. Rogers stated once there is a hearing on the draft document, there is no longer any debate. Mr. England asked if they were beyond the point having a toll for this section. Mr. Rogers stated he would need to get clarification from FHWA. Mr. England stated he shares the same sentiment of “biting the bullet” and get moving forward. Mayor Walker stated it is unlikely we will get any state money for it. Dr. Wilson asked what the share is for this highway. Mr. Rogers stated it is the traditional 80% federal 20% local split. He stated there is the unclaimed property fund to help. He stated it is a minor pot of money.

Mr. Rogers asked the mayors if they had talked with Secretary Wilson about the Jimmy Davis Bridge. They stated they had not.

**Adjourn**

With no further discussions, Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn with Mayor Tyler seconding.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary