Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, September 6, 2016 (9:00 AM)
Government Chambers – Government Plaza
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

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

Others Present
Ms. Tara Bradford – Assistant to Mayor Tyler
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Ms. Rita Barnette - NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Mayor Tyler asked a representative from Providence Engineering to come forward to make an announcement prior to the meeting.

Ms Kerry Oriol from Providence explained that concerns have been expressed by the federal partners on this project relative to doing additional analysis and getting additional data on potential F4 properties along the I-49 Inner City Connector Route. As a result of that, they cannot at this time make a definitive recommendation on which alternatives will be moving forward in the draft EIS.

Mayor Tyler clarified that Providence Engineering would be making a presentation during the meeting but would not be making a recommendation on a route.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments. Three minutes were given to each of the citizens submitting comment cards.
Mr. Pat Harrison shared his frustration with the delays of the I-49 Inner City Connector project. He will hold the resolutions of support that he has collected until a recommendation is made. He asked the Transportation Policy Committee to help facilitate the completion of Providence’s report.

Mr. Vernon Chance deferred.

Mr. Dick Bremer spoke on behalf of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has consistently supported competition of the I-49 project because they feel it is very important to our community. He extended the state Secretary of Transportation’s compliments of Shreveport and Bossier’s leaders in our efforts with transportation progress. The chamber would like to see completion as quickly as possible of a route through the city that properly respects those individuals who will be impacted.

Mr. Robert Neals deferred.

Mr. John Perkins shared economic concerns related to inner city connectors in other locations. He appreciates the pace and caution Providence has given to their study.

Ms. Dorothy Wiley, an Allendale resident, represented the organization LoopIt. Ms. Wiley appreciated Mayor Tyler’s administration’s efforts to bring the electric buses which helps to eliminate pollution. She is concerned with the pollution, noise, and other problems that the inner city connector will bring to their land. She prefers a business boulevard.

Mr. Roy Ferrell recalled that he asked in 2007 for the governor to provide the money for I-49 to be added to the task force and project for the state in order to restudy it again. He reiterated that his purpose was to see if it was more economical to take the project through or around. He concluded with his support for the project and reflection that there is a great history behind this project that allowed for growth in the district.

Presentations & Project Updates

1. **I-49 Inner City Connector: Recommended Alternatives for Draft EIS**

Kerry Oriol shared that they are in Stage 1 – Planning and Environmental. There have been three rounds of public meetings. LADOTD concurred with the findings of the Alternatives Decisions Memo which recommended the removal of Build Alternatives (BA) 3 and 5, and conditional removal of BA 1. FHWA responded with approval of the removal of BA 3 only. Ms. Oriole explained the current action as a result of FHWA’s response is to initiate a Section 4(f) process which determines whether the property needs to be protected as an historic site. Providence’s first step in the 4(f) process is to attempt to avoid potential Section 4(f) properties which included a look at moving the Right of Way of BA 4 to avoid SWEPCO Park. ROWs were also considered in BA 1 and 2. The Project Team is currently ascertaining the status of SWEPCO Park use with SPAR in order to determine whether it meets the definition of *significant* as presented in Section 4(f). Appropriate documentation will be presented to FHWA with either determination.
Mayor Tyler asked if there was a timeline needed regarding information on SWEPCO Park. Ms. Oriole will be working during the next month or two to contact SPAR to make an assessment on significance. Mayor Tyler pledged the city’s assistance as needed.

Dr. Wilson asked when we might meet again to hear a recommendation on the preferred route. Ms. Oriole replied that once Providence has an official response from FHWA regarding which build alternatives will go forward, they would be able to go forward with a meeting. She does not anticipate that meeting until early 2017 due to lengthy review times with FHWA. Mayor Tyler went on record stating that City of Shreveport did not know that Providence was not ready to make a recommendation until last night.

Dr. Wilson made a motion to postpone the resolution until the information can be obtained on the preferred routes. Mayor Walker seconded the motion to postpone the resolution. Mayor Tyler asked if there were any comments or questions. Mr. Rogers was asked when NLCOG was notified that there was an issue with Federal Highways? Mr. Rogers responded that they have been trying to work on that issue for a couple of weeks but the drop dead was literally 5:30 PM last night. All members were in favor of the motion.

New Business

2. Regional Thoroughfare Plan Presentations

Mr. Rogers explained that each team will be allowed 15 minutes for presentation and questions from the committee. After the presentations the committee members will transfer their individual team summary notes to the final ranking summary page. He will tally the members’ results and report the 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, and 3\textsuperscript{rd} place rankings. Mr. Rogers further shared a recommendation handout from the Technical Committee which detailed their evaluation of ten criteria.

AECOM Team – Mr. Tom Hunter presented on behalf of AECOM.

Neel-Shaffer Team – Mr. Jerry Trumps presented on behalf of Neel-Shaffer.

Walter P Moore Team – Mr. Kurt Shulltte and Mr. Rob Rae presented on behalf of Walter P Moore Team

Committee member submitted their rankings to Mr. Rogers. The ballots resulted in AECOM Team as the first place ranking, Walter P Moore as number two, and Neel-Shaffer as number three. Dr. Wilson moved and Mr. England seconded that the committee approve the rankings and instruct Mr. Rogers to negotiate with AECOM. There were not questions or comments. All members were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rogers stated that next Friday there will be a one item agenda meeting at NLCOG/ Shreveport Bar Center.

Mr. Sweeney asked when the negotiations for the contract for the thoroughfare plan would be completed. Mr. Rogers state he hoped that he would be able to bring the item up for discussion
at the October board meeting. Mr. Sweeney then estimated the completion date of the actual thoroughfare plan would be November of next year.

There were no other questions.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Marsiglia motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Altimus seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension
   Project Update – Field Investigations
   BKI

2. Transportation Funding Overview
   Overview of Federal and State Fuel Tax
   Kent Rogers

NEW BUSINESS

3. State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
   State CMAQ funding for SporTran Bus Replacement
   Kent Rogers

4. Approval of Minutes
   Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2016 and September 16, 2016
   Kent Rogers

ADJOURN
Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, November 18, 2016 9:00 am

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

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments. There were none.

Unfinished Business

1. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension: Project Update – Field Investigations

Representing BKI, Tyler Comeaux shared an informative PowerPoint presentation in order to brief the Transportation Policy Committee on LA 3132 Inner Loop Extension Stage 1 Environmental Study project activities. The BKI project team commenced field review of the two potential alignments, B1 & B2, on Monday, October 10, 2016. Two
weeks prior to the field review, proper notification including mailed notices and phone calls were deployed to gain access to the 350 acres terminus. For B1, 70% of access was granted and 30% of access was denied or there was no response. For B2, 72% of access was granted and 28% of access was denied or there was no response. Additionally, within B2 a 6% area designated as no response was thoroughly researched through Caddo Parish tax assessor records and through a series of potential heirs ultimately resulting in the family denying access at this time. BKI is still working with the family to gain access. During the October 10 team meeting, protocols were set emphasizing minimal impact to the land. No ATVs were used and all sites were walked. Owners were surveyed and interviewed. Photos, measurements, and samples were taken. BKI documented the conditions of the areas with attention to potential wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, standing structures, and the potential to be a Phase 1 Environmental Site.

Currently, BKI is completing the surveys and will document their results. After incorporating the findings into an analysis of the alternatives, they will report back to the Project Advisory Committee. The projected date for a report to NLCOG MPO Transportation Policy Committee will be early next year.

2. Transportation Funding Overview: Overview of Federal and State Fuel Tax

Mr. Kent Rogers presented an overview of federal and state fuel tax in order to emphasize Louisiana’s standing as one of the 12 states with the lowest gasoline taxes. Louisiana is at the lower end of tax rates (38.41) and the upper end of how long the rates have been in effect (26.8 years). Only five other states have had longer standing gas tax rates.

The federal general budget has been keeping trust fund budget afloat the last six years. Of the 1.7 billion DOTD budget, 643 is the only part with discretion as to spending.

No timed program projects in Caddo or Bossier Parishes, but some small projects along 171 in DeSoto Parish. There is concern over how bridges are maintained locally. The Murphy Street Bridge is the biggest off-system bridge that we have had. Other responsibilities that fall under DOTD include funding for the ports.

Gas taxes are not collected at the pump but rather at the rack (the truck delivering the gas). The tax formula is based on parish population and vehicles registered within the area. Mr. Rogers shared a chart detailing increases in fuels tax by parish if increases were made by .01, .05, .10, .20 and .25. Mr. Rogers shared Secretary Wilson’s analogy of how the slightly over $100 which Louisiana residents spend annually in state gas taxes relates to cultural entertainment possibilities.

Mr. Rogers updates the committee on yesterday’s Governor’s Task Force meeting with national transportation groups. It was their recommendation to consider how Louisiana
operates with consideration to sales tax and other taxes. Some states that have changed have used sales tax but that will probably not bode well in Louisiana. The .16 to .18 range is what is being talked about. They realize there will be dips and valleys and that we need to look over a 5 to 10 year span. This is just informational at this time. A final recommendation from the Task Force to Governor Edwards will be made in January. The last Task Force meeting will be held in December.

Mr. Washington asked if we have data from Georgia or Alabama. Mr. Rogers responded that during yesterday’s meeting quite a bit of discussion was about how Georgia collects taxes. They do not collect statewide but rather as DOTD Maintenance Districts. Some are tied to some of their sales tax. Sec. Wilson is inviting his Georgia counterpart to the next meeting to delve into the particulars of their process. Another state that the Task Force is interested in learning about is New Jersey which utilizes a combination of taxes approach.

Dr. Wilson asked about tolls on I-49. Mr. Rogers stated that information garnered from study was that it wouldn’t stand alone but could provide a small % support but at a very high cost. He further mentioned that Louisiana just does not have the concentrated populations and/or volumes and stated that the only exception might be a new Mississippi River Bridge.

Mr. England asked about electric and hybrid vehicles and how they affect the future gas taxes. Mr. Rogers stated that there were other states looking into those issues but at current the % of non-gas based vehicles is so low that they do not have a great impact. He also stated that Louisiana currently has an annual fee for electric vehicles.

David North commented that both he and his wife drive dooleys and that together they pay a lot of gas taxes. However, he figured it up and in 20 years they don’t pay enough in gas taxes to even pave the driveway to his nearest neighbor’s mailbox.

Mayor Tyler asked if our state has done anything to access matching funds for I-69? She heard the federal people state that they had two billion for applications. Mayor Walker responded that Dr. Kalvoda stated that we have nine million in which to apply but there has been no public announcement yet. He further stated that we need to continue to encourage the state to promote the completion of the environmental work by Texas as it is their responsibility.

**New Business**

3. **State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: State CMAQ funding for SporTran Bus Replacement.** Mr. Rogers stated that due to changes in some of the Air Quality Regulations the state now has more leeway as to spending their allocations of CMAQ funds. Due to this change they are providing assistance to SporTran/City of Shreveport in the amount of $3,162,000 for the procurement of 8 CNG type buses. No formal action required for this administrative amendment.
4. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2016 and September 16, 2016

Dr. Wilson motioned for approval of the minutes. Mr. England seconded. All members approved.

Mr. Sweeney asked the status of negotiations with the consultant for the Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Rogers stated that the proposal will be presented in November.

Mr. Dinero asked about the status of Amtrak. Mr. Rogers responded that the test train is trying to reschedule and he will get more information. Both Mayor Walker and Mayor Tyler have been contacted by Amtrak for a meeting.

Dr. Wilson asked about the tracking on I-49 selection. Mr. Rogers responded that it is 90% complete with an estimated January completion date.

Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Altimus seconded the motion.

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

AGENDA

Tuesday November 29, 2016, 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. I-220 BAFB Gate Access Road
   Project Update and DOTD Request
   Kent Rogers

2. Transportation Funding Overview
   Update from Governor’s Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment
   Kent Rogers

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition
   Update on the Regional Safety Coalition Action Plans
   Dr. Shelly Barrett

NEW BUSINESS

4. Approval of Minutes
   Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2016 and October 21, 2016
   Mayor Tyler

ADJOURN
Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, January 20, 2017 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Mayor Tyler -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Dr. Woody Wilson, 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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NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
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Members Present
Mayor Ollie Tyler – City of Shreveport
Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Dr. Woody Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. Mark Sweeney – MPC City of Shreveport

Others Present
Mr. Kent Rogers – Executive Director, NLCOG
Ms. Tara Bradford – Assistant to Mayor Tyler
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments.

Mr. Perkins spoke regarding transportation funding as it pertains to toll roads and how that might be funded. He also questioned how taxes might be assessed for car parts.

Presentations & Project Updates

1. I-220 BAFB Gate Access Road

Mr. Kent Rogers shared maps and data which have been completed. Two alternatives will be looked at by the DOTD. A fast track categorical exclusion has been recommended to move forward as part of the environmental process. Two alternatives are available. Funding will be determined after selecting one of the alternatives. Mayor Walker added that he attended the Governor’s Military Advisory Council last week where the governor continued to voice his strong support of this project.
In response to Mayor Tyler’s question about the cost, Mr. Rogers replied it will be between 60 and 80 million dollars depending on several factors like environmental work already done.

2. Transportation Funding Overview: Overview

Mr. Kent Rogers presented PowerPoint slides detailing the Transportation Task Force progress since our last meeting.

The task force has crafted two resolutions. One resolution supports tolling as a supplement to projects. Issues in the past included how much could tolling support and what projects would it support. This first resolution shows that tolls could be an option in some places and states that tolls would not support an entire project. The second resolution is in support of Public Private Partnerships. This resolution allows five projects to move forward with Public Private Partnerships without having to solicit partnerships. One of these is the Jimmy Davis Bridge.

The Louisiana Motor Transport Association (LMTA) has created a wish list that includes truck parking and equity with registration and permits. Their policy opposes increase in truck size/weight but they do support LSP funding.

LA Ports presentation reiterated their need for additional port infrastructure and deeper channels for future opportunities. They are hoping to see additional increases in funding into the Port Priority Program. Their biggest concern is dredging of all waterways.

Other presentations from regional groups included Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association (LOMCSA), CONNECT Coalition, Westside Sponsoring Committee, Capital Region Industry for Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions (CRISIS), American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC), and Refinery Tax Options.

The Task Force will meet again on December 1 and 13 at the Capitol with a presentation to the Governor legislatively due on or before January 1, 2017.

Mr. Rogers asked the board if they wanted to submit or support other than the handout that has been prepared to represent NLCOG.

Mr. Dinero asked how the projects were selected. Mr. Rogers responded that the common factor seems to be that they are bridge projects with the exception of one.

Mayor Walker questioned whether there had been discussion regarding the impact of stopping the tolling on the New Orleans Bridge. Mr. Rogers stated that those tolls were not controlled by the Louisiana Transportation Authority. It was a local decision which put a $50 million annual hit on DOTD.

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition

Dr. Shelly Barrett shared the new DZD brochure and discussed the recently adopted action plans for the four emphasis areas of Infrastructure and Operations, Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Young Drivers. Dr. Barrett praised the Louisiana State Police Troop G team leaders for each emphasis areas. Captain Robinson strategically placed leaders for each emphasis area who have been actively pursuing action items. One of the action items for the young drivers plan was to provide additional enforcement at school zones. During the last 90 days Troop G had 8 high school
zone details and Bossier Sheriff’s Office utilized speed monitors in school zones 17 times in September, 7 times in October, and 11 times in November. Two of the speed monitors where purchased and donated by Parkway High School as part of their 2016 Celebrate My Drive award.

Coloring books with occupant protection safety messages were sponsored by several community businesses and were used at the Highway Safety Commission’s table at the Louisiana State Fair as well as at child seat fitting events throughout Troop G. A distracted driving safety message was printed on a fan and distributed at local football games during the fall. Sponsored by local businesses, this safety message was directed to young drivers. A few successes were shared such as the repair of the pedestrian bridge at Tillman and Deas in Bossier City at Apollo Elementary and participation with Donna Cavanaugh of ThinkFirst of the Ark-La-Tex at the Junior League’s Super Safety Saturday.

Captain Robinson shared Troop G’s philosophy of educating the public in order to reduce the number of traffic fatalities. Programs like Sudden Impact for our sophomore students and Safety Town for our 2nd graders are making a big difference. He encouraged everyone to come to the January 26 meeting. They are going to continue to do the enforcement required and support the educational efforts. Support from other agencies is needed as well. An untapped resource is volunteer fire departments. Captain Robinson referred to one of the occupant protection action items of securing funding and hosting a local class to train firemen as child seat technicians.

New Business

4. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2016 and October 21, 2016

Dr. Wilson moved to accept the minutes. Mayor Walker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Walker stated that he has resigned as the President of the I-69 Coalition but will remain as the Louisiana Vice-President.

Mr. Sweeney requested that an update of the Thoroughfare Plan be placed on all future agendas or on a regular basis.

Mr. Rogers responded to Mr. Dinero’s question regarding a vote on I-49 in January. That is the currently the expected plan.

Mr. Altimus motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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

AGENDA

Thursday January 19, 2017, 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair
ROLL CALL  Kent Rogers
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS  Mayor Tyler
PUBLIC COMMENTS  Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. Transportation Funding Overview  Kent Rogers
   Governor’s Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment Report

2. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition  Dr. Shelly Barrett
   Update on the Regional Safety Coalition Action Plans

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan  Kent Rogers
   Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan

NEW BUSINESS

1. LA-3132 Inner Loop Extension  Kent Rogers/BKI
   Update on environmental process and alternative recommendation

2. Approval of Minutes  Mayor Tyler
   Approval of Minutes from November 29, 2016

ADJOURN  Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, February 17, 2017 9:00 am

MPO Transportation Policy Committee Members:
Mayor Tyler -Chair, William Altimus – Vice Chair, Dr. Woody Wilson, 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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Mayor Lo Walker – City of Bossier City
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Eric England – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran
Mr. Mark Sweeney – MPC City of Shreveport
Mr. Sam Marsiglia – MPC Bossier City

Others Present
Mr. Kent Rogers – Executive Director, NLCOG
Ms. Tari Bradford – Assistant to Mayor Tyler
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments.

Will Huguot – Mr. Huguot spoke in opposition to Alternative B1 for the 3132 Extension. He main concerns were the impacts to the former YWCA Lodge, the Bald Eagles and potential for Native American artifacts. He also noted that he had provided comments to BKI to be included in the public documents.

Jake Majors – Mr. Majors also spoke in opposition to Alternative B1. He noted that he lived on the B1 route and echoed Mr. Huguot’s concerns.
Shawna Woods - Ms. Woods spoke in opposition to Alternative B1. She noted her concerns to the impacts to the bicycle clubs that utilize Robson Rd and other roadways in the area.

Cyrus Morrison III – Mr. Morrison spoke on concerns with noise and potential degradation to the area.

**Presentations & Project Updates**

1. **Transportation Funding Overview**

   Mr. Kent Rogers called the committee’s attention to the report included in their packets. The report was prepared by the Governor’s Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment. The report is a culmination of efforts by the committee and the issues previously presented to the MPO. Mr. Rogers noted that the overall ask coming from the administration is $700 million/yr. The report includes a series of Resolutions/Recommendations for the legislature to consider. They vary from trucking permit changes, to aviation fuel charges, to tolling, P3’s and indexing of fuel tax. The intent is to work through the legislation on each of these and that as you raise funds that amount gets deducted from the overall ask. As you subtract out the monies raised you reduce the amount needed thereby reducing the fuel tax increase. Mr. Rogers noted that he is working with Secretary Wilson’s office to have him make a presentation locally on the report and other issues at DOTD.

2. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition**

   Dr. Shelly Barrett reviewed the highlights of the Northwest Louisiana Region Transportation Safety Plan which was completed in December 2016. During its first year of meetings, 304 community members attended the three full coalition meetings and four emphasis area meetings.

   Five year statistics (2009-2013) from our region were detailed in the document and revealed that fatalities due to infrastructure have decreased 9%. A 50% decrease attributed to unrestrained motorists was also revealed. Young driver crashes resulting in fatalities have increased 7% and a fluctuation was noted throughout the period for impaired driving fatalities.

   Serious injuries due to roadway departure have decreased 15% along with a 21% decrease related to intersections. Occupant protection serious injuries have also shown a decrease of 17%. Again, impaired driving serious injuries have shown a fluctuation during the five years while young driver serious injuries have increased 33%.

   Dr. Barrett noted the list of 67 stakeholder groups who worked together to draft the contents of the plan and who will oversee its development, implementation, and evaluation. Meeting dates and locations for 2017 full coalition and emphasis area meetings were provided.

   Mr. Rogers shared comments from Autumn Goodfellow-Thompson, DOTD, regarding the rapid progress and success of the Northwest LA Transportation Safety Coalition.

3. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan**
Mr. Rogers provided a final copy of the scope of work coordinated between NLCOG and the AECOM team. Mr. Rogers noted that a large part of the work will include a review of the functional classification plan for the area and some typical cross sections for the various classifications and design types including full complete streets. Mr. Rogers noted that the team is scheduled to hold their initial meeting with the technical committee and others in the very near future. Mr. Rogers stated that staff has distributed a great deal of the requested background data and copies of the transportation plan for the area.

New Business

4. LA-3132 Inner Loop Extension

Mr. Tyler Comeaux from BKI gave an update on the Environmental Study for the La 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension project. Mr. Comeaux went over the field review and survey work that had been done on Alternative B1 and B2. He specifically noted those properties that the team had full access to, those with limited access, and those with no access granted. Mr. Comeaux went over the Preliminary Findings in some detail paying specific attention to the following categories: Potential Displacements, Potential Noise Effects, Review of Natural Resources, the Cultural Resources Review, the Environmental Site Review, and Community Input. He noted that the results had been reviewed by the Technical and Project Advisory committee and that they concurred with the input and recommended that Alternative B2 move forward as the locally preferred alternative. Following a brief discussion Mr. Rogers presented the committee with a resolution in concurrence with these findings and the recommendation of the Project Advisory Committee to move forward with Alternative B2. Mr. Rogers read the resolution into the record. Mayor Tyler called for a motion on the resolution as presented and read. Mr. Washington motioned for approval with Mr. Sweeney seconding the motion. The motion passed 8 - 0 with 1 absent.

5. Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2016

Mayor Walker moved to accept the minutes. Mr. England seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Adjourn

Mayor Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Altimus seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday March 17, 2017, 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL

Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. Transportation Funding Overview
   Packet provided to our Federal Delegation
   Kent Rogers

2. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition
   Update on the Regional Safety Coalition
   Dr. Shelly Barrett

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan
   Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan
   Kent Rogers

4. LA-3132 Inner Loop Extension
   Update on environmental process and alternative recommendation
   Kent Rogers

5. I-69 SIU 15
   Request to LADOTD moving forward with segment from LA 1 to I-49
   Kent Rogers

NEW BUSINESS

6. Approval of Minutes
   Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017
   Mayor Tyler

ADJOURN

Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, April 21, 2017 9:00 am

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

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Mr. Rogers introduced Ms. Mary Stringfellow from Federal Highways Administration who will be the non-voting liaison replacing Brandon Buckner who has promoted to another position. Mary also introduced Mr. Carlos McCloud, FHA, who will also be assisting with MPOs.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments.

Mr. John Perkins mentioned the national attention the area received from Strong Towns regarding funding. He also expressed his desire to receive FOIA information from NLCOG in a timely manner.
Mr. Rogers replied that the information requested was only allowed to be released by SHIPA. Due to the sensitivity of the data, NLCOG was not able to release that information. Those requests are passed on the Ms. O’Neal’s office.

Ms. O’Neal commented that all FOIA requests are handled by her office and responding correspondence is submitted.

**Presentations & Project Updates**

1. **Transportation Funding Overview**

   This is the packet Mr. Rogers brought to DC last week. It is an overview of the gas tax information. He shared that within two hours of meeting with Congressman Johnson, he utilized this information in his testimony on the floor. Legislators requested further study on the costs of completing projects in Louisiana versus the United States. Mr. England offered to share data from roadways built within the Port.

2. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition**

   Upcoming events as well as education and enforcement campaigns for March, April, and May were shared by Dr. Shelly Barrett. Many events covering Young Drivers, Occupant Protection, and Impaired Driving will be held throughout the parishes throughout the spring semester. Notes from the January 26, 2017 full coalition meeting were included in the packet. The audience was encouraged to attend the next full coalition meeting on April 25, 2017.

3. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan**

   Mr. Chris Petro reported on the results of the Feb. 19 initial meeting as detailed by AECOM in the handout. The district was well-represented at the meeting. It was determined that a significant amount of public feedback has been generated through recent projects that can be utilized for this project, therefore continued public meetings were not necessary now. Long range goals will play directly into the Thoroughfare Plan. Operational classification, sensitive cross-sections, and corridor preservation will all be functions of this plan. A schedule for progress was also detailed in the report.

4. **LA-3132 Inner Loop Extension**

   Mr. Rogers referred to the resolution passed for alignment B2. Federal Highways Administration has not responded yet. Most of the technical reports have been submitted and reviews on them have been completed. The Noise Study cannot be completed until the Preliminary Line and Grade is completed.

5. **I-69 SIU 15**

   Discussion in Washington, D.C. regarding I-69 centered on the benefit it will have as a corridor of the future. The congressman giving his testimony mentioned I-69, I-49, and the Barksdale Gate. DOTD has contacted NLCOG to participate in meeting about existing project, changes that have occurred, and what could be done within the existing project regarding opening a section prior
to the bridge. Funding may be available if the project relates to the area. Mr. Altimus encouraged the board to wait until the end of the legislative session to vote on this issue regarding sections of I-69. He referred to Senator Peacock’s work regarding the Jimmy Davis Bridge which may be completed in 2020 and the national infrastructure money that may come through the state and impact a bridge for I-69. Discussion continued regarding the realignment of the Texas portion of I-69. Mr. Rogers concluded by encouraging the committee to look carefully at the long-term projects and funding available at the end of this legislative session.

New Business

6. Approval of Minutes from January 19

Mayor Walker moved to accept the minutes. Mr. England seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Mary Stringfellow discussed the upcoming FHA Certification Review of the MPO to be completed by December 1. The public meeting will be the first night and staff/committee member interviews will be the second day. Ms. Stringfellow’s desired time frame is late August to early September.

Mayor Tyler adjourned the meeting.
AGENDA

Thursday April 20, 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. I-49 Inner City Connector
Kent Rogers
Update on the I-49 ICC Environmental Study by Providence Eng.

2. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition
Dr. Shelly Barrett
Update on the Regional Safety Coalition

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan
Kent Rogers
Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan

4. I-69 SIU 15
Kent Rogers
Update on request as related to the segment from LA 1 to I-49

NEW BUSINESS

5. Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program
Kent Rogers
Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2018 UPWP for public Comment

6. Approval of Minutes
Mayor Tyler
Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2017

ADJOURN
Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, May 19, 2017 9:00 am

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

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments. The following citizens made public comments:

Ron Hagar requested that the committee get profit report pro and con regarding the engineering report.

Robert Neels was concerned with the lengthy process and its potential costs.
Bill Weiner shared the following documents “Making i-49 Move Forward” and a letter detailing his concerns on the dangers of transporting explosive and hazard materials on north LA highways.

Patrick Harrison shared concerns about delays and the perceived lack of attention to public opinion by consulting firm.

Dorothy Wiley urged the committee to consider the Business Boulevard.

John Perkins pointed to other cities that have removed inner city connectors resulting in negative impact to the cities. He also provided a listing of these cities to the committee.

Garth Wayt represented the Strategic Action Council and reminded the committee of a resolution adopted to finish the inner-city connector.

Bruce Roberts represented the North Shreveport Business group and shared their full support to complete the inner-city connector.

John Peek represented the Committee of 100 and shared concerns of missing economic benefits of building now. All business groups gave resolutions of support a year ago.

Louis Brosette identified his desire to make things right for his Allendale neighborhood and shared that the Business Boulevard would be a unique way to save the city.

Roy Burrell provided history on the project and shared his biggest concern of the water supply.

Willie Bradford urged the committee to look for what is sensible and reasonable for the whole group. He stated that 85 to 90% of the public have been supportive of the connector.

Minnie Farrow presented her concern that other people who don’t live here will benefit from the project.

Presentations

Mayor Tyler requested a motion that agenda items 2, 3, and 4 be moved to the next meeting. Dr. Wilson moved and Mayor Walker seconded. The motion was approved.

1. I-49 Inner City Connector
Rob Williams from Providence presented a Current Status of I-49 ICC PowerPoint. He shared that Providence is waiting for responses from DOTD and FHWA on the following: SWEPCO Park significance determination, Cross Lake Section 4(f) determination, and Alternatives Assessment. Once those responses are received, they will be able to move forward with detailed comparison of presumably two build alternatives, and the no build alternative, identify a preferred alternative, and complete the draft EIS.

Mr. Sweeney asked when would NLCOG make a final recommendation. Mr. Williams shared a potential timeline which included August public hearings, September-October final EIS public review, and December-January record of decision. It would then be on a June or July agenda for committee vote.
New Business

5. Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Washington moved and Mr. Altimus seconded a motion for introduction of the FY2018 UPWP for public comment. The motion was approved. Mr. Rogers stated that the UPWP is very similar to that of 2017 and called the committees attention to pages 11 – 13 entitled Planning Prospectus. This section provides a synopsis of each Task to be undertaken. Mr. Rogers noted that this is also a year for a major update to the Transportation Improvement Program so there is more emphasis given in Task A than in the previous years.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Altimus moved and Mr. North seconded a motion to accept the March 17, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting notes. The motion was approved.

Adjourn

Mr. Altimus moved and Mr. Washington seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
April 20, 1917

Re: Making I-49 move forward

NLCOG,

It is time to abandon the I-49 Inner-city connector as it will probably not happen, here is why and what can be done to make the connection happen now.

Problem "A" - The Separation of Local & Through Traffic

It is imperative to separate through traffic from local use to avoid negative economic benefits. Other cities have learned the hard way and a significant trend is emerging to tear down cut-through freeways to stimulate local economies. Local traffic creates the economy, through traffic inhibits the economy. This is not an opinion, it is proven a fact. Locals has assembled overwhelming evidence, available online.

Solution "A"

**Bypass <>** By designating LA 3132 as I-49 through traffic bypass, the city reduces congestion, solving half the problem of separating the two types of traffic.

**Local Traffic <>** This part is more complex. For local traffic to benefit our economy we need to connect local traffic to business. This requires traveling at ground level and slowing down. **I-49 Business**, a boulevard is a viable alternative and deserves serious consideration. Amend your scope of work and contracts or start over. Getting what is best for our future requires that we quit doing what has created the problems here and in other cities. **Do what is best for the most people for the longest time.**

**Grand CBD Entry <>** The boulevard provides for a Grand Entry into Shreveport’s downtown via the Boulevard to our: Civic Center - The Government Buildings -The River Front - Sci-port - Businesses and joining our other highways thus creating a network. This network would also provide needed redundancy to address temporary detours as might be required for accidents or maintenance. The Shreveport Grand Entry would be a landscaped boulevard along existing roads and right of ways. This beautiful boulevard would create business opportunities along it. The proof is cities across the country that have successfully done this type of beautiful road and simultaneously increased their tax base.

Problems "B" - The Inner-city Connector Will Not Be Built

**No Funding <>** There is no Federal funding available to do this project. However, there may be funding for upgrades and maintenance, like for existing roadways.

**No City Connector Approved by US DOT <>** In 2016 the US Department of Transportation stated that none of the five proposed inner-city routes had been approved.

**Possible Court Challenges <>** There are several attorneys involved, including: Two in private practice - Two law schools - Two Environmental Organizations - One National Justice group. Others may follow. As this become a national issue, there is a good chance that the inner-city freeway approach will just die.

Solution "B"

Abandon the inner-city approach and adopt the **Bypass / Business Boulevard** approach and go for the funds. This can happen sooner as so much of it can be done in phases using existing assets as funding is available. **Faster, better cheaper!**

Bill Wiener, Jr <> Architect / Urban Planner
Design.Bill@gmail.com <> cell: 970 / 948-8255

Please include this entire letter as part of your minutes.
April 20, 2017

NLCOG,

I am here to speak on the dangers of transporting explosive and other hazard materials over our north LA highways to the Minden Burn Chamber that is attempting to remaining active there.

We don't want more trucks carrying more hazardous material over I-20, I-49 or other LA routes. I see this as a prime responsibility of NLCOG as this involves all of the roads in North LA. Imagine a truck carrying toxic material that is to dangerous to be addressed locally, going to the Minden facility for disposal and is involved in a wreck that spills the material. This may not happen for some time, but - **IT WILL HAPPEN!**

I ask you, NLCOG, to do all that you can, to stop this. Please write a position letters to the Governor, the North LA senators and congress, along with LADOT - LADEQ - LDH. These letters should also be copied to all of the TV & newspapers in North LA and the major media throughout the state.

I am prepared to work with you to help remove anyone from any public office, who promote anything like this over trying to protect our current lives and those in the future.

There is no excuse for not trying to stop any action that will kill people.

Please make this letter a part or your files on this matter and include it as an attachment in the minutes of this meeting.

**Bill Wiener, A concerned citizen.**

billwiener@me.com

cell: 970 / 948-8255
Cities leading Highways to Boulevards Movement...

The following list of cities have torn down, blocked, are in the process of planning/debating alternatives (e.g., boulevards), or have prospered by resisting cut-through expressways. Learn more about their stories captured in the bibliography of the Allendale Learning Community, Loop-it:

1. Akron, Ohio
2. Ashville, North Carolina
3. Austin, Texas
4. Chattanooga, Tennessee
5. Dallas, Texas
6. Houston, Texas
7. Indianapolis, Indiana
8. Little Rock, Arkansas
9. Madrid, Spain
10. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
11. New Orleans, Louisiana
12. New York City, New York
13. Oakland, California
14. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
15. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
16. Portland, Oregon
17. Providence, Rhode Island
18. Rochester, New York
19. Saint Louis, Missouri
20. Saint Paul, Minnesota
21. San Francisco, California
22. Seattle, Washington
23. Seoul, South Korea
24. Syracuse, New York
25. Vancouver, British Columbia
WHEREAS, the Strategic Action Council (SAC) of Northwest Louisiana is working to grow Northwest Louisiana as a thriving hub of all-inclusive economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 49 (I-49), once completed, will be an integral part of an international controlled-access, North-South interstate route linking the State of Louisiana to markets and destinations in Canada, Northern U. S. states and worldwide through the Panama Canal; and

WHEREAS, the completion of I-49 through Shreveport is vital to the economic development of Northwest Louisiana, as it will attract new businesses, industries and travelers to this area and open new markets to existing business and industry; and

WHEREAS, I-49 has been, or soon will be, completed through Shreveport and Caddo Parish except for the final segment between Interstates 20 and 220, the location of which has yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, an urgent need exists for the designation of the location of this remaining segment of I-49, so that funding can be obtained and construction commenced and completed without further delay; and

WHEREAS, the most feasible route for this remaining segment of I-49 is a direct route running within a 3.5-mile corridor between the existing intersection with Interstates 20 and the intersection with Interstate 220 presently under construction; and

WHEREAS, this direct route, in addition to being the shortest and the least expensive route, will promote the quality of life, safety and economic opportunity in downtown Shreveport and the neighborhoods that lie along the route, revitalizing those neighborhoods, and providing them with efficient transportation to other areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, this inner-city direct route will benefit the overall neighborhood in the vicinity of this route by allowing improvements near this defined route and provide a plan around which economic development can take place; and

WHEREAS, this route will also provide additional jobs for the Minority Supplier Institute contractors sponsored by our organization for the project construction and surrounding construction work; and

WHEREAS, this direct route will also provide residents of the neighborhoods and towns to the north with faster access to the University Health Emergency Trauma Center and other health care facilities in Shreveport; and
WHEREAS, the so-called "Loop-It" alternative, by which I-49 would be routed in a circular manner along an existing path, is cost prohibitive and creates a potential hazard to the regional water supply, and would deny the many benefits of the most direct route; and

WHEREAS, many of the perceived problems that some believe will result from the direct route can be mitigated or avoided with the use of modern best practices; and

WHEREAS, further delay in the designation of the route of the remaining segment of I-49 will result in an unnecessary postponement of the benefits of completion of I-49;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Strategic Action Council supports the designation of the Inner City Connector, being a 3.5 mile direct route between the existing intersection with Interstate 20 and the intersection with Interstate 220, as the route of the remaining segment of Interstate 49, through the City of Shreveport, and supports the construction of the highway in that location in a manner consistent with modern best practices for the construction of urban highways, with a commitment of continuing regard, being given in the design and construction of the highway, for the concerns of affected neighborhoods, residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Strategic Action Council urges and requests all governmental authorities having jurisdiction, as well as all local residents and businesses, to support the designation of the Inner City Connector as the route for the remaining segment of I-49 and urges and requests interested parties to refrain from future construction and development activities that would be inconsistent with that designation.

Gard Wayt
President of the Board

April 13, 2017

Jeffrey Thomas
Executive Director
All cards must be returned to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will not be accepted during the meeting. You will be called upon at the appropriate time to speak.

Please print:

Date: April 20, 2017
Name: Middie Farrow
Address: 400 N. Dale Ave #205
E-mail: 
Phone: (318) 393-9973

I am representing: ☑ myself ☐ business ☐ organization
Name of business / organization: I-49 Loop IT

Comment on: ☑ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item
Briefly describe your comment(s):

The # of Housing that have been built
As a reminder, public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

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Please print:

Date: 4-20-17

Name: Willie Bradford

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Phone: (318) 218-6184

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: ______________________

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

I - 49

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

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Please print:

Date: 4-20-2017
Name: Louis Brossett
Address: 1574 Clay St.
E-mail: 
Phone: (318) 934-8854

I am representing: □ myself □ business □ organization
Name of business / organization: Allendale Strong
Comment on: □ Agenda item □ Non-agenda item
Briefly describe your comment(s): My comments are concerning my love for my neighborhood and my community.
All cards must be returned to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will not be accepted during the meeting. You will be called upon at the appropriate time to speak.

Please print:

Date: 4-20-17

Name: JOHN PEAK

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E-mail: JAPeak@ATT.NET

Phone: (318) 773-7005

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: COMMITTEE OF 100

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

must complete Innocity Connector on I-49
Every day delayed cost Community major dollars in Economic benefits that cannot be recovered

There is no realistic alternative to Innocity. Location is too costly Environmentally

risky to build

no build puts greater traffic on Cross Lake Bridge and 318 - neither designed to handle it and greatly increasing risk to Shreveport water supply.

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Please print:

Date: 4/10/17

Name: RON HAGAR

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Phone: (318) 525-2324

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business/organization: 

Comment on: ☒ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

Want I-49 to not divide central Shreveport

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS
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Please print:

Date: 4/20/17

Name: Robert M. Mills

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Phone: (318) 469-1191

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business/organization: ____________________________

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

[Handwritten comment]

Suggest for selecting a route for I-49 I-69, question the competency or allegiance of Providence Energy...
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

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Please print:
Date: APRIL 20, 2017
Name: **BILL WIEHER**
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Phone: (970) 948-8255 cell
I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization
Name of business / organization: 
Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

SAFETY - MINDEN BURN CHAMBER

Not on Agenda

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS
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Please print:

Date: **April 20, 2017**

Name: **Bill Weiner**

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E-mail: **Designt@Bill@Gmail.com**

Phone: **(970) 948-025**

I am representing: [ ] myself [ ] business [ ] organization

Name of business / organization: ____________________________

Comment on: [ ] Agenda item [ ] Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

**A Way to Complete I-49 to Arkansas - Make it happen now**

Thank you for your comments.
All cards must be returned to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will not be accepted during the meeting. You will be called upon at the appropriate time to speak.

Date: 4-20-17
Name: Patrice Harrison
Address: 1305 Airport Dr.
Phone: (318) 218-2008

I am representing: myself [ ] business [ ] organization [X]
Name of business / organization: Comm. for One Parish

Comment on: Agenda item [X] Non-agenda item [ ]

Briefly describe your comment(s):

[Handwritten: F49]
All cards must be returned to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will not be accepted during the meeting. You will be called upon at the appropriate time to speak.

Please print:

Date: 04/20/2014

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E-mail: JSCRAMM@gmail.com

Phone: (318) 751-8977

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ Organization

Name of business / organization: Allendale Strong

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS
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Date: 4-20-17

Name: John Perking

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Phone: (318) 393-0759

I am representing: ☑ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business / organization: 

Comment on: ☑ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

1-49 update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS
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Please print:

Date: 4/20/17

Name: GARD WAYT

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Phone: (318) 207-1292

I am representing: ☐ myself ☐ business ☐ organization

Name of business/organization: Strategic Action Council of NW LA

Comment on: ☐ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

Support for 149 Inner City Corridor
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Please print:

Date: 11/20/17
Name: Bruce Roberts
Address: 1500 N. Market
E-mail: Bruce@robertsco.com
Phone: (318) 221-8601

I am representing: ☑ myself ☐ business ☑ organization

Name of business/organization: North Shreveport Business Assoc.

Comment on: ☑ Agenda item ☐ Non-agenda item

Briefly describe your comment(s):

In support of I-49 thru the City
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

AGENDA

Friday May 19, 9:00 am  
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room  
625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA  71101

CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL  
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS  
Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Mayor Tyler

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program  
Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 UPWP  
Kent Rogers

NEW BUSINESS

2. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan  
Introduction for public comment on the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for Northwest Louisiana Public Comment  
Lisa Frazier

3. Approval of Minutes  
Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2017  
Mayor Tyler

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

1. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition  
Update on the Regional Safety Coalition  
Kent Rogers

2. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan  
Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan  
Chris Petro

3. I-69 SIU 15  
Update on request as related to the segment from LA 1 to I-49  
Kent Rogers

ADJOURN  
Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, June 16, 2017 9:00 am

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

MINUTES

Friday May 19, 2017 (9:00 AM)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

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

Members Absent
None

Others Present
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Lisa Frazier – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments. There were none.

Old Business

1. Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Rogers stated that staff had received only a few comments and that they were all technical in nature and that a few of those had come from Mr. England. Mr. Rogers stated that he understood Mayor Tyler had a question. Mayor Tyler directed the committee’s attention to page 45 of 51 and asked Mr. Rogers if he could explain the Caddo Tax and Caddo 911 under Other Local Income. Mr. Rogers stated that the other under this category is derived from minor amounts from Bio Med, DeSoto Parish, and a few others for which NLCOG provided some very minor assistance; with BioMed NLCOG assisted with their
Brownfields Quality Assurance. Mr. Rogers then stated that the Caddo Tax and Caddo 911 amounts are for their contributions to the ReGIS effort. This is the covers cost of software and maintenance to the base data for the GIS. These amounts were established through an intergovernmental agreement with those parties. Mr. Tyler asked if NLCOG manages that effort. Mr. Rogers concurred. Mayor Tyler stated that was the question she had and directed Mr. Rogers to move forward. Mr. Rogers stated that the UPWP is very similar to that of 2017 and called the committees attention to pages 11 – 13 entitled Planning Prospectus. This section provides a synopsis of each Task to be undertaken. Mr. Rogers noted that this is also a year for a major update to the Transportation Improvement Program so there is more emphasis given in Task A than in the previous years. Mr. England moved and Mayor Walker seconded a motion for adoption of the FY2018. The motion was approved.

New Business

2. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
Mr. Rogers stated that this was for introduction for public comment and asked Mrs. Frazier to provide an overview of the plan. Mrs. Frazier stated that this was an update to the plan that had been adopted in 2009. The plan covers the 10 parish area of Northwest Louisiana and has a coordination committee that meets on a quarterly basis. The goal is to look at ways to improve transportation services for those dependent upon public transportation not only in the urban area but also the rural parts of the region. The providers across the area agreed to continue with the same goals and objectives as previous. Ridership surveys were sent out and we received over 1000 responses. The main issues were lack of knowledge of what services are available and the best methods for scheduling rides. The plan recommends doing some regional marketing to address this issue. The other major focus would be development of a single call system by which an individual would make a single call and that call center would arrange for services based on the appropriate need. Mrs. Frazier then stated that there are a series of public meetings to be held in each parish in the region. Mayor Tyler asked how outreach would be done for the elderly as they are not necessarily social media inclined. Mrs. Frazier stated that some of the outreach would be through pamphlets and hard copy media provided through the council on aging’s, at doctors’ offices, etc. Mayor Tyler asked if there were additional comments or questions. Mr. Washington stated that we had recently developed a series of documents on the long range plan and the public transit plan and asked we were still using those documents. Mr. Rogers stated yes there were. Mr. Washington stated that he felt those were excellent documents and suggested gearing the outreach in a similar manner. Mr. England asked what the budget was for the plan. Mr. Rogers stated that if was $15,000 total and 100% funded from FTA. Mayor Walker motioned to introduce the plan for public comment with Mr. England seconding, the motion was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting. Mayor Tyler asked the committee to look over the minutes as provided. Dr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes with Mr. Washington seconding, the motion was approved.

Presentations

Mr. Rogers stated that included in the member’s packet is an outline of the efforts for the Safety Coalition. He noted that Dr. Barrette was in Baton Rouge. Mayor Tyler asked what does the Tweens project entail. Mr. Rogers stated that is an effort focusing primarily on those aged 10 – 14.
5. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan.**

Mr. Petro provided the group with an overview of the progress on the regional thoroughfare plan. He directed the committee’s attention to the Public Outreach plan developed for the project. This portion of the plan was developed by Franklin. Mr. Petro also called the committee’s attention to the screen showing the website that is now operational for the plan. Mr. Petro then gave an outline of the data and information that has been provided to the consulting team and the quality control that they are under taking with review of the various plans and documents in the area. Mr. Sweeney stated that he felt this effort was very important for the region and that efforts like this have occurred all across the country and that this was the first effort of this type for our area. Mayor Walker asked how this would be implemented in our area. Mr. Petro noted that AECOM would be looking at best practices across the country on how other areas did this. Mr. Rogers noted that they are required to develop a series of templates for each of the municipalities and MPC’s to use in implementation. Mr. Marsiglia noted that any tools provided to them would be helpful. Mr. Sweeney reiterated that once the plan is adopted by the appropriate bodies they can then hold firm with developers on right of way dedications. Mr. England cautioned the group to move very carefully through this process and especially during the adoption phase. Mayors Tyler and Walker concurred. Mr. Rogers stated that over the past few years the state legislative bodies have passes measures to assist in these efforts. He noted that Lafayette is probably ahead of the other areas of the state in this area of planning. Dr. Wilson stated he understood that this type planning effort would basically be putting the public and developer on notice that this is what a jurisdiction is looking towards in the future. Mr. Petro concurred. Mr. England asked how changes would be made over time. Mr. Rogers stated that he felt the best way was to review this work at the same time we review the traditional long range plan and the public transportation plan. The ultimate goal of having all these efforts completed in roughly the same time period provides the regional with a truly comprehensive transportation plan for the area including not just highways, but public transportation, human services, rail, and methods for implementing those that includes the thoroughfare plan. Mr. England reiterated his concern of moving very cautiously through the adoption process. It was agreed that we move cautiously with this effort.

6. **I-69 SIU 15.**

Mr. Rogers directed the committee’s attention to the map in their packets. He stated that DOTD and FHWA are looking at what might possibly be done along this portion of I-69 between the port and I-49 without disturbing the existing environmental document. Mr. Rogers noted that no action had been taken on this yet.

Adjourn

Mayor Walker moved and Mr. England seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee
AGENDA
Friday June 16, 2017 9:00 am
NLCOG Offices - 1st Floor Seminar Room 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ollie Tyler, Chair

ROLL CALL
Kent Rogers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mayor Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Tyler

OLD BUSINESS

1. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Lisa Frazier
   Adoption of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for Northwest Louisiana
   Public Comment Period open till June 23rd. Adoption at August Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes Mayor Tyler
   Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2017

3. Election of officers for Fiscal Year 2018 Mayor Tyler
   Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017

4. Calendar of Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2018 Mayor Tyler
   Approval of Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension Tyler Comeaux BKI
   Update on the Environmental Study

6. Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition Dr. Shelly Barrett
   Update on the Regional Safety Coalition

7. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan Chris Petro
   Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan

8. LA 511 Jimmie Davis Bridge Kent Rogers
   Letter to Secretary Wilson

ADJOURN
Mayor Tyler

Next regular scheduled meeting - Friday, August 18, 2017 9:00 am

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

MINUTES

Friday June 16, 2017 (9:00 AM)
First Floor Seminar Room
NLCOG Office, Shreveport Bar Association
625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

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

Members Absent
Mr. Dinero Washington – SporTran

Others Present
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mrs. Shelly Barrett
Mrs. Betsey Tramonte – FHWA Louisiana Division

Call to Order

Mayor Tyler called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Tyler asked for public comments. There were none.

Old Business

1. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
Mr. Rogers stated the public comment period was still open so we would need to wait till the August meeting for adoption. So far there have been no comments received.

New Business

2. Approval of Minutes
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2017 meeting. Mayor Tyler asked the committee to look over the minutes as provided. Dr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes with Mayor Walker seconding, the motion was approved.

3. **Election of officers for Fiscal Year 2018.**
Mr. Rogers stated that the next item for discussion was the election of officers for Fiscal Year 2018 which begins July 1, 2017 and runs through June 30, 2018. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented with Mr. William Altimus serving as as Chair and Mayor Lo Walker as Vice Chair. Mr. England second the motion, the motion was approved.

4. **Calendar of Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2018.**
Mr. Rogers stated that the next item for discussion was the Calendar of Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2018 which begins July 1, 2017 and runs through June 30, 2018. Mayor Walker suggested we continue with the same format as in the past. Dr. Willson motioned to approve the calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates with those being the third Friday of each month except for July and December. Mr. Altimus second the motion. Mr. England asked if we could please post those dates on our web site and to also publish them in our journal of record. Mayor Tyler called for a vote, the motion was approved.

**Presentations**

1. **LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension**
Mr. Tayler Comeaux from BKI gave a brief update on the project to date. Mr. Comeaux stated they had received concurrence on the recommendation of Alternative B2 from both DOTD and FHWA. They process from here out is finalizing the Technical Reports including Line and Grade, Traffic Noise, and others. Following that they will prepare the Draft Environmental Assessment for review by DOTD and FHWA. Upon their approval we could then advertise and hold the public hearing and prepare the final documentation. At this point we are looking at the end of the year or early next for issuance of a FONSI. Dr. Wilson asked to clarify that Alternative B2 is the Alternative recommended by the MPO. Mr. Rogers concurred with this.

2. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition.**
Mrs. Barrett provided a brief run down on the Safety Coalition activities to date and the upcoming activities. She noted that most work had been one on one type meetings and that the larger group would be getting together again next quarter. Mrs. Barrett stated that they were working on a video campaign with the local universities and they now had each of them participating and involved. Mrs. Barrett stated that as mentioned in previous meetings the coalition was pursuing a Tween project. She stated she was pleased to announce that we are one of only three regions across the country to be asked to participate in the program. Mayor Walker asked who are the tweens. Mrs. Barrett replied basically those children ages 12 – 14.

3. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan.**
Mr. Petro provided the group with an overview of the progress on the regional thoroughfare plan. Mr. Petro stated that the consultant was in the process of developing a user friendly application to review various design types and cross sections based on functional classification and surrounding land use. Mr. Sweeney stated he felt that will be very helpful to MPC staff members as project come in. Mr. England
reiterated his concern of moving very cautiously through the adoption process. It was agreed that we move cautiously with this effort.

4. **LA 511 Jimmie Davis Bridge.**

Mr. Rogers directed the committee’s attention to letter in their packets. He stated that he hand delivered the Letter to Secretary Wilson at DOTD and also provided copies of the letter to our state delegation in Baton Rouge. Mr. Rogers noted that the letter was provided to them prior to floor discussions on the proposed gas tax increase. Mayor Tyler asked if each of the members had received a copy. Mr. Rogers stated that copies for each with their names listed at the top were provided to the Sargent At Arms for both the House and Senet for distribution. Mayor Tyler thank Mr. Rogers for had delivering these letters on this important matter and that we need to continue to push the effort forward.

**Adjourn**

With nor reaming agenda items Mayor Tyler entertained a motion to adjourn, Mayor Walker moved and Mr. Altimus second, the meeting was adjourned.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary