MINUTES

Friday February 16, 2018 (9:00 AM)
NLCOG, 1st Floor Seminar Room
625 Texas Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

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

Mr. Glenn Benton – Bossier Parish representing Mr. Altimus in non-voting capacity

Members Absent
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Ms. Ronisha Hodge – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present
Joshua S. Chevallier - Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Rita Barnette - NLCOG

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

Public Comments
Mayor Walker called for public comments and reminded those in attendance to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

With no other comments Mayor Walker proceeded with the agenda.
Business

1. Approval of Minutes
The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2018 meeting. Mayor Walker asked the committee to look over the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington motioned to approve the minutes with Mr. Marsiglia seconding, the motion was approved.

2. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment
Mayor Walker stated that the next item for discussion was the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the I-220 Barksdale Gate Access Road. The chair entertained a motion to introduce the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment with reference to the I-20 @ I-220 BAFB Gate Access Road. Mayor Tyler motioned with Dr. Wilson seconding. The chair opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Rogers asked the committee to refer to the document behind Tab 3. This document is the Issues Statement for the I-20 @ I-220 Interchange Modification and BAFB Gate Access Road. Mr. Rogers gave a brief description of the issues statement which outlined the details of the project, the issues surrounding the project, the significance, current status, the cost and funding and also local contacts for the project. The report also includes a map of the proposed project and a basic timeline for allocation of specific funds. The overall purpose of the project is to provide better access to the base and a gate that is not impeded by railroad tracks.

Mr. Rogers went on to describe that the state is proposing the use of GARVEE Bonds for implementation of the project. To go with this the state has asked the City of Bossier City and Bossier Parish to put up a combined total of $6 million and that the MPO allocate $12 million in attributable funds to the project. The $12 million would be spread out over a 12-year period at $1 million per year. Mr. Rogers then described the time line necessary for the MPO to go through its process. The first step is to amend the Long-Range Plan followed by a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for the first portion of the funds and then inclusion in the new TIP for full funding. Mr. Rogers described that the resolution you have before you is to take that first step. The MPO would be amending the Long-Range Plan to move the project from the Vision Roadway (MEGA Project) category to the Current Stage Program and to identify the funding sources as described earlier. This amendment requires a 30-day public comment period and due to the shortened month it would not be available for full adoption until the April meeting. The TIP Amendments would then follow.

Mayor Walker stated that the parish has approved their funding and the city has approval of their funding on their next council agenda. Those approvals along with this resolution would make all this legal and correct. Mr. Rogers stated that was correct. Mayor Walker then stated that 2 weeks ago at the Joint Transportation Committee hearing a large contingency from the area was present to testify on behalf of this project. He furthered stated that Sect. Dr. Wilson presented the package to the committee with unanimous approval but that they would need to go through additional steps.

Mr. Rogers stated that the states process is a 3 Committee process. The Joint Transportation Committee approved the use of GARVEE Bonds and the use of Design-Build for the projects. The Design-Build process speeds up implementation of projects. The Joint Budget Committee approves the use of GARVEE Bonds. They are scheduled to meet in roughly two weeks. Following Joint Budget it then goes to the State Bond Commission for approval. Once the bond commission gives its initial approval DOTD will submit the formal MOU to FHWA for the GARVEE Bond Package. DOTD can then go back to the Bond Commission of issuance of bonds. It is likely that there will be multiple bond issuances. Each
issuance has a set 12 year term to them and repayment begins approximately one month following the first draw. Mayor Walker stated that he understood this to be a new process for the state of Louisiana but that many other states have utilized the GARVEE process. Mr. Rogers stated that is correct.

Mr. Rogers then went over the resolution for the committee. Dr. Wilson asked if the was a combined effort to modify the plan and to adopt the resolution in support of the use of funds. Mr. Rogers stated that the resolution is to modify the Long Range Plan and Identify the funding sources for the project. He further stated the need for a 30-day public comment period due to federal regulations.

Mayor Walker stated that Mr. Altimus had meet with base personnel and they are ecstatic about the project and the movement of the project to coincide with their projects. Dr. Wilson asked what is the MilCon cost of the project. Mr. Rogers stated that the total support is roughly $560 million with include the new weapons storage area, the gate complex, the new roadway, and new dorms and support services for the storage area.

Mayor Tyler then stated she believed the action needed today was the motion to introduce the resolution to amend the plan for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that was correct and that the motion was made by Mayor Tyler with a second from Dr. Wilson. Mr. Washington asked if there was a way to push the meeting back in order to adopt the resolution and speed the timeline up. Mr. Rogers stated that we would be able to introduce the tip amendment prior to adoption of the plan amendment so it would not necessarily speed our end up any. With no further questions the chairman called for a vote. The motion passed.

**Presentations and Project Updates**

3. **I-20 @ I-220 BABF Gate Access**

The next item on the agenda was the I-20 @ I-220 BABF Gate Access Road project update. Mr. Rogers stated that the project update Issues Statement was coved under the early discussions. He then asked if there were any further questions or comments. Having no further discussion Mayor Walker called for the next agenda item.

4. **Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan**

Mr. Petro stated that NLCOG will be hosting an Open House for elected officials held on February 20th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the NLCOG meeting room at 625 Texas Street. The purpose is to provide elected officials an opportunity to discuss the project with the project team and NLCOG staff, review materials, and ask questions about right-of-way preservation. This session is being provided in order to better prepare local government decision makers for the local adoption of the Regional Thoroughfare Plan in 2018. This is a come and go meeting. Dr. Wilson stated that the commission would be meeting that afternoon and he may ask for some representation at that meeting to give an update on the plan. Mr. Sweeney asked if we could amend the contract to add representation from the consultants to help walk the project through the adoption process with each of the jurisdictional bodies. Mr. Rogers stated that he has already asked AECOM to provide an initial scope and cost to him.
Mayor Walker asked if there were any further comments on this subject. Having none he asked if there were any further business or comments for the group.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mayor Walker entertained a motion to adjourn, Dr. Willson moved and Mayor Tyler seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary