Call to Order

Mr. Altimus called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Petro to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Altimus called for public comments and reminded those in attendance to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. No Cards Submitted

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting. Mr. Altimus asked the committee to look over the minutes as provided. Mayor Walker noted that under item 2 Shreveport Regional ITS Architecture plan the minute read May Walker, that should be Mayor
Walker. Mr. Marsiglia noted that he was not present at the meeting. Mayor Walker motioned to approve the minutes subject to corrections noted with Mayor Tyler seconding, the motion was approved.

2. MPO Certification Review
Mr. Rogers stated that within the members packet there was a copy of the notice that was published in the Shreveport Times and the Advocate as the state’s official paper. He stated it has been posted to our website and social media sites. The Public Listening Session will be held at the Bossier Parish Community College on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm. The remainder of the schedule is for review of internal procedures and policies. Mr. Altimus asked if there was to be a wrap-up session on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Rogers stated that in previous years they had done so but was not informed of such but would check with Mrs. Stringfellow. If she advised there would be Mr. Rogers stated he would inform the members.

Presentations

3. Northwest Louisiana Regional Thoroughfare Plan
Mr. Petro stated that NLCOG Technical Committee met yesterday with the primary focus on the regional thoroughfare plan. He stated that we were gearing up for 4 public open house meetings and that there was very good attendance at the technical meeting and great input from all present. Mr. Petro then introduced Mr. Derek Chisholm from AECOM. Mr. Chisholm gave a brief overview of the schedule and where we are to date. He noted that they have spent a great deal of time working with the technical members editing maps, reviewing projects, reviewing functional classifications and design standards. Mr. Chisholm also mentioned that BKI as one of the team members has a few experts on corridor preservation. They have been reviewing the existing legislation and local ordinances as they relate to corridor preservation. He noted that they seem to be in good shape and my need just some minor tweaking. Mr. Chisholm reiterated that the will be a series of 4 public outreach meetings next week. He provided the members a copy of the push cards that were produced for the meetings. Mr. Chisholm stated that the meetings are spread throughout the region in order to accommodate the public.

Mr. Rogers stated that the technical committee spent a good bit of time talking about the corridor preservation concerns for the area. He noted that we want to make sure to get this correct the first time around. Mr. Altimus asked if there were any further comments.

4. LA-3132 Inner Loop Extension
Mr. Altimus moved the discussion to the next agenda item the La 3132 Inner Loop Project. Mr. Rogers gave a brief update on the project timeline and where we are in the process. Mr. Rogers stated that the line and grade has been submitted for review. The traffic and noise report has had a few internal comments and the consultants are incorporating a level of service factor for future traffic analysis and the final report should be submitted soon. The Hydraulic study was submitted along with the Line and Grade work for review. Mr. Rogers stated that there is some additional archeology field work to be done to clarify some comments from SHPO. He stated that most of this was in the area around the future I-69 interchange. Mr. Rogers then went over the schedule provided to the members noting that the public hearing and public comment period for the project is tentatively scheduled for Mid April 2018 and that the final environmental document should be submitted to FHWA by early May 2018 with a FONSI issued in June.
5. BAFB Gate Access Road I-20 and I-220 Interchange Modification Report

Mr. Altimus introduced the next item on the agenda was the BAFB Gate Access Road I-20 and I-220 Interchange Modification Report. Mr. Altimus state that the report has been submitted to the feds after a very lengthy process and was happy to see us making progress. Mr. Rogers stated that the document had been reviewed by the Louisiana Division office and all comments and concerns had been addressed. Mr. Rogers also stated that several iterations of this report had been completed in house. Mr. Petro stated that he had spent many hours modeling the network and doing data analysis on this project. He stated that it has been many years to get to this stage and was glad to finally be moving forward. Mr. Altimus stated that there had been delays at DOTD and the feds in Baton Rouge over the years much of it due to new people coming on board and wanting to put their own little spin to the project. Mr. Rogers stated that as soon as the DC office of Federal Highways approves of the report then DOTD can proceed with the environmental document. DOTD is hoping to submit a categorical exclusion and has had preliminary approval of that from FHWA. That will then be provided to BAFB for inclusion in the environmental work being done on the base side. Mr. Rogers noted that the environmental on base was being done under DOD guidelines rather than FHWA guidelines and they would be completing an Environment Assessment.

Mr. Altimus 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.

Mr. Washington stated that he wanted to thank the Mr. Rogers and his staff for including the Public Transit Conference agenda in the members packets. He further stated that there would be a ribbon cutting for the new intermodal facility on Tuesday and invited all to attend.

Adjourn

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

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary