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## **Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**Friday, February 20, 2026 (9:00 AM)**

Government Chambers at Government Plaza  
505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101

### **Members' Present**

Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish – Chair  
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish – Vice Chair  
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport  
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City  
Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier  
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City  
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

### **Members Absent**

Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish  
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish  
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran  
Mr. Stephen Jean – MPC of Caddo/Shreveport

### **Others Present**

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG  
Mr. Chris Petro - NLCOG  
Mrs. Savannah Williams – NLCOG  
Mrs. Heidi Stewart - NLCOG  
Mr. Adam Driskill – NLCOG  
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG  
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

## **Call to Order**

Mrs. Bryant called the meeting to order. Mrs. Bryant asked Mrs. Askew-Brown to lead us in prayer and Mayor Arceneaux to lead us on the pledge. She stated if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mrs. Askew-Brown led us in prayer followed by Mayor Arceneaux leading us in the pledge.

She asked Mr. Rogers to begin roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

## **Public Comments**

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Chevallier stated they had received one written comment but not intended for a public comment.

Mrs. Bryant asked if it needed to be read aloud to go on the record.

Mr. Chevallier stated that he believed it would be attached to the minutes.

## **Items for Consideration**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

#### **- Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2026**

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the January 16, 2026, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mrs. Askew-Brown seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

### **2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **- Amendments and Modifications**

Mr. Rogers stated they had three amendments to address. The first one is for adoption, US 80: Bayou Dorcheat, Relief Bridges. We've received no public comment. Mr. Rogers stated that this was one of the bridges where a big chunk was removed and where LaDOTD had originally had a three bridge program and they broke them out into individual pieces. This is one of those individual pieces. Mr. Rogers said that again, they had no public comment received.

The second is introduction of US371: KCS RR OVERPASSES HBI Change Construction phase from FBRON/OFFE program to CRP<50K program and increase the amount. This is for intro to public comment.

Mr. Rogers said that next they had a request from FHWA Louisiana Division for the inclusion of projects funded through the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP), the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), or funds directly managed by the various Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA). That includes the Bayou Bodcau Dam and Reservoir project. Those are the only items they have today.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Approve the Adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications and Amendments. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Mr. Rogers stated to let the record show that Mr. England is present.

### 3. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

#### - **Adoption of Annual Safety Performance Measures & Targets**

Mr. Rogers stated that, as they know, they had the Introduction of Annual Safety Performance Measures and Targets and saw a presentation at the last meeting. They were introduced for public comments and again received none. Basically, the guidelines that they're following, they're adopting the one percent per year over a five year average. Mr. Rogers said they've had some discussion at one point about changing that based on the adoption of the SS4A plan, but they're actually doing better than the one percent so he doesn't see the need to actually change it at this time because there's other things you'd have to get in to abide by that with LADOTD. Again, we received no public comments on this. We've adapted that target of the annual one percent.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Adopt the 2026 MPO Safety Performance Measures and Targets as an amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mayor Chandler motioned, and Mr. England seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

#### - **Re-Adoption of 2045 MTP to remain valid through October 31, 2026, or adoption of the new 2050 MTP. (Intro for Public Comment)**

Mr. Rogers said they have an introduction to the re-adopt the current Long-Range Transportation Plan. This is for, in order to avoid any delays in the development of the new Transportation Improvement Program and projects in the current TIP. The current plan expires April of this year. The new plan is not quite finished. In order to bridge that gap, they're asking to re-adopt the existing plan. Mr. Rogers said that the only caveats listed in there are that all baseline data and needs assumptions are consistent and still conform with federal laws. With the existing plan, they remain valid until the adoption of the new plan. Again, that's for introduction for public comment.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Introduce for Public Comment the Re-Adoption of the NLCOG 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Bossier, Caddo, and Webster Parishes. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mrs. Askew-Brown seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

*Mr. England wanted to ask how long Mr. Rogers anticipated the delay to be before it would be ready.*

*Mr. Rogers said that the last estimate they had was mid-August. Part of the issue is that the current TIP expires September 1, 2026. The new one takes affect that timeframe too, but the plan actually expires in April of this year, based on the original adoption day was. This is to cover that April through September timeframe when the new plan, and hopefully the new TIP, gets adopted. Mr. Rogers said that they have in the line item it's through October 31, 2026, or adoption of the new 2050 MTP.*

*Mr. England said, "Thank you'.*

## **Project Updates**

### **4. I-49 Inner City Connector**

Mr. Rogers said they are anticipating the consulting parties and the draft agreement of the mitigation measures for the Section 106. That should be distributed next week. They were told Monday or Tuesday of next week that it would be distributed. At that point, Providence can include those and finalize the 4f and get the full document out. They're to have it initially reviewed by the Division office mid of next month so they can get it up to D.C. Roughly at that same timeframe, they'll review it and approve it for public comment. Mr. Rogers said they're still hoping they can get it advertised by the end of March for the public comment period. It has to be on the street a minimum of thirty days prior to the public hearing, then a minimum of ten days after the public hearing. The overall timeframe is forty-five days so they can have a five day minimum before and after. Mr. Rogers said they still anticipate having a ROD by the end of the year.

Mr. Rogers wanted to go ahead and address the written comment that was addressed. The question that was asked was, "Where in process of the I-49 Inner City Project is the letter from Secretary Glen Ledet where he recommends the preferred route of I-49, and who has that letter now"?

Mr. Rogers said that again, this is one of those cases of a mentioned letter brought up and asking them where it's at. They've never seen it. The first he'd heard of it was roughly two weeks ago. They have not seen this letter or officially heard of this letter. When he first heard about it he asked the LaDOTD project staff about it and they had the same comment that they'd never seen or heard of it.

## **Announcements**

Mr. Rogers said the next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, March 20, 2026, in the Government Chambers at 9:00 am.

## **Adjourn**

With no remaining agenda items, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mayor Chandler seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

# PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

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.

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## Comment on Agenda Items Only

Briefly describe your comment(s):

Where in the process is the letter form  
Sent. Glen - the one where he recommends  
the preferred route of I-49  
who has that letter now?  
The Feds?

As a reminder, public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Comments relative to any issues that are in active litigation will not be heard in this meeting.

Speakers are to address the Chairman, not each other or the audience, and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The use of abusive or profane language shall not be allowed. No debate or argument between speakers and/or members of the audience shall be permitted.