

FISCAL YEAR 2022 MPO MEETING SCHEDULE MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Meeting Dates and Time for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021 – June 2022)

In general, the MPO will meet every six (6) weeks beginning with Friday July 16, 2021. The meetings will begin at **9:00 am**. At this time meetings will take place at the Regional Commerce Center at the Port of Caddo Bossier 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd. Shreveport, LA 71115.

<i>July 23, 2021 – 9:00</i>	<i>January 21, 2022 – 9:00 (5 weeks)</i>
<i>August 27, 2021 – 9:00 (6 weeks)</i>	<i>March 4, 2022 – 9:00 (6 weeks)</i>
<i>October 8, 2021 – 9:00 (6 weeks)</i>	<i>April 22, 2022 – 9:00 (7 weeks)</i>
<i>November 19, 2021 – 9:00 (6 weeks)</i>	<i>May 27, 2022 – 9:00 (5 weeks)</i>
<i>December 17, 2021 – 9:00 (4 weeks)</i>	<i>June 24, 2022 – 9:00 (4 weeks)</i>

Members for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021 – June 2022)

Mr. Joe E. “Butch” Ford, Jr.	Bossier Parish
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown	Bossier City/Parish MPC
Mr. Bruce Blanton	Webster Parish
Mr. Steve Brown	Desoto Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler	City of Bossier City
Mr. Alan Clarke	Shreveport/Caddo MPC
Mr. Eric England	Caddo Bossier Port
Mr. David North	La DOTD
Mayor Adrian Perkins	City of Shreveport
Mr. Dinero’ Washington	SporTran
Dr. Woodrow Wilson	Caddo Parish

Non- voting Members

Laura Phillips	FHWA
Lynn Hayes	FTA

Officers for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021 – June 2022)

Mr. Dinero’ Washington, Chair	SporTran
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Vice Chair	Bossier City/Parish MPC

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday July 23, 2021 9:00 am

Regional Commerce Center 2nd Floor Steering Room

600 Doug Attaway Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71115

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. [Bossier Parish Appointment of Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr. as representative to MPO](#)

2. Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2021](#)

3. [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Update](#)

DOTD TIP Administrative Modification

DOTD TIP Amendments for Approval

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

MPO STP >200k TIP Amendments & Programing

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

4. Future Transportation Improvement Programing

[FHWA/DOTD Timeline and Format](#)

[MPO Projects to be programed](#)

5. Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

[FHWA Comments](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

6. [LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – August 27, 2021, 9:00 am.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, July 23, 2021 (9:00 AM)

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission

6000 Doug Attaway Blvd
Shreveport, LA 71115

Members Present

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish

Members Absent

Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Mr. William Altimus – Bossier Parish
Mr. Tyler Comeaux – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong
Mrs. Erin Buchanan – LaDOTD
Mr. Kyle Robertson – Webster Deputy Assessor
Mr. Nick Cox – Webster Parish Police Jury
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Ms. Lacy Sargent – NLCOG

Call to Order

Mrs. Askew-Brown called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Rogers to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mrs. Askew-Brown called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that one comment card had been turned in by Mr. John Perkins. Mr. John Perkins stated that he was present on behalf of Allendale Strong. They would like an update on the progress of I-49 and would like to know how soon will they get eminent domain. They would also like to know when to expect I-49 completed and to show your work on it.

Mr. Joshua Chevallier mentioned that there is a records request that was received from Allendale Strong. The data has not been provided to NLCOG therefore, the records request can not be completed. When the data has been received the records request will be completed and sent to Allendale Strong.

Business

1. Bossier Parish Appointment of Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr. as representative to MPO

Mr. Rogers presented a letter received from Bossier Parish Police Jury stating that they ratified approval of the appointment of Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford to the Northwest Louisiana Council of Government's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2021.

2. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2021 meeting. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Clarke seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mrs. Askew-Brown called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

DOTD TIP administrative Modification(s)

H.014410 LINWOOD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION-PHASE III - LADOTD PM requests the construction phase moved to FY 2022

H.014411 LINWOOD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION-PHASE IV - LADOTD PM requests the construction phase moved to FY 2022

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

H.001166 CADDO LAKE BRIDGE (HBI) - Adjust Construction phase from \$21,398,000 to \$16.4M (Total Cost \$16.4M, Cost + CE&I+IDC \$18.04M, Federal Share \$1.4432M)

H.010206 LA 3132 AT LA 523: EXTEND C OF A - Add Engineering Phase @ \$32K of NHPP @ 80/20 and \$15,500 of STPFLEX

US 80 Bridges Near Minden - LADOTD PM requests an increase in the engineering phase cost estimate

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

H.012889 I-20 REHAB (PINES ROAD TO I-220) - LADOTD PM requests a change in the project's funding source and increase the construction phase funding. This request is to change the Construction Phase funding source from NHPP to State Cash (STCASH) in order to Advance Construction (AC) the project in FY2021. Further, increase the construction phase funding to \$58.3M.

MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

Linwood Ave Phase 3 & Linwood Ave Phase 4 Construction Phase amended to FFY 2022 per DOTD Administrative Modification Adoption of SporTran Transit Transfer as per the Transit Program Amendments

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

The following are being introduced for adoption:

CMAQ Funding per LaDOTD – Purchase of 7 new CNG buses

Section 5339 Transfer per FTA Region 6 authorization – 15 ADA vans and overheard fast charger

STP >200k transfer subject to FHWA/FTA approval and transfer – Per MTP subject to FHWA/FTA

Mrs. Askew-Brown entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Mr. Blanton motioned first, and Mr. North seconded. Mrs. Askew-Brown called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Future Transportation Improvement Programming

Mr. Rogers presented the FHWA/DOTD Timeline and Format as well as the MPO projects to be programmed. Mrs. Askew-Brown entertained a motion to accept the MPO TIP Development Timeline and DOTD Guidance and approve the STP>200 K Current Programming and the Current Stage Roadway Projects from the NLCOG 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for programming in the development of the 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Clarke motioned first, and Dr. Wilson seconded. Mrs. Askew-Brown called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

5. Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Rogers presented the FHWA comments and the MPO responses. Mrs. Askew-Brown entertained a motion to accept the MPO Response to FHWA's letter of conditional approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and inclusion of the response as APPENDIX B: FHWA CONDITIONAL APPROVAL LETTER AND MPO RESPONSE to the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified

Planning Work Program. Mr. Blanton motioned first, and Dr. Wilson seconded. Mrs. Askew-Brown called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

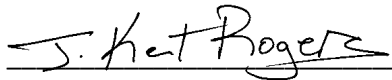
Project Updates

6. LA 511 – Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers stated that the Jimmie Davis Bridge was closed the weekend prior. They were able to re-open the bridge within 11 hours of shutting it down for construction. Mrs. Erin Buchanan was recognized for a job well done for informing the public on exactly what was going on.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Kent Rogers", is written over a horizontal line.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday September 10, 2021 9:00 am
Regional Commerce Center 2nd Floor Steering Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71115

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Visitor - William Bradford – Tim James, Inc.

1. Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2021](#)

2. [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Update](#)

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MPO STP >200k TIP Amendments & Programing

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

PROJECT UPDATES

3. [LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge](#)

4. [LA 3132 \(Inner Loop\) Extension](#)

5. [I-69 Service Road](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – October 8, 2021, 9:00 am.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, September 10, 2021 (9:00 AM)

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission

6000 Doug Attaway Blvd
Shreveport, LA 71115

Members Present

Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish

Members Absent

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Mrs. Amanda Nottingham – Project Coordinator for the City of Bossier
Mr. William Altimus – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. Tyler Comeaux – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong
Mr. William Bradford – Tim James, INC.
Senator Barrow Peacock – Louisiana State Senate District 37
Mrs. Erin Buchanan – LaDOTD
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Ms. Lacy Sargent – NLCOG

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Mr. Washington called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that one comment card had been turned in by Mr. John Perkins and that we had a visitor from Tim James, Inc. that had a presentation prepared.

Mr. John Perkins stated that he was present on behalf of Allendale Strong. He talked about transportation policy on I-49 and the Sunshine records request. They would like an update on the progress of I-49 and would like to know how soon they will get eminent domain. They would also like to know when to expect I-49 completed and to show your work on it.

Mr. William Bradford stated that he was present on behalf of Tim James, Inc. He presented the anticipated route that was demonstrated by the map presented. It is a roadway from the end of Hwy. 3132 to Hwy 71. The roadway does contain a toll bridge. It will be privately funded. They are looking for authorization for the build. The hope is to have it deployed by 2026.

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2021 meeting. Mr. Clarke motioned, and Mrs. Askew-Brown seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

DOTD TIP administrative Modification(s)

None at this time

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

H.012889 I-20 REHAB (PINES ROAD TO I-220) – This request is to change the construction phase funding source from NHPP to State Cash (STCASH) in order to Advance Construction (AC) the project in FY2021. Further, increase the construction phase funding to \$58.3M.

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

None at this time

MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

None at this time

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

None at this time

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Mr. Blanton motioned first, and Dr. Wilson seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

3. LA 511 – Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers stated that it's the states intent to do the new 4-lane alternative with existing rehab. The bridge could be repurposed into something like the High Line Park in New York which is a linear park facility. The question that remains is who takes over the liability and long term maintenance. They recommended Mr. William Altimus as the OC.

4. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. Rogers stated the public hearing was held and all the comments received were requests for either No Build or mirrored the Tim James, Inc. alternative. Most of the comments were for No Build. The ultimate determination will be made through Federal Highways.

5. I-69 Service Road

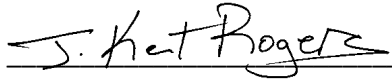
Mr. Rogers stated that the traffic section at DOTD was satisfied with the traffic study projections and design at the intersection of the Service Road at I-49 and La Hwy 1. Their concurrence now paves the way to finalize the Stage 0 reports and allows us to begin the Stage 1 NEPA and Surveying/Design process for the entire roadway. The map that was presented has been refined and is not finalized. It will be sent out as soon as it is finalized.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers stated The Louisiana Climate Action Plan draft, partial and final report has been submitted for public comments. One of the biggest things that has been pointed out is that within section 14 of those actions items there is a lot of references to the statewide land use planning and regulation. Current state law is that land use planning and regulation is in the purview of local governments so that would take some strong legislative changes for that to happen. Mr. Rogers has submitted questions and comments. The comment period will be extended through Friday, October 8 at midnight CST.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clarke moved to adjourn; Dr. Wilson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



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MEETING CANCELLATION

The meeting scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2022 was cancelled.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday November 19, 2021 9:00 am
Regional Commerce Center 2nd Floor Steering Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71115

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2021](#)

2. [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Update](#)

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PROJECT UPDATES

3. LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge

[Status EDC Questions](#)

[Pedestrian Bridge Conversions](#)

4. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

[Public Hearing Report FINAL](#)

[FONSI with Cover letter](#)

5. I-49 ICC

[EIS Update and Status](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – December 17, 2021, 9:00 am.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, November 19, 2021 (9:00 AM)

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission

6000 Doug Attaway Blvd
Shreveport, LA 71115

Members Present

Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish

Members Absent

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong
Mr. William Bradford – Tim James, INC.
Mrs. Erin Buchanan – LaDOTD
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Ms. Lacy Sargent – NLCOG

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Mr. Washington called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that one comment card had been turned in by Mr. John Perkins.

Mr. John Perkins stated that he was present on behalf of Allendale Strong. He talked about the transportation policy on I-49 and the Sunshine records request. He moved on to state that their president, Dorothy Wiley, was featured in the New York Times article issue about the problem with race and infrastructure. He then shared a part of Charles Marohn's book called *Confessions of a Recovering Engineer*.

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2021 meeting. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Blanton seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

DOTD TIP administrative Modification(s)

None at this time

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

None at this time

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

H.010468 I-20: MONKHOUSE TO I-49 – Addition of the engineering phase.

H.010206 LA 3132 AT LA 523: EXTEND C OF A – The date changed to 12_14_2022 which falls out of the current TIP Federal Fiscal Year of 2022.

MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

None at this time

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

None at this time

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Mr. Blanton motioned first, and Dr. Wilson seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

3. LA 511 – Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers presented the project details, economic development corporation questions and examples of the pedestrian bridge conversions. The Louisiana Highway 511 (LA 511) Jimmie Davis Bridge over the Red River connects the high growth areas of South Bossier City and South Shreveport. LA 511 is a 5-lane facility on both sides of the river and connects to the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway in Bossier and the Clyde Fant Parkway in Caddo, each providing high capacity north-south movements to the downtown – riverfront areas.

4. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. Rogers presented the final public hearing report and the FONSI with cover letter. Based on that DOTD and Federal Highways is recommending a no-build option on the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension. Before moving forward with this option there needs to be further clarification and discussion before finalizing. Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve have further discussion before finalizing the no-build option. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Blanton seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

5. I-49 ICC

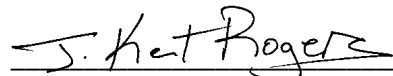
Mr. Rogers presented the EIS update and status of the I-49 Inner City Connector. A revised CRS with an addendum summarizing the new survey data has been submitted reviewed by DOTD and FHWA and submitted to the SHPO for review and comment. DOTD will schedule a second consulting party meeting as part of the Section 106 process during/after the SHPO review. SHPO has reviewed and commented DOTD and FHWA to meet to discuss SHPO comment. DOTD to propose date for the second consulting parties meeting for the Section 106. Section 106 needed in order to proceed with other elements of the environmental process.

Announcements

Mr. Rogers stated that he would like to move the meetings back to the NLCOG office if everyone agrees to do so.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson moved to adjourn; Mr. Clarke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



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MEETING CANCELLATION

The meeting scheduled for Friday, December 17, 2022 was cancelled.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday December 17, 2021 9:00 am
Regional Commerce Center 2nd Floor Steering Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71115

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Approval of Minutes

[Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2021](#)

2. [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Update](#)

No Changes from November Meeting

3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

[Introduction of the Congestion Management Process for Public Comment](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

4. LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge

Status EDC Questions

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

[Public Hearing Report FINAL](#)

[Draft FONSI with Cover letter](#)

[Multi Project Map](#)

6. I-49 ICC

EIS Update and Status

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a reminder we will be returning to NLCOG office beginning January 21, 2022

ADJOURN

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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, January 21, 2022 (9:00 AM)

NLCOG – ZOOM Meeting

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Members Absent

Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Senator Barrow Peacock – Louisiana State Senate District 37
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Mr. William Altimus – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. Tyler Comeaux – Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Mr. Jon Flair – Heard McElroy & Vestal
Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong
Mr. William Bradford – Tim James, INC.
Mrs. Erin Mills – LaDOTD
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG
Mrs. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Mrs. Lisa Frazier – NLCOG

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Mr. Washington called for public comments. With no cards turned in, the Chair moved on to the next agenda item.

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2021 meeting. Dr. Wilson motioned, and Mr. Ford seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

DOTD TIP Administrative Modification(s)

H.014969 NW LOUISIANA REGIONAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY – Change the Feasibility Phase funding from \$2M of STP>200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2022 to \$2M of COVID>200k @ 100% in FFY 2022.

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

H.010468 I-20: MONKHOUSE TO I-49 – Addition of the engineering phase.
H.010206 LA 3132 AT LA 523: EXTEND C OF A – The date changed to 12_14_2022 which falls out of the current TIP Federal Fiscal Year of 2022.

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

H.000413 CROSS BAYOU BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Move construction phase from FFY 2022 to FFY 2025. This falls out of Current TIP Programing.
H.013759 LA 3276: US 171 – I-49 – Add construction phase funding as with match from TTF.

MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

Linwood Ave Phase 3 & 4 construction phase from FFY 2022 to 2023
LA 3276 included in current TIP cycle subject to public comment per amendment
NWLA Regional Aerial Photography funded %100 in STP >200k COVID funds
MAP, Coleman St, MTP, I49 ICC Environmental removed from previous TIP cycle

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

Awaiting transfer from FHWA to FTA

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Blanton seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Mr. Chris Petro introduced the 2022 New Congestion Management Process (CMP) Overview. CMPs identify potential improvements based on quantifiable data and they consider congestion in developing transportation improvements.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to introduce the 2022 Congestion Management Process (CMP) for public comment. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Ford seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Transportation Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Chris Petro introduced the 2022 MPO Safety Performance Measures/Target Setting. In 2022 *Four* Parishes (Caddo, Bossier, Desoto and Webster Pars.) -1% Annual Targeted Change per respective Performance Measure. (Based upon CRASH database 5- Year Averages per Measure – Source: LSU and CARTS).

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to introduce the 2022 HSIP Safety Performance Measure Targets for public comment. Mr. Clarke motioned first, and Mrs. Askew-Brown seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

5. LA 511 – Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers presented the project details and updates for Louisiana Highway 511 (LA 511) Jimmie Davis Bridge. The Louisiana Highway 511 (LA 511) Jimmie Davis Bridge over the Red River connects the high growth areas of South Bossier City and South Shreveport. LA 511 is a 5-lane facility on both sides of the river and connects to the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway in Bossier and the Clyde Fant Parkway in Caddo, each providing high capacity north-south movements to the downtown – riverfront areas.

The process that they are at now is the design build notice of intent on August 23, 2021, with DOTD receiving 17 letters of Intent (LOI) for the project. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to the LOI submitters on December 28, 2021. Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) are due on February 8, 2022, with a shortlist to be announced on March 8, 2022. DOTD is also planning to issue a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to the LOI submitters on January 18th and a final RFP to the shortlisted Proposers on March 29, 2022. Proposal will be due on July 19, 2022, with an

anticipated date to have a successful Proposer by August 26, 2022 and NTP issued on October 18, 2022.

6. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. Rogers presented the final public hearing report and the FONSI with cover letter. Based on that DOTD and Federal Highways is recommending a no-build option on the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension. Before moving forward with this option there needs to be further clarification and discussion before finalizing.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to table the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension FONSI recommendation until further action and a clear understanding of the impact of the Tim James, Inc project on the LA 3132 project. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Clarke seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

7. I-49 ICC

Mr. Rogers presented the I-49 cultural study area map and the I-49 Shreveport Urban Section ADT Report. There was a meeting between DOTD staff to meet with FHWA staff on January 14, 2022. They requested FHWA to make a formal request of clarification on St. Paul's Bottom District and Allendale District. The expected time frame is a 30 to 45 days for a response. DOTD is to move forward with the Section 106 process. They are scheduling a meeting with 106 partners. Providence has provided CSS examples for I-10 project in Baton Rouge, Massachusetts DOT and Ohio DOT which will be forwarded. The public records request for our transportation model was provided to Allendale Strong and their consultant free of charge.

Announcements

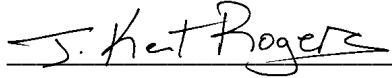
Mr. Rogers presented the project details and status of I-220 @ I-20 Interchange modifications Barksdale Gate Access Road. Extension of the roadway from I-220 @ I-20 to the proposed new Barksdale Gate and improvements to the interchange of I-220 @ I-20. The principal purpose is to improve connectivity between the interstate system and Barksdale Air Force Base in order to enhance national security and national defense, ensure unimpeded arrivals of Department of Energy transport vehicles, enhance life and safety, and alleviate traffic congestion and delay.

The contractor is currently working on the construction of the new clover leaf ramps at the interchange, continued work on the new overpass over I-20 (future LA 1267) extending south from the existing interchange, roadway patching on portions of I-20 & I-220 within the project limits, and other associated work. Future work includes painting of the new bridge, permanent striping, signage, and roadway lighting. At this time, we estimate a Summer 2022 completion, weather permitting.

On the BAFB installation side funding for construction of the roadway improvements at in the current Military Construction bill. Funding is to be available upon passage of full Military Budget bill.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson moved to adjourn; Mr. Washington seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee
Friday March 4, 2022 9:00 am
625 Texas Street 1st Floor Conference Room
Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2021

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Update

3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Approval of the Congestion Management Process

4. Transportation Safety Performance Measures

Approval of the 2022 Transportation Safety Performance Targets

PROJECT UPDATES

5. LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge

6. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

7. I-49 ICC

8. I-69 Frontage Road

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – April 22, 2022, 9:00 am 625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, March 4, 2022 (9:00 AM)

NLCOG

625 Texas Street, Suite 200
Shreveport, LA 71101

Members Present

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran
Mr. Butch Ford – Bossier Parish
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish
Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish

Members Absent

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Joshua Chevallier – Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea
Mr. John Perkins – Allendale Strong
Mr. William Bradford – Tim James, INC.
Mr. Tim James – Tim James, INC.
Mr. Brian Crawford – Willis-Knighton Health System
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Mr. Washington called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that one comment card had been turned in by Mr. John Perkins.

Mr. John Perkins stated that he was present on behalf of Allendale Strong. They appreciated the data that was given to them and it is now with their consultant who will share the findings when the study is completed.

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting. Mr. Brown motioned, and Mr. England seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

DOTD TIP Administrative Modification(s)

None at this time.

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

H.000413 CROSS BAYOU BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Move construction phase from FFY 2022 to FFY 2025. This falls out of Current TIP Programing. No comments received.

H.013759 LA 3276: US 171 – I-49 – Add construction phase funding as with match from TTF. No comments received.

DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

None at this time.

MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

Linwood Ave Phase 3 & 4: Construction phase from FFY 2022 to 2023.

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SporTran Transit Transfer: Transfer completed per STIP Amendment 28.

NWLA Regional Aerial Photography: Use of 200k COVID funds at 100%.

MPO Transit TIP Amendments

SporTran amendments completed as per STIP Amendment 28.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Clarke seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Mr. Kent Rogers stated that the 2022 Congestion Management Process (CMP) went out for public comment after receiving approval during the last meeting. It received a public comment from a federal highway official of the division office saying that the document needed to include a narrative to link the CMP to our MPO Transportation Process. It was then addressed and included.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Mr. Clarke motioned first, and Mr. Brown seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Transportation Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Kent Rogers stated that the 2022 MPO Safety Performance Measures/Target Setting went out for public comment after receiving approval during the last meeting. No public comment was received.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve the 2022 Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Clarke seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

5. Amtrak Rail Service

Mr. Rogers presented a resolution in support of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service between Dallas and Atlanta along the I-20 corridor. It recognizes and supports the efforts to construct and operate a long-distance passenger rail connection along the I-20 corridor, also supports the approval of the Surface Transportation Board of the merger between Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific Railways, and further supports the efforts to improve on-time performance of Amtrak passenger trains with the host railroad carriers.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to adopt the resolution in support of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service between Dallas and Atlanta along the I-20 corridor. Mr. Eric England abstained. Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Major Perkins seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions and comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

6. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. William Bradford introduced Tim James, Inc (TJI). They offer creative solutions to improve under-invested transportation networks throughout the Southeast. Recognizing that many state departments of transportation often lack the resources necessary to build new roadways or bridges that are needed to improve transportation networks, TJI is equipped to make strategic private investments to build express corridors that connect communities and improve lives. TJI manages all phases of a project from land acquisition, permitting, design, funding, construction, and operations.

Mr. Tim James presented the Red River Express. The Red River Express (RRE) will be a proposed new transportation corridor in Caddo & Bossier Parish, Louisiana. This new corridor will be an alternate route to free existing routes: drivers may choose to use the new toll bridge and pay a toll or continue to use the existing free routes. The project will consist of approximately 8 miles of new road construction, a toll bridge over the Red River, two railroad bridges, overpasses with ramped intersections connection onto Highway 71 and Highway 1. The Project will create travel efficiencies between Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, and I-20, improving the quality of life by connecting communities, increasing access, reducing commute times, and enhancing safety for thousands of commuters each day.

The RRE will begin at the intersection of the 3132 Inner Loop and Flourney Lucas Road and continue southeasterly intersecting and crossing over Highway 1 and the Red River, then continuing North and East to intersect and crossover Highway 71 in Bossier Parish.

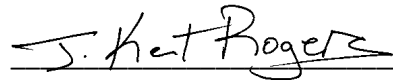
Mr. Washington entertained a motion on the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension FONSI with the following recommendations to reconvene before March 31st, to reach out to Tim James, Inc (TJI) and Mr. Larkin to discuss a possible extension of the March 31st deadline.

Announcements

CC to DC is taking place on March 28-31, 2022.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilson moved to adjourn; Mr. Washington seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday April 22, 2022, 9:00 am

1st Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

AGENDA

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[Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2022](#)

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[Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Comment](#)

4. Northwest Louisiana Transportation Safety

[Transportation Safety Coalition Update](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

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Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – May 27, 2022, 9:00 am 625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101



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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

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NLCOG

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Mayor Adrian Perkins – City of Shreveport
Dr. Woodrow Wilson – Caddo Parish
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mrs. Amanda Nottingham – Representing Bossier City (non-voting)
Mrs. Erica Bryant – Representing Caddo Parish (non-voting)
Mrs. Dawn Sholmire – DOTD Planning (via phone)
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Dr. Shelly Barrett – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Barnette – NLCOG

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Mr. Washington called for public comments. Mr. Rogers stated that two request for comments had been turned in first by State Senator Barrow Peacock and second by Mr. John Perkins

Senator Peacock thanked the group for their time today and stated he wanted to set a sense of urgency for this area. The Senator noted that in 2019 they passed Act 443 to dedicate \$100 million to I-49 North and other mega projects throughout the state. He further stated that there has begun some arguments among those in the region about the use of those funds. To stress the sense of urgency Senator Peacock noted the following amendment was offered on the senate floor by the chair of the senate transportation committee to SB 277 by Senator Cortez that establishes the sub funds for these mega projects and use of Automobile Sales and Use Tax:

"In the event full funding has not been identified 3 for any of the projects described in R.S. 48:77(C)(1) by December 31, 2024, monies that 4 have been deposited in that project's account shall revert to the construction subfund 5 and shall be used exclusively for the I-12 expansion to the Mississippi line."

Senator Peacock stated he can not express how important it is for the area to stick together. He stated that through the help of allies from the I-49 South group and the Mississippi River groups they were able to stop this amendment. Senator Peacock emphasized the need to work together because if we do not the dollars will be going to South Louisiana not to other projects in the area but to South Louisiana.

Mr. John Perkins thanked the staff for providing the model information requested by the Allendale Strong group for the consultants use and review. Mr. Perkins stated that Allendale Strong is working with Mr. Norm Marshall of Smart Mobility. He further stated that a memo had been submitted to NLCOG staff noting some issues that Mr. Marshall saw with the model. Mr. Perkins noted that Allendale Strong supports Build Alternative 5, however they would prefer their proposed Business Boulevard Alternative in leu of an interstate highway. He further stated that the group has had discussions with the Federal Highways Administrations Civil Rights division on the project and potential for actions.

Business

1. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting. Mr. Clarke motioned, and Mr. Blanton seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Rogers introduced the following TIP updates:

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SporTran procurement: back-up CNG-fuled generator; replacement of safety sensitive equipment. Sec 5339 Funding FFY 2022

D2022-BUSC-034: City-wide bus shelter improvements. Sec 5339 Funding FFY 2021

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented. Mr. England motioned first, and Mr. Brown seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kent Rogers stated that this is an introduction of the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for public comment. Mr. Rogers presented a basic outline of the UPWP and gave a synopsis of each of the work program elements. Mr. gave the following outline of each Task:

Metropolitan Planning Programs

Task A Transportation Project Funding, Financing & Development

Transportation Improvement Program

Maintaining and Updating Current TIP Fiscal Year 2018 – 2022

Adoption and Maintenance of New TIP Fiscal Years 2023 - 2027

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

MEGA Projects and Project Status Reports

Task B-1 Metropolitan Planning Programs

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Travel Demand Modeling

Performance Measures

Congestion Management

Task B-2 Project Development Stage 0 and Stage 1

Stage 0 and Stage 1 Analysis

Traffic Analysis/Studies

Line Avenue and the area surrounding Edan Gardens/Middle Magnet

Benton Road and the area around Benton Intermediate/Middle Schools

Controlled Access Facilities Lighting Phase 1 I-20 Corridor

Task B-3 Transit Planning and Coordination

Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning

Transit Asset Management

Title VI Mapping and Data Analysis

Task B-4 Livability, Sustainability, & Resiliency

Land Use and Local Planning Coordination

Safe Routes and Transportation Enhancement Programs

Bossier Parish Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

Infrastructure Resilience (FHWA's)

[Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Framework manual](#)

Task B-5 Freight and Intermodal Planning

Regional Freight Network

Freight Movement Studies

Regional Freight Fact Sheet

<https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FreightFactSheetFinal.pdf>

Regional Data Development and Information Technology

Task C Geographic Information Systems Data Development and Maintenance

ReGIS Administration

Basemap Maintenance

Regional Aerial Photography

Application Development

Socio-Economic Variables / Census Demography / Urban Boundaries

Information Technology and Systems Support

Operations and Management

Task E Public Involvement & Outreach

Public Involvement and Citizen Participation

Environmental Justice & Title VI Review

Education and Outreach

Task F Management and Administration

UPWP Administration

Human Resources

Accounting and Grant Administration

Strategic Planning

Regional Safety Planning in Support of the Louisiana's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Task G-1 Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition

Task G-2 Local Road Safety Planning

Plan Development, Implementation and Evaluation

Partnerships and Advocacy

Marketing

Education

Project Identification
Site Visits and Road Safety Assessments
Identify Preferred Safety Countermeasures
Development of Staged Implementation Plan
Meetings and Conferences

Special Projects

Task J I-49 Inner City Connector Stage 1

Stage 1 Environmental Impact Study for the I-49 Inner City Connector
Approved Cultural & Historical Analysis
Section 106 and Section 4(f)
Approved Draft EIS
Public Hearing on Draft EIS
Final EIS
Record of Decision
Interchange Justification Report and Interchange Modification Report
Mitigation Plan & Implementation Plan
Project Management Plan

Task W LWI Region 1 Regional Capacity Building

Preliminary Watershed Planning Activities (Baseline Assessment Elements)
Watershed Region Context (Current Conditions and Flood Risk Profile)
Watershed Region Planning and Policy Overview
Long-Term Watershed Planning Activities (Final Plan Elements)
Regional Watershed Planning Process
Watershed Region Action Plan

Mr. Kent Rogers then presented a basic outline of the budget in support of the above work program task. Mrs. Askew-Brown asked what the time frame for public comments on the proposed work program is. Mr. Rogers stated 30 days (April 22, 2022 - May 24, 2022). Mrs. Askew-Brown then asked Mr. Rogers that in the future for such large documents could the committee be provided the full document more than a week in advance of the meetings. Several members of the committee concurred with Mrs. Askew-Brown's request. Mr. Rogers stated he would make every effort to provide them further in advance of meetings.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to introduce the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Comment. Mrs. Askew-Brown motioned first, and Mr. Blanton seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Northwest Louisiana Transportation Safety

Mr. Washington asked Dr. Barrett to provide and update on the safety coalition. Dr. Barrett noted that some of the Action Steps from the Statewide Action Plan included recruitment of new coalition members, training the media and community outreach representative on the use of the SHSP Data Dashboards, sharing the 2020 Emphasis Area webinars and posting state and national social media campaigns. Dr. Barrett then provided team leaders and action steps for the following emphasis areas:

Occupant Protection: Mt. John Tademey (LSP-G), Trp. Richard Matthews (LSP-G), Mr. Kevin Rigsby (Bossier Parish EMS), Mrs. Dawn McKeown (Ochsner's Health System).

Impaired Driving: Lt. Shawn Owens (LSP-G), Sgt. Paul Harris (LSP-G), Dep. Ryan Rhodes (Bossier SO), Chief Shayne Gibson (Greenwood PD).

Distracted Driving: Lt. Trey Strickland (LSP-G), Trp. Jonathan Smith (LSP-G), Mr. Kevin Rigsby (Bossier Parish EMS) Mrs. Kim Coburn (Bossier Parish EMS). Mr. Dean Aiken (Bossier Schools) Mrs. Jill Chauncy (First Class Driving Academy).

Young Drivers: Sgt. Matthew Speir (LSP-G), Trp. Jonathan Odom (LSP-G), Mr. Dean Aiken (Bossier Schools) Mrs. Jill Chauncy (First Class Driving Academy).

Infrastructure: Lt. Barry Spinney (LSP-G), Trp. Nicholas Rowell (LSP-G), Mr. Jim Hollier (DOTD-Dist 04), Mr. Chris Petro (NLCOG).

Dr. Barrett thanked the members for their support of the program and noted that the coalition in Northwest Louisiana has had tremendous support and participation by all members and that she greatly appreciates their commitment.

Project Updates

Mr. Washington asked Mr. Rogers to move forward with the Project Updates.

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. Rogers called the committees attention the map included in their packet for the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension project. Mr. Rogers provided the members with the following information based on FONSI Options:

Preferred Alternative Scenario

- The next phase needs to be funded in the TIP/STIP (Engineering/Right of Way mapping and acquisition)
- A FONSI reflecting the preferred alternative as the selected alternative can go to FHWA for approval.
- Federal 10/20 rule continues to apply
 - Initial authorization: 9/7/2011
 - 10 year deadline: 9/30/2021
 - Notification of extension request/DOTD request: approx. 12/2020 (typically occurs in the fiscal year that the project is due to advance)
 - 3-year extension granted
 - New expiration deadline: 9/30/2024
 - Anticipated next extension notification: approx. 12/2023 (during federal fiscal year 2024)

No Build Scenario

- Determine how to terminate current roadway at LA 523 (E. Flourney Lucas Rd)
- Determine what other improvements may be needed including the LA 523 and LA 1 intersection.
- The project will effectively be ended and cannot be picked up at a later time.
- Federal 10/20 rule would no longer be applicable, and no monies will have to be repaid

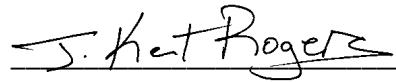
Mr. Washington asked if the members had any comments, having none he asked Mr. Rogers if there were any announcements.

Announcements

Dr. Shelly Barrett nominated as a Community Hero for the Bossier Chamber of Commerce Salute to Community Heroes.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. England moved to adjourn; Mr. Clarke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

Friday May 27, 2022, 9:00 am

1st Floor Seminar Room

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3. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

[Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

4. Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates, Members, and Officers

[Adoption of Schedule of Meetings, Members, and Officers for Fiscal Year 2023](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

6. I-49 Inner City Connector

7. LA 511 – Jimmie Davis Bridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Dinero' Washington 2022 Community Transportation Manager of the Year

Congratulations to Dr. Shelly Barrette Bossier Chamber 2022 Community Heroes

ADJOURN

Unless there is a need the June 24, 2022, will be canceled.

Our next meeting will be July 22, 2022 9:00 am 625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101



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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

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Mrs. Lynn Hayes – FTA
Ms. Laura Phillips – FHWA

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – BMKS, legal counsel
Mrs. Dawn Sholmire – DOTD Planning (via phone)
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
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Call to Order

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Public Comments

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Business

1. Approval of Minutes

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DOTD TIP Amendments Introduction for Public Comments

H.001799 LA 531 Overpass – Addition construction phase and funding for FFY 2022.

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D2022-BUSC-034: City-wide bus shelter improvements. Sec 5339 Funding FFY 2021
No comments recieved

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to approve these TIP updates as presented Dr. Wilson motioned first, and Mr. Brown seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kent Rogers stated that the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program has been out for public comment with no major comments recieved. Mr. Rogers presented a basic outline of the UPWP and gave a synopsis of each of the work program elements. Mr. gave the following outline of each Task:

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- MEGA Projects and Project Status Reports

Task B-1 Metropolitan Planning Programs

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- Travel Demand Modeling

- Performance Measures

- Congestion Management

Task B-2 Project Development Stage 0 and Stage 1

- Stage 0 and Stage 1 Analysis

- Traffic Analysis/Studies

 - Line Avenue and the area surrounding Edan Gardens/Middle Magnet

 - Benton Road and the area around Benton Intermediate/Middle Schools

- Controlled Access Facilities Lighting Phase 1 I-20 Corridor

Task B-3 Transit Planning and Coordination

- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning

- Transit Asset Management

- Title VI Mapping and Data Analysis

Task B-4 Livability, Sustainability, & Resiliency

- Land Use and Local Planning Coordination

- Safe Routes and Transportation Enhancement Programs

- Bossier Parish Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

- Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

- Infrastructure Resilience (FHWA's)

 - [Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Framework manual](#)

Task B-5 Freight and Intermodal Planning

- Regional Freight Network

- Freight Movement Studies

- Regional Freight Fact Sheet

 - <https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FreightFactSheetFinal.pdf>

Regional Data Development and Information Technology

Task C Geographic Information Systems Data Development and Maintenance

ReGIS Administration
Basemap Maintenance
Regional Aerial Photography
Application Development
Socio-Economic Variables / Census Demography / Urban Boundaries
Information Technology and Systems Support

Operations and Management

Task E Public Involvement & Outreach

Public Involvement and Citizen Participation
Environmental Justice & Title VI Review
Education and Outreach

Task F Management and Administration

UPWP Administration
Human Resources
Accounting and Grant Administration
Strategic Planning

Regional Safety Planning in Support of the Louisiana's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Task G-1 Northwest Louisiana Regional Safety Coalition

Task G-2 Local Road Safety Planning

Plan Development, Implementation and Evaluation
Partnerships and Advocacy
Marketing
Education
Project Identification
Site Visits and Road Safety Assessments
Identify Preferred Safety Countermeasures
Development of Staged Implementation Plan
Meetings and Conferences

Special Projects

Task J I-49 Inner City Connector Stage 1

Stage 1 Environmental Impact Study for the I-49 Inner City Connector
Approved Cultural & Historical Analysis
Section 106 and Section 4(f)
Approved Draft EIS
Public Hearing on Draft EIS
Final EIS
Record of Decision
Interchange Justification Report and Interchange Modification Report
Mitigation Plan & Implementation Plan
Project Management Plan

Task W LWI Region 1 Regional Capacity Building

Preliminary Watershed Planning Activities (Baseline Assessment Elements)
Watershed Region Context (Current Conditions and Flood Risk Profile)
Watershed Region Planning and Policy Overview

Long-Term Watershed Planning Activities (Final Plan Elements)
Regional Watershed Planning Process
Watershed Region Action Plan

Mr. Kent Rogers then presented a basic outline of the budget in support of the above work program task.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Blanton motioned first, and Mr. Ford seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates, Members, and Officers

Mr. Washington asked Mr. Rogers to present the proposed meeting dates, members, and officers to the committee. Mr. Rogers stated that as in the past few years the MPO would be meeting roughly every six weeks on a Friday morning at 9:00 am. Mr. Rogers referred to the listing provided in the members packets. Mr. Rogers went on to list the members of the MPO for the upcoming fiscal year and that those remain the same. Mr. Rogers then presented the list of proposed officers for Fiscal Year 2023 with Mrs. Askew-Brown serving as Chair and Mr. Clarke serving as Vice Chair. Mr. Rogers noted that based on the rotation of vice chair to chair following next fiscal year (2024) all member agencies will have had the opportunity to serve in those positions.

Mr. Washington entertained a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 MPO Meeting Schedule, Members, and Officers. Mr. England motioned first, and Dr. Wilson seconded. Mr. Washington called for questions or comments having none the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

Mr. Washington asked Mr. Rogers to move forward with the Project Updates.

5. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension

Mr. Rogers called the committees attention to a proposed resolution confirming the MPO's preference of Alignment Alternative B2 for the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension. Mr. England ask the purpose of the resolution. Mr. Rogers stated that intention was simply to reiterate to DOTD and FHWA the position the MPO has taken in the past. Mr. Rogers noted that there had been significant change over in staff with BKI and wanted to make sure that the staff on hand was aware of the MPO's stance. Mr. Rogers stated that he recently spoke to new staff. BKI advised Mr. Rogers they would be providing a revised FONSI for NLCOG and DOTD review outlining Alignment Alternative B2 as the preferred. Mr. England asked if there was still a need for the resolution. Mr. Rogers stated that he did not think so based on his conversations with BKI staff. Mr. Ford asked if we had held a public hearing on this. Mr. Rogers stated that the public hearing was delayed due to COVID protocols but that the EA presented included was alternative B2.

Mr. Washington asked if there were any further comments. Mr. Chavallie noted that the issues with the Tim James project were due to their inclusion of language in an agreement with land owners that NLCOG was not made aware of. He further stated that to his knowledge that issue has

been resolved. Mr. Washington stated that unless there were other comments he would remove the resolution from consideration and ask Mr. Rogers to confirm our position to BKI. With no further comments Mr. Washington asked Mr. Rogers to move forward with the agenda.

6. I-49 Inner City Connector Stage 1 Environmental Impact Study

Mr. Rogers stated that DOTD would be scheduling the next Section 106 Consulting Parties meeting in the near future. Mr. Rogers stated that it was vital to move the project forward through this process in order to complete the Draft EIS. Mr. Rogers noted that the 106 process helps to identify the preferred alternative for the Draft EIS. Mr. Rogers stated that Providence has completed as much of the draft as possible without having the Section 106 process completed.

Mr. Rogers stated that Senator Peacock had raised some concerns over funds being moved during the legislative process. Mr. Rogers stated that through efforts of the legislative bodies a MEGA projects fund has been created with sub accounts for I-49 North, I-49 South, the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge, and the I-10 Baton Rouge Bridge.

Mr. Washington stated that a delegation made up of Mayor Perkins, Mr. England, Representative Bagley, and himself had several meetings in DC with the administration and departments. Mr. Washington stated the covered the I-49 project, I-69, some projects at the port, and other initiatives. He stated that all were well received. Mr. Washington asked if Mr. England would like to add anything.

Mr. England stated that Mr. Washington lead the meetings and we were well represented and that he did a great job representing Northwest Louisiana especially with the roadway projects. He further stated that the port had submitted an INFRA grant request that can be directly attributed to these meetings. He stated that the cost had increased due to COVID and the grant will help to cover those increased cost. Mr. England stated that we had previously been advised to wait and submit during the second round. The message was clear from the Whitehouse and DOT that they can not say yes if we did not have a request in the hopper. Mr. England stated he was glad to move forward rather than rely on the bad advice provided by the engineering firm.

Mr. Washington stated that it was clear from the meetings they were in that it was imperative to get your grant applications in this year. The statement was made that applications that are not funded this year may be funded in future years and there was also the possibility that things may change and they may not receive applications in the future. Mr. Washington reiterated that if you have not gotten your applications in to do so if you still can.

Mr. Washington stated that with the I-49 project FHWA had lead presence in the meetings and that Mayor Perkins met directly with Secretary Buttigieg and that the project was well received. He stated that FHWA and the Secretary are working directly with the office in Baton Rouge to ensure the project is moving forward and that we should receive a ROD sooner than expected. Mr. Washington noted it was good to receive the update earlier.

Mr. Ford if the funding available was enough to move the I-69 frontage road project forward. Mr. England stated that the port has taken the lead on the project with DOTD and that there is a separate agreement outlining the local funding with the funds from the MPO, Caddo Parish, DeSoto Parish and the port. Mr. England stated that in terms of the environmental for the frontage road

all that would be required is a categorical exclusion. He further stated that road swap agreements between the two parishes and DOTD were progressing. DeSoto Parish has come to an agreement with DOTD while Caddo Parish was finalizing their agreement through a local ordinance. Dr. Wilson stated that the long-range committee was set to meet on June 6th and the agreement should be moved favorable to the full commission following.

Mr. Washington stated that in the meetings in DC with DOT/FHWA it was made clear that the I-49 and I-69 projects were not competing projects. He noted that many time locals seem to think these two are competing projects. He stated that the administration wanted to make it clear that there was nothing precluding either project from moving forward and that they want to see both projects done.

Mr. Washington direct Mr Rogers to the next item on the agenda.

7. LA 511 Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers directed the committee's attention to the flyer in the packets. He stated that the Lt. Governor had agreed to brining the rehabbed bike/ped bridge into the state park system and that the local agree to basic day to day maintenance such as trash pickup, shutting gates, sweeping, etc. Mr. Ford noted that Bossier Parish and Caddo parish had signed the MOU and that we are now waiting for the cities to sign the agreement but did not foresee any issues. Senator Peacock stated that HB 762 provides leeway for the size of state parks within Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

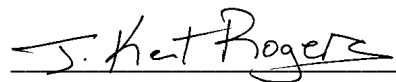
Mr. Washington asked if the members had any comments, having none he asked Mr. Rogers if there were any announcements.

Announcements

Congratulations to Dinero for being named 2022 Transit Operator of the Year and to Dr. Shelly Barrett as a Community Hero for the Bossier Chamber of Commerce Salute to Community Heroes.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. England moved to adjourn; Dr. Wilson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.



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MEETING CANCELLATION

The meeting scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022 was cancelled.