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

### **MINUTES**

**Friday, June 13, 2025 (9:00 AM)**

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

#### **Members' Present**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport  
Mr. Alan Clarke – MPC City of Shreveport  
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish  
Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish  
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04  
Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish  
Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier  
Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish

#### **Members Absent**

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City  
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City  
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran

#### **Others Present**

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

### **Call to Order**

Mrs. Bryant called the meeting to order. She stated that we generally have the invocation, roll call and a pledge at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Bryant asked Mayor Arceneaux to lead us in prayer and Mr. Norton to lead us on the pledge. She asked if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mayor Arceneaux led us in prayer followed by Mr. Norton leading us in the pledge. Mrs. Bryant 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. Rogers stated they hadn't received any comments.

## **Business**

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

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the May 16, 2025, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. England 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 two different series of TIP amendments. The first was for Introduction for Public Comment. Mr. Rogers said that they may recall about two months ago, they had an amendment for this exact same project, US371: KCS RR OVERPASSES HBI, adding quite a bit of money for engineering right-of-way and acquisition whatnot for the project. They have since scaled that project back. What they're looking to do is remove the Sibley portion of the project and only move forward with the Minden portion at this time due to funding. Mr. Rogers said that that's for introduction.

The second series are for the Transit Amendments for Adoption that were introduced at the last meeting and subject for adoption today. These are for SporTran. Some of them are vital numbers for the 2024 allegations and the anticipated funding for 2025. Also, for a grant they received for the purchase of twelve on demand vehicles. Mr. Rogers said that's all for the TIP Amendments.

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

*Mr. Rogers asked to let the record reflect that Dr. Ward is present.*

### **3. Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – Fiscal Year 2026 UPWP Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 UPWP**

Mr. Rogers said that this was the Work Program for next year and will be subject to adoption today. They had the initial introduction several meetings ago and just continued with details as they moved along. The Core Programs under Task A, the big things will be the MTP Update, which they selected Neel-Schaffer and Associates with their group to work with them on that. They are working with them now on the contract, scope and also the New TIP. Some of the highlights under the Freight Planning will finalize some of the I-220 and LA 3132 analyses. Mr. Rogers said again, under the Public Transit section, there will be some work under that plan update. For Transit, they've been looking at some additional BRT routes, similar to what will be going on for the medical corridor, and then some Urban Rural Connections along with that. With the GIS System, the continual migration to the web and for a new flight to take place. For Tasks E and F, Public Involvement and Outreach, that's their general administration portion. Under the Regional Safety Planning area, it will be the Implementation of the SS4A that they previously approved. With the Special Projects, I-49 and Watershed capacity. Mr. Rogers said he did have some potential changes with the Watershed program. They have recently released LIDAR data and some of the other modeling data to go along with that.

Mr. Rogers said that under Budget and Funding the Income is roughly three million in total. A great majority of that are the General and Federal Funds and also the State/STBG Funds. The remaining of that being their Local Support. Either the General Local coming from them or the Other Local that comes from the Tax Assessor, 911 and other entities for support of those programs. They have a detailed list of expenses and overhead in their

packets. Mr. Rogers said it was advertised, and they received no public comment. The only comments they received were several iterations between themselves, DOTD and FHWA. Most of it was in terms of wording and provisional, providing them with the actual contract numbers that would go with the income portion. The majority were just typos and grammatical errors, but no formal public comments were received.

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Approve the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. England motioned, and Dr. Ward seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

#### **4. Fiscal Year 2026 Meeting Schedule – Adoption of FY 2026 Meeting Schedule for the MPO**

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Approve the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Meeting Schedule for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. England seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

#### **5. Fiscal Year 2026 MPO Officers – Election of Fiscal Year 2026 Officers for the MPO**

Mrs. Bryant asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mrs. Bryant entertained a motion to Accept the Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2026 Beginning July 1, 2025, and Serving Through June 30, 2026. Mayor Arceneaux motioned to accept the slate of officers for Mrs. Bryant as Chair and Mr. Blanton as Vice Chair. Mr. England seconded. Mrs. Bryant called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Rogers said he had a couple of announcements. He had given them a sheet with quite a few changes at DOTD the day before. The current Secretary, Mr. Joe Donahue, is moving back into his position as Executive Council at DOTD. Mr. Glenn Ledet, former Executive Director for the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, is moving into the role as Secretary at DOTD. And Mr. Eric Dauphine is moving into the position as Deputy Secretary at DOTD, currently the District Administrator of Lafayette-District 03. Mr. Rogers said he's not sure what all this will mean down the line. Several pieces of legislation were passed in terms of some of the reorganization for the department. One thing he would say is that Mr. Ledet and Mr. Dauphine have a lot of experience dealing with I-49 in Lafayette so they will understand and know and have the same concerns as they have for the Inner City Connector. They've basically been going through the same process with the Lafayette Inner City Connector.


Mr. Rogers said the other announcement, and he's sad that he's not there today, but he would love to recognize Mr. Washington for all the accomplishments that SporTran has received lately including the National Transit System of the Year. He believes Mr. Washington will be making a presentation in July to the Global Mass Transit's 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference – State of Good Repair, and he believes there will be some recognition at that conference as well. They've done an awesome job, and he hopes they keep moving forward.

*Mr. Rogers said to let the record reflect that Mr. Clarke is present.*

Mr. Rogers said that the next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, July 18, 2025, in the Government Chambers at 9:00 am.

## Adjourn

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

  
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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

