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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, April 24, 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
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Mr. Stephen Jean – MPC of Caddo/Shreveport
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran

Members Absent

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish

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 Dr. Ward 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. Dr. Ward 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 not received any request for public comment.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2026

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the February 20, 2026, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Washington 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 that before they get started, they have an extra sheet that was on top for something that became available at the last minute for SporTran. They have a couple of things. The first is just an administrative⁴ amendment on the US 80: BAYOU DORCHEAT⁵, RELIEF BRIDGES. LaDOTD has requested to Change Design (Engineering) phase of \$750k of STPFLEX at 80/20 in FFY 2026 to \$1.1M of STPFLEX at 80/20 in FFY 2026.

Mr. Rogers said the next several of amendments, including the extra sheet they received, are Introduction for the Transit Program. The first series is based on the final, Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Washington to correct him if he was wrong. The first two are based on the final numbers for assistance for twenty-six of 5309 and 5339 programs from the apportionments from 2024 and 2025. The second sets are for 2026, similar type things. The third ones, which is the extra sheet they received, are for some reallocation of 5310 funds for SporTran for putting in an ADA paratransit simulator. Mr. Rogers said it's similar to what the bus one they had before the paratransit thing correct?

Mr. Washington said, actually it's not. As you know, they received a pretty major grant and they haven't had the allocations to put it on the agenda yet, it's for the ADA complex on Jack Wells. Plus, part of this, they'll have a new assessment center that will do new assessments for paratransit, ADA, and patients in North Louisiana. That money that came in yesterday is a portion that's for the buildout of that facility. Mr. Washington said it's actually a physical, interior facility for assessments that come in. The others are them correcting their 2025 numbers due to the fact that they received quite additional funding for ridership. They got their 2026 funding in now, just released earlier this month.

Mr. Rogers said that these are introduced for public comment.

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

3. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
- **DOT FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All NOFA**

Mr. Rogers said that we recently adopted the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plan with all the proposed projects. They've set the next round for funding, and it's become available for implementation. There's also planning funds for those, but also some implementation funds. Mr. Rogers said he just put some brief information for the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) in the packet. He's also given them the appendix that has all the different projects for the area. It has a brief description of each project. He asked for them to please pass this along to their appropriate people in their organizations. He knows that Bossier City already has one that they're working on for a grant. This is the time to go after those funds to start the implementation. Mr. Rogers said the projects have a lot of detail for pretty much anything you would need to add in or put in for the application for the project for the funding. If they are interested, Mr. Petro and him have discussed this already, but possibly the MPO putting in an application for the top projects from each of the parishes in the two cities and doing an overall grant application to see if they'd go for something like that. If awarded, based off whatever those projects are and the amount for each, they would need to come up with a match support for them. This is all just informational for them.

4. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Reauthorization
- **AMPO Priorities**

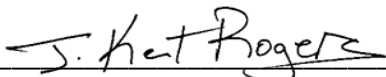
Mr. Rogers stated that next on the agenda, he had some flyers in their packets from AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization), which is across the country, some policies and privacy statements in terms of reauthorizations of the IIJA. These policy statements and programs follow along. These are national organizations pushing for the same policies and programs. This is for informational purposes for them to read about as well and what they're pushing with the legislators for. The big one of those is the Safe Street for All funds that are now a grant operation program, some of those would become attributable funds and they would automatically get a chunk of that funding each year as a large MPO entity. Just pushing stronger for more of the funding to become attributable and direct rather than grant application.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, May 15, 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 Mr. Washington second, and the meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

