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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, September 18, 2026 (9:00 AM)

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

Members' Present

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

Members Absent

Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City - Vice Chair
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Chris Petro – NLCOG
Ms. Savannah Williams – NLCOG
Ms. Heidi Stewart – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG
Mr. Jacque Biggs – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mayor Arceneaux called the meeting to order. Mayor Arceneaux asked Mrs. Bryant to lead us in prayer, and Mr. Rogers to lead us in prayer. He stated if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mrs. Bryant led us in prayer followed by Mr. Rogers leading us for the pledge. Mayor Arceneaux asked Mr. Rogers to begin roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Arceneaux asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Rogers stated they had not received any requests for public comment.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2026

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the August 21, 2026, meeting. Mayor Chandler motioned, and Dr. Ward seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mayor Arceneaux called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

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

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Introduction of the Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year's 2027-2030 for Public Comments

Mr. Rogers stated that what they have is the Introduction for Public Comment for the new TIP that they've been working on. He resent the executive summary to them last night because he noticed some inconsistencies had appeared on the document before them. Mr. Rogers said that basically this is the introduction of the new TIP. The TIP is the four-year outline, more of what you could call a Capital Improvements Program, as compared to the Long-Range Plan. Those are the projects that are to be implemented over the next four years. That would be Federal Fiscal 2027-2030. Mr. Rogers said that as they could see from the summary, there's a front section where they have to provide some regional profile and demographics and it all has to be performance-based planning. That goes along with Highway Safety PM1. Highway Safety PM2 is Infrastructure (Pavement and Bridge Condition). PM3 is System Performance and Freight Reliability. PM3 is more of a travel time target.

Dr. Ward stated that Mr. Rogers said that it's in compliance with IJJA. He asked if Mr. Rogers saw anything changing with the new surface transportation bill that may come after being rolled out.

Mr. Rogers said that most of these will remain the same. Most of this has been the same since roughly iced tea timeframe. A lot of contingents are based on what they call the three C's, continuum, cooperative, and coordinated within the planning process. Anything that he's read on them; he hasn't seen any changes in what the performance measures would be.

Dr. Ward said he read somewhere where they talked about changing some of those and he

didn't know if that was subjective to that.

Mr. Rogers said he thinks it's some of the safety stuff within one section and they're moving into a different section and there's some type of that stuff that they've noticed. If that should change, this is a discussion that the MPO's have had with DOTD and how do they do this right now while they're in the middle, and they said that IJA is the existing law. They have to do it by the existing law.

Dr. Ward said that he hopes that they do get a surface transportation past. That's a big first step.

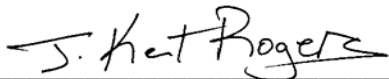
Mayor Arceneaux asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mayor Arceneaux entertained a motion to Approve the Introduction of the Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2030 for public comments. Mr. Jean motioned, and Mr. England seconded. Mayor Arceneaux called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, October 16, 2026, in the Government Chambers at 9:00 am.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mayor Arceneaux entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Chandler motioned, and Dr. Ward second, and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

