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

**Friday July 23, 2021 9:00 am**

**Regional Commerce Center 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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## **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 overhead 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.

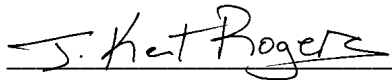
### **Project Updates**

#### **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.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



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

**Friday September 10, 2021 9:00 am**  
**Regional Commerce Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Steering Room**  
**600 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](#)**

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

### **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.



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## **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**

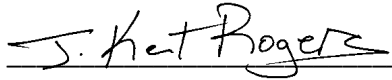
Mr. Rogers stated that the traffic section at DOTD was satisfied with the traffic study projections and design at the intersection of the Service Road at I-49 and La Hwy 1. Their concurrence now paves the way to finalize the Stage 0 reports and allows us to begin the Stage 1 NEPA and Surveying/Design 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.

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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

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

**Friday November 19, 2021 9:00 am**  
**Regional Commerce Center 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)**

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

### **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.



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## **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**

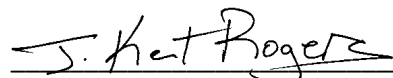
Mr. Rogers presented the EIS update and status of the I-49 Inner City Connector. A revised CRS with an addendum summarizing the new survey data has been submitted reviewed by DOTD and FHWA and submitted to the SHPO for review and comment. DOTD will schedule a second consulting party meeting as part of 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.



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J. Kent Rogers, Secretary



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**Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee**  
**Friday January 21, 2022 9:00 am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81012708738?pwd=akVCOEdDTndlV3NaMmtlTlBhekdvZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 1270 8738

Passcode: 368645

## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

[COVID 19 Virtual Certification](#)

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

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

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

[Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Update](#)

**3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update**

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

**4. Transportation Safety Performance Measures**

[Introduction of the 2022 Transportation Safety Performance Targets](#)

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

**5. LA 511 - Jimmie Davis Bridge**

[Project Update](#)

**6. LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension**

[Draft FONSI with Cover letter](#)

**7. I-49 ICC**

[Cultural Study Area Map](#)

[I-49 Shreveport Urban Section ADT Report](#)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURN**

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



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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  
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. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

*J. Kent Rogers*

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

**5. Amtrak Rail Service**

[Resolution in support of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service between Dallas and Atlanta along the I-20 Corridor](#)

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

FONSI Environmental Decision

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CC to DC March 28 – 31, 2022

### **ADJOURN**

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



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## **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.

I-20/I-220 BAFB Gate: Remaining programed over 7 years (\$15m total).

I-69 Service Road: \$10.5 m (200k) \$6.75m (local) \$15m (st/fed).

LA 3276: Match provided by state.

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 Flournoy 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.

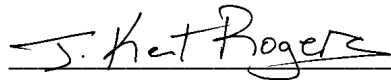
Mr. Washington entertained a motion on the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension FONSI with the following recommendations to reconvene before March 31<sup>st</sup>, to reach out to Tim James, Inc (TJI) and Mr. Larkin to discuss a possible extension of the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

#### **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**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

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

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

[Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Update](#)

**3. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

[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**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURN**

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**

**Friday, April 22, 2022 (9:00 AM)**

#### **NLCOG**

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#### **Members Present**

Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier  
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran  
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Mr. Steven Brown – DeSoto Parish  
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Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04

#### **Members Absent**

Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City  
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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None at this time.

DOTD TIP Amendment(s) for Adoption

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**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

**H.000413 CROSS BAYOU BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Addition of Feasibility and Engineering Phases for FFY 2022.

**H.001779 Jimmie Davis Bridge (LA 511) (HBI)** – Add construction phase and funding for FFY 2022.

## MPO STP >200 K TIP Amendments & Programing

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

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I-69 Service Road: \$10.5 m (200k) \$6.75m (local) \$15m (st/fed).

LA 3276: Match provided by state.

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

## MPO Transit TIP Amendments

**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. Roges 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 the 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 Tademy (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

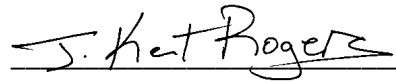
Mr. Washington asked if the members had any comments, having none he asked Mr. Rogers if there were any announcements.

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

**Friday May 27, 2022, 9:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Seminar Room

625 Texas Street Shreveport, LA 71101

## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2022

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

[Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Update](#)

#### **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