

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM SEED CENTER, 4310 RYAN STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Chair (John Bruce)
- 2. ROLL CALL Mike Hollier
- 3. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - A) Minutes of Meeting held April 19, 2023 (Jamie Gaines) Action requested.
 - **B)** Minutes of Meeting held July 26, 2023 (Jamie Gaines) Action requested.
- 4. 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT STATUS Steve Jiles
 - A) Calcasieu Parish Overlays 1A and 1B
 - B) Fitzenreiter Street Widening
 - C) Gauthier Road and Lake Street Roundabout
 - D) I-10 Bridge Interim Repairs
 - E) I-10 Bridge Replacement
 - F) I-210 Auxiliary Lanes (Nelson Ryan)
 - G) Myrtle Springs Road Overlay
 - H) La. Hwy. 1256 at West Cal Blvd. Intersection Improvements.
- 5. 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT STATUS Steve Jiles
 - A) Project S-02.4 I-10 Railroad Crossing at La. Hwy. 497

The overpass would have a significant and possible detrimental impact on local businesses and adjoining properties. The proximity of the project will involve a reconstruction or likely replacement of the I-10 overpass to meet the ASSHTO design standards. Might be reconsidered in the 2050 MTP. Recommendation for removal requested.

B) Project C-05 Burton Street Widening

Burton Street is a City/Parish roadway. 2022 traffic counts on Burton Street within this segment range from 4,000 – 7,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT). Burton Street parallels Hwy. 90 approximately 1,900 feet to the south. The street primarily serves as a Collector for adjacent residential areas in contrast to Hwy. 90, which serves both local and thru traffic. Widening Burton Street would have a significant impact on residents of



low to moderate housing fronting the street. Available funds could be better utilized by adding capacity to Hwy. 90. Burton Street Widening is not a regionally significant improvement. Recommendation for removal requested.

C) Project C-99 John Stine Road Widening

John Stine Road is a Parish Road. 2022 traffic counts within improvement segment are not available. A 2022 traffic count east of the intersection at Myrtle Springs Road is 2,500 ADT. John Stine Road, east of Myrtle Springs Road intersection is a 3-Lane roadway. Road primarily serves as an east-west corridor and connector to adjacent residential areas between Houston River Road and Sampson Street. Entergy is the only adjoining property owner along the segment of John Stine Road. Volume/Capacity Ratio projected for 2040 is 40%. Additional lanes or capacity improvements would not make a significant difference. Recommendation for removal requested.

D) Project N-70 Southland Field Airport North-South Connector

Southland Field Airport North-South Connector is a planned new construction road. This area is in an AE Flood Zone subject to flooding. The properties that would adjoin the proposed road do not indicate Southland Field would have direct access. Proposed economic development vitality of the area should be a factor for justification. Constructing a north-south connector between Hwy. 108 and Sam Vincent Road would not be a significant improvement to the regional network Level of Service (LOS) to the connecting roads or in the region.

Recommendation for removal requested.

E) Project C-72 Picard Road Bridge

This project is listed in the Eligible Structures for Off-System Bridge Funding. Recommend funding under the Off-System Bridge Program whose purpose is to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient or functionally obsolete parish/city structures. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides 80% funding for the design and construction of projects. The State contributes the 20% matching funds. Recommendation for removal requested.

F) Project N-10 Gillis Cutoff Road Extension

Gillis Cutoff Road Extension is a proposed new construction road. Proposed development of regional significance and economic vitality should be a factor for justification. The Gillis Cutoff Road Extension would serve primarily local traffic and development interests rather than as a project of regional significance. Recommendation for removal requested.

6. 2050 MTP PREPARATION STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION – Mike Hollier

- 1. LCMPO Technical Advisory Committee members
- 2. Current Crash Analysis Group
- 3. Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance
- 4. City of Lake Charles Planning Director
- 5. Calcasieu Parish Planning Director
- 6. Council of Churches Representative
- 7. Calcasieu Parish School System PTA Representative
- 8. Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana Representative
- 9. McNeese State University Representative
- 10. North Lake Charles Representative



- 11. Lake Area Industries Alliance Representative
- 12. Visit Lake Charles (Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau) Representative Recommendation for approval requested.

7. 2050 MTP PLANNING FACTORS (21) FOR PROJECT REVIEW – Mike Hollier

Recommendation for approval requested.

8. MPO BYLAWS AMENDMENTS – Mike Hollier

Recommendation for approval requested.

- 9. INFORMATION Mike Hollier
 - a. Lodging Association Transit Survey
 - b. MPO Traffic Counting Stations: Maintenance
 - c. MPO Traffic Analysis Zones Update: Maintenance
 - d. Network Weakness Locations
 - e. Transportation Management Center Feasibility Study Status No action requested.

10. ADJOURNMENT- Chair