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Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Commission (IMCAL)
Louisiana Planning District 5

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LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (LCMPO)
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 12:00 PM – 1:30 AM,

VIRTUAL MEETING

1. OPEN MEETING

- A. **Call to Order** – Nic Hunter, Chair
- B. **Roll Call** – Mike Hollier
- C. **Review and Adoption of Minutes** - Walter Council
Meeting held February 9, 2022

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **2019-2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status** – Walter Council
 - 1) H.013870 Enterprise Boulevard Overlay Reconstruction in City of Lake Charles
 - 2) H.014960 Calcasieu Parish Overlays Phase 1A
 - 3) H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd in City of Sulphur
 - 4) H.007122 Myrtle Springs Rd in City of Westlake
 - 5) Recommendation on TIP Projects
- B. **Resolution 2022-14 MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 11 Roadway Evaluation** – Steve Jiles
Action Requested

Proposed TPC amendment to 2045 MTP, to make the following changes, following TAC recommendation (5/4/22). Public Review/Hearing process begins 5/17/22.

- 1. C-11 Country Club Rd: Big Lake Rd to Nelson Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$4.15M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway: BP-302 for \$1.9M
 - Add Roundabout: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

2. C-12 Country Club Rd/University Ave: Nelson Rd to Jefferson Dr
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$15.917M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway: BP-302 for \$1.58M
 - c. Other:

3. C-03 Big Lake Rd: Gauthier Rd to Country Club Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$10.1M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Reduce widening to 3 lanes for \$8M
 - Add Bikeway: BP-301 for \$950K
 - Add Roundabouts: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd; W. Gauthier Rd @ Haymark Rd (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

4. C-18 Gauthier Rd: Big Lake to Common St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$45.7M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Divide project into 2 separate projects:
 - C-18a Gauthier Rd: Big Lake Road to Lake St as a 3-lane capacity widening for \$12M
 - C-18b Gauthier Rd: Lake Street to Tom Hebert St as a 3-lane capacity widening for \$12M.
 - Add Roundabouts per Project:
 - C-18a: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd; Elliot Rd @ Gauthier Rd; Lake St @ Gauthier Rd (no cost available)
 - C-18b: Lake St @ Gauthier Rd (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

5. C-89 Ihles Rd: W. Prien Lake Rd to Country Club Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Cancelled as widening project for \$8M in TIP FY 2019-22
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Add project to 2045 MTP, after being cancelled from TIP FY 2019 -22.
 - Add Roundabout: Ihles Rd @ W. Prien Lake Rd (no current cost available)
 - c. Other:

6. N-17 McNeese St Extension: Ihles Rd to Weaver Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: New location/New 4-lane roadway for \$15M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove

7. C-100 LA 384 Country Club Rd: Ihles Rd/Elliot Rd Intersection
 - a. Existing: Capacity/Intersection improvement for \$13.1M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway: BP-302 for \$300K
 - c. Other

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2022-12 Amending Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) FY 2019-22 Amendment 32 (Aggregate Record Item No. 62) – Walter Council
Action Requested

Following TAC recommendation (5/4/22), to move H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd Overlay, to construction phase, funded at a Total Cost of \$1.265M including 10% contingency (80% Fed Share of \$1.012M; 20% Local Match of \$0.253M), to be funded by STP50-200K funds, from FY 23 to FY 22. Public Review/Hearing process began 4/29/22.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2019-22 – Walter Council
Information Only

Highway Element Section

Administrative Modification 29 (Aggregate Record Item No. 64)

Change funding grant for construction phase of H.005967 NELSON Rd EXT & BRIDGE in FY 22:

- \$8.5M in DEMO at 80/20; \$15.75M in STPFLEX-E at 80/20; \$4.75M in STP<200k-E at 80/20; \$1.75M in NHPP at 80/20; and \$19M in STCASH

To the following funding grants in FY 22

- \$8.5M in DEMO at 80/20; \$22.2M in PROTECT; and \$31.4M in STCASH.

C. Resolution 2022-15 MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 12 Roadway Evaluation (Chennault International Airport Area) – Steve Jiles
Action Requested

Proposed TPC amendment to 2045 MTP, following TAC recommendation (5/4/22), remove following projects and re-assemble them under project number S-02, applying \$350K cost for phase I Study. Public Review/Hearing process begins 5/17/22.

1. C-04 Broad St/Fruge St: I-210 to LA 397 Ward Line Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$12.65M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - c. Other:
2. S-02 Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Ave: Merganser St to Avenue H
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Study/Traffic Study for \$350K
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove as individual project and re-assemble it and C-04, C-33, C-58, C-59, C-14, and C-95 projects under new S-02 Chennault Area Traffic Study (CATS)
 - Add Roundabout: Sen. J. Bennett Johnston @ Merganser (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

3. C-33 J. Bennett Johnston Ave: Broad St to Merganser St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Center turn lane for \$3.76M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - c. Other:

4. C-58 LA 397 Railroad XXing
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Grade Separation for \$9.35M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - c. Other:

5. C-59 LA 397 (Ward Line Rd): LA 14 to US 90
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$44.2M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - Add Roundabouts: LA-14 @ LA-397; U.S. 90 @ LA-397 (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

6. C-14 Prien Lake Rd: LA 14 to LA 397 (Ward Line Rd)
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$29.4M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - Add Roundabouts: E. Prien Lake Rd @ Derek Dr; E. Prien Lake Rd @ Power Center Pkwy (no cost available)
 - c. Other:

7. C-95 E. Prien Lake Rd Realignment: LA 397 (E. Ward Line Rd) to Mallard Cove St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to new 2-lane for \$9.7M
 - b. Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - c. Other:

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023 – 26: Call for Projects Submissions – Walter Council Discussion

a. Projects Submitted List

- 1) LA 1256 @ West Cal Blvd and Patch St (R/W) – \$3M Intersection Improvement (CPPJ)**
- 2) Nelson Rd @ Country Club Rd - \$770K Adaptive Traffic System Signal (CPPJ)*
- 3) Ryan St @ Sallier St - \$1.2M Intersection Improvement (CoLC)**
- 4) LA 1256 @ West Cal Blvd/Patch St (Con) - \$3.25M Intersection Improvement (CPPJ)**
- 5) Broad St: Lake Shore Dr to Enterprise Blvd - \$1.015M Overlay and Restripe (CoLC)***
- 6) 18th St @ Gum Creek Bridge - \$2.3M Bridge Replacement (CoLC)***
- 7) Fitzenreiter Rd: Highway 171 to Goos Blvd - \$6.7M Road Widening to 3 Lanes (CoLC)**
- 8) 12th Street: Ryan St to 1st Ave - \$3.4M Road Reconstruction (CoLC)***
- 9) Sale Rd: Lake St to Ryan St - \$3.4M Road Reconstruction (CoLC)***
- 10) Louisiana Ave @ Contraband Bayou Bridge - \$2.85M Bridge Replacement (CoLC)***

Total Submitted Project Costs: \$27.88M

- 1 Safety & Other Project: \$770K*
- 4 Capacity Expansion Projects: \$14.15M**
- 5 System Preservation Projects: \$12.965M***

Projects Submitted Currently in 2045 MTP

- #3 Ryan St at Sallier St is C-78
- #7 Fitzenreiter Rd: Highway 171 to Goos Blvd is C-17
- #8 12th St: Ryan St to 1st Ave is M-01
- #9 Sale Rd: Lake St to Ryan St is C-74

b. Call for Projects Scoring Requirements

1) Federal

System Performance

- Safety; System Preservation: Highways; System Preservation: Bridges; System Preservation; Transit

System Development

- Resilience and Reliability; Congestion Reduction; Connectivity; Accessibility and Mobility; Network Continuity

Quality of Life

- Environmental Justice (EJ/Social Equity); Land Use and Livability; Economic Vitality; Environmental Mitigation

Project Readiness

- Cost Sharing; Planning Nexus; Project Development; Community Support

2) MPO Staff Principal Considerations

- 1) Is Project 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan?
- 2) Congestion Mitigation
- 3) Vehicular and Pedestrian Safety
- 4) Intermodal Travel Time Reliability for Level of Service (LOS = C)
- 5) Preliminary Project Review Submittal

c. Other Considerations

1) Grandfathered Projects

a. Motorist Assistance Program (M.A.P.)

- Grandfathered annually for \$412.5K using STP<200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$1.65M

b. Planning, Training, and Research

- Grandfathered in only FY 23 using STP< 200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$100K

c. H.007122 Myrtle Springs Rd: Houston River Rd to Pelican Dr

- Project to be authorized, in FY 24, using STP<200K funds: \$3M

d. Chennault Area Traffic Study (CATS)

- Multi-project traffic study for consideration using STP<200K funds: \$350K

e. IMCAL MPO Planning Services

- Requested annually for \$350K using STP<200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$1.4M

f. Long Range Transportation Plan

- Requested for FY 23, using multiple funding sources, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$500K
- \$500K explained:
 - \$250K (100%) from LaDOTD
 - \$250K (80%/20%) using STP<200K

Total Grandfathered Projects and Other Costs: \$7M

- 3 Grandfathered Projects: \$4.75M
- Other Potential Project: \$2.25M

2) Congestion Mitigation: Proposed Urban Area Traffic Management Center

3) Local Regulatory Integration Support

E. Resolution 2022-13 Adopting Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2022-23 – Walter Council Action Requested.

IMCAL/SWLA-RPC, acting in its capacity as the Lake Charles Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), will be conducting a Public Review Period to update and amend the FY 2022-2023 Lake Charles Urbanized Area Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the federally mandated document describing transportation planning related tasks and activities, along with attached funding amounts and categories, to be conducted for the fiscal year beginning July 1st.

FTA: Funding allocation decreased from \$64K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 22 to \$63K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 23:

- A1 Administration: \$14,800
- A2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning: \$15,500
- A3 Transportation Improvement Program: \$3,212
- A4 HSTP/Transit: \$15,000
- A5 Long Range Transportation Plan/ MTP Development: \$5,400
- A6 Systems Planning: \$25,500

FHWA: Funding allocation increased from \$395K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 22 to \$448K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 23:

- B1 Administration: \$82,092
- B2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning: \$93,750
- B3 Transportation Improvement Program: \$68,750
- B4 Safety: \$31,250
- B5 Long Range Transportation Plan/ MTP Development: 50,000
- B6 Public Participation: \$43,750
- B7 Systems Planning: \$78,750

Proposed TPC adoption of UPWP FY 23. TAC recommended approval (5/4/22).

Public Review/Hearing process begins 5/17/22.

4. INFORMATION

- A.** Southwest Louisiana Rail Study and Plan – Mike Hollier
- B.** I-14 Spur Alternative Study Alignments Thru Urban Area – Steve Jiles

5. ADJOURNMENT