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JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
Agenda and Minutes

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, December 8, 2016
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (July 28, 2016)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTROL TOTALS FOR UPDATING THE JOHRTS TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTRUCTING MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Kal Kincaid-APAC Texas

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-OPEN

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: December 8, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 28, 2016

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Don Rao, Director of Engineering, Jefferson County made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Scott Ayers- Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Austin.
2. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT 2017 UTP/District Engineer's and MPO Director's meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in Austin.
3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016.
4. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT sponsored Trans-Cad training course during the 2nd week of November in Tyler.
5. SETRPC staff completed a timeline for developing the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045.
6. SETRPC staff held the comment period for the Draft Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft Revised JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 and held four public meetings during the third week of November to gather public input on the documents.
7. SETRPC staff attended a Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Workshop in Austin on November 3rd & 4th, 2016.
8. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Austin.
9. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- November let of the next section of the IH-10 widening in Orange from FM 1442 to east of FM 3247, from 4 to 6 lanes, with an expected 2 years to complete.
- November public meetings held for the next piece of widening IH-10 from Hamshire Road to FM 365, from 4 to 6 lanes. Consultants are working on this now with the project to let in July 2017.
- Consultants just started working on the section of widening from Hwy 365 to Walden Road, will let in the summer of 2018.
- Pine Island frontage road project to connect the frontage roads with a bridge over Pine Island Bayou, will let in the summer of 2017.
- The section of Hwy 69 from the interchange with IH-10 N to Tram Road, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in the summer of 2018.

He also advised that TxDOT has just been made aware of another Transportation Alternative Program call. Upcoming projects of interest, which will be approved by the Commission at the December meeting next week, include projects for construction of on-road bicycle improvements and off-road shared use paths, conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to provide a shared use path, sidewalks, infrastructure improvements to provide single routes to school, and infrastructure related projects to improve safety for non-drivers. Notice will be given to local governments regarding the meetings to be held in mid-January or early February to provide information about the program. He advised that if anyone has any questions to call him or Lisa Collins.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is in need of an amendment due to the City of Port Arthur receiving grant funding to replace six transit buses, construct an alternative fueling station, and replace eight para transit buses. In this case, a 32-day public comment period was held from October 21, 2016 through November 21, 2016, four public meetings were held in three counties, and notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to projects added to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #5, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #1.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTROL TOTALS FOR UPDATING THE JOHRTS TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that two Technical Committee meetings have been held to cover components that have to be completed for a new JOHRTS MTP-2045. SETRPC works with the Texas Department of Transportation-Traffic Analysis Division in Austin to update the Travel Demand Model and is required to develop certain socio economic data to input into the TDM.

Mr. Dickinson requested Mr. Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith to give his presentation.

Mr. Narayanasamy's topics were:

- 2016 Travel Demand Model
 - Base year finalized to be 2016
 - Future year finalized to be 2045
 - Inputs will be developed 2016-2017 time frame
 - TxDOT-Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) will finalize the model in 2018
 - Travel Demand Model can be used for 10 years
- Socio Economic Data Development
 - 2016 and 2045 Control Total
 - Meeting with local representatives to identify recent, planned, and probable development
- Project and distribute the anticipated growth
- Historic growth
- Recommended control total for population
- Recommended control total for employment
- Traffic analysis zone update
- Next steps
- Network update

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the population and employment control totals for updating the JOHRTS Travel Demand Model. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Gerald Robinson, Public Works Director, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTRUCTING MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Kal Kincaid-APAC Texas

Mr. Kal Kincaid, Division President, Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast began his presentation by explaining the recent name change of the company from APAC to Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast.

Mr. Kincaid's other topics were:

- Understanding the Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast structure
- Products and types of work involved in
- Who local customers are
- Reviewing current and future projects

He included photos of the current project for the Port of Beaumont, the US 69 ramp reversal, US 190 bridge, FM 365 bridge, and the FM 2626 bridge.

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handouts of the public meetings flyer, the November Regional Transportation Projects Status Map, and a condensed demographics data summary.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is undetermined at this time. Mr. Dickinson stated it will possibly be the third or fourth Thursday in April.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
L. W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Steve Hamilton	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Gerald Robinson	Public Works Director, City of Bridge City
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Don Rao	Director of Engineering, Jefferson County
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Tim Juarez	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT-TPP
Kal Kincaid	President-Gulf Coast, Oldcastle Materials
Mike Lund	Superintendent of Water & Sewer, City of Bridge City
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
John Spikes	Solid Waste Fleet Supervisor, City of Groves
Chace Mann	Engineer, City of Beaumont
Scott Blanchard	Estimating Manager-Gulf Coast, Oldcastle Materials
Ellen Buchanan	Citizen, Big Thicket National Heritage Trust

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
2:00 p.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (December 8, 2016)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. STATUS REPORT ON HB20 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: April 25, 2017

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton made the motion and Clint Woods, Public Works, City of Groves, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – December 8, 2016

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff attended the Texas Transportation Forum from February 5-7, 2017 in Austin.
2. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Austin.
3. SETRPC staff held a Hike and Bike Workshop on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Beaumont.
4. SETRPC held a TxDOT sponsored Freight Mobility Plan Update Stakeholder Workshop in Beaumont on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.
5. SETRPC staff attended TxDOT training on Decision Lense, a new project selection tool, in Austin on February 27-28, 2017.
6. SETRPC staff held a Hike and Bike Workshop on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in Beaumont.

7. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings during the third week of March to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP.
8. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in Beaumont.
9. SETRPC staff will participate in a Federal MPO Metropolitan Planning Program Review with FHWA and FTA staff on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday April 6, 2017 in Beaumont.
10. SETRPC staff will attend a TxDOT sponsored public hearing for proposed U.S. 69 at Pine Island Bayou Improvement Project on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Beaumont.

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- Public meetings were held for the Pine Island frontage road project to connect the frontage roads with a bridge over Pine Island Bayou, will let in June 2017.
- The next piece of widening IH-10 from Winnie to Beaumont, Hamshire Road to FM 365, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in July 2017.
- Consultants continue to work on the section of widening from Hwy 365 to Walden Road, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in the summer of 2018.
- At the March Texas Transportation Commission meeting, funding for several projects in our area were approved. Two in the JOHRTS area are one piece of the US 69 corridor in Hardin County and Tyler County, together equal \$140 million, is tentatively scheduled to let in 2020.
- Also \$40 million of funding was approved for the project to complete the last section of IH-10 from Orange to the Louisiana state line, widening from 4 to 6 lanes, in 2019.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He referred the committee to the first pages of the Draft revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #2, which shows the projects that four public meetings, in three counties, were held during the third week of March. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

He stated that any amendments, modifications, or deletions to transportation planning documents, require public meetings and a 30-day public comment period. After committee approval, a packet is put together and is submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP. Clint Woods, Public Works, City of Groves, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #6, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #2.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 has begun. The first part of the process is to update the Travel Demand Model (TDM) as we work with the Texas Department of Transportation-Traffic Analysis Division in Austin. Our Consultant, CDM Smith, works with us to develop certain socio economic data to input into the TDM. The region is divided up into areas for specific study. In the December meeting, there was an overall estimate of population that is used for the demographic part of the TDM that the committee approved. Some modifications were made in the Lumberton and Beaumont area. Progress has been made and is on schedule. A timeline was also included in the packet.

Mr. Dickinson advised in the Spring of 2018 the development of the MTP-2045 will begin, which will require a call for projects and a revised project selection process. The goal will be to have a JOHRTS MTP-2045 in the late Spring of 2019.

IX. STATUS REPORT ON HB20 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bob Dickinson-Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack-Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

Mr. Dickinson explained that HB20 has specific requirements that pertain to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). TxDOT will be required to comply with several performance-based and planning requirements as to how they will expend their future funding and the MPO's will be required to develop a 10-year plan to show

how allocations of money, out of various Federal CAT funding categories, will be expended in the three-county region. This 10-year plan is a requirement to meet a Texas Legislature mandate for all MPO's in the State of Texas.

This will be a process that TxDOT and the MPO's will work through to adhere to the guidelines of this new legislation.

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Commissioner Eddie Arnold directed the committee member's attention to a memo in the packet regarding heavier-truck proponents that are back in Washington lobbying a substantial increase in weight limitations. Should this bill pass, it will create additional expense for maintenance of city, county, and State highways.

He also noted the packet included a Project Fact Sheet and April Status Map.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, July 13, 2017 here at SETRPC.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
L. W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Steve Hamilton	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Carlos Aviles	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor
Clint Woods	Public Works, City of Groves

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, December 7, 2017
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (October 19, 2017)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” UPDATED 2017 JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (JOHRTS PPP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” UPDATED 2017 SETRPC-MPO TITLE VI/ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

XI. BRIEFING BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)-HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACTS ON SOUTHEAST TEXAS

David Brown – Associate Director, Gulf Coast Texas Program, U.S. Geological Survey

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: December 07, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – October 19, 2017

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Scott Ayres- Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the JOHRTS 2017 "Draft" Public Participation Plan update.
2. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Beaumont.
3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in Beaumont.
4. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings during the third week of November to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP.
5. SETRPC staff testified before a Texas Senate Transportation Committee on the impact of Hurricane Harvey on the state's transportation infrastructure in our southeast Texas region on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in Austin.
6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT Public Transportation Division Regional Coordination Transportation Planning Workshop 2017 on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in Austin.

Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT had a public meeting for the IH-10 widening project from FM 365 to Walden Road on December 5, 2017.
- TxDOT project that was to let in July 2018, widening Major Drive to four lanes between IH-10 and SH 124, let yesterday, December 6, 2017.

- Upcoming projects on US 69:
 - From IH-10 interchange north to Tram Road, or as far as the funds will take it, is to let in June 2018
 - A plan to re-stripe from FM 421 in Lumberton south to US 69 will let in August 2018
 - A Consultant has been selected for a project on the US 69 corridor from the northern part of Hardin county to the southern part of Tyler county.
 - The Consultant fee negotiations are to begin soon and will take several months. The let will be in late Spring or Summer 2018 for US 69 corridor development

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” UPDATED 2017 JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (JOHRTS PPP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the JOHRTS Public Participation Plan (PPP) contains the guidelines and expectations for public involvement during the transportation planning and development processes. In particular, the plan outlines the procedures and expectations for public outreach and education on transportation issues.

Some of the goals of the Public Participation Plan are to:

- Identify affected public groups
- Be responsive to Title VI, including Environmental Justice directives and Limited English Proficiency guidance
- Engage the community in the transportation planning process
- Incorporate public feedback in the decision making process

He advised that a 45-day public comment period was held on the draft document from October 10-November 23, 2017. Also, a public meeting was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the SETRPC office to solicit the public’s ideas and input on public participation. The FAST Act requirements are addressed in the draft document and measures of effectiveness have been developed and designed to measure the effectiveness of public participation for all persons and organizations.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the “Draft” Updated 2017 JOHRTS Public Participation Plan. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" UPDATED 2017 SETRPC-MPO TITLE VI/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to update the JOHRTS SETRPC-MPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Program policies and procedures to be certain the SETRPC is meeting the FAST Act requirements. Federal laws and orders seek to prevent any form of discrimination and to ensure certain populations are not disproportionately adversely affected by plans, programs, and projects implemented by public agencies.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" Updated 2017 SETRPC-MPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Program. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, made the motion. Rawetts Baaheth, Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He referred the committee to the first pages of the "DRAFT" Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #5, which shows the projects that four public meetings, in three counties, were held for in early November. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

He stated that any amendments, modifications, or deletions to transportation planning documents, require public meetings and a 30-day public comment period. After committee approval, a packet is put together and is submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Rawetts Baaheth, Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #9, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #5.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve revisions to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. Mayor Robert Viator, City of Vidor, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the SETRPC-MPO 10 Year Transportation Plan is an evolving ten-year capital improvement document that will be updated on an annual basis. It is a requirement of House Bill 20 and identifies and denotes the scheduling and funding of construction projects across the MPO region over a 10-year period. Ongoing projects are maintained and updated while new projects are added as funding from state and federal sources are applied against the requests. The 10-year plan includes project description and termini, estimated total cost, and estimated letting date.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 Year Transportation Plan. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

XI. BRIEFING BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)-HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACTS ON SOUTHEAST TEXAS

David Brown – Associate Director, Gulf Coast Texas Program, U.S. Geological Survey

Mr. David Brown presented data about the impact of Hurricane Harvey in southeast Texas. He advised that on August 25, 2017 Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 hurricane, made landfall at 10:00 p.m. and slowly moved north of Victoria. Strong rain bands on the east side of circulation caused tremendous rainfall and flash flooding in Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Harris counties. The center of Harvey slowly moved east-southeast and back offshore, only to come ashore a second time just west of Cameron, Louisiana as Tropical Storm Harvey in the early morning hours of August 30, 2017.

Over the period from August 24th to September 1st, the highest rainfall totals were recorded in Nederland at an unbelievable 60.58 inches, with Groves a close second at 60.54 inches.

Much of southeast Texas was overtaken by floodwaters that claimed lives and displaced thousands. Harvey has been categorized as being one of the worst weather disasters in U.S. history.

Mr. Brown stated the USGS provides flood information about the natural hazards that threaten lives and livelihoods to local, state, and federal partners as well as emergency responders and the public.

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson referred to the meeting packet which includes the November Status Map, provided by TxDOT, of projects currently underway.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Zheng Tan	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
David Brown	Associate Director, Gulf Coast Program, U.S. Geological Survey
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute
Jerry Hood	Assistant General Manager, Orange County Drainage District
Tyler Hargraves	Operator, SETCAST
Jennifer Pate	Director of Community Relations, Old Castle Materials- Gulf Coast

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, April 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (February 22, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SETRPC) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT), BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT (BMT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT (PAT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PM3 TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE AND TARGET SETTING FOR MPO'S

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Dr. Tim Lomax, Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith
Roger Schiller – Planner, CDM Smith*

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: April 26, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – February 22, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS MTP-2045 Call for Projects workshop on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
2. SETRPC staff attended a FHWA sponsored Greater Texas Region Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination Workshop on March 28-29, 2018 in Houston.
3. SETRPC staff in conjunction with the TxDOT Beaumont District staff are developing the draft JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.
4. SETRPC staff finished the FHWA CMAQ project reporting for 2018.
5. SETRPC staff has been working with local transit providers and TxDOT to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding to meet federal transportation planning guidelines and requirements of the FAST Act.
6. SETRPC staff is working with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to create a website with traffic safety data on the region.
7. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the (MTP)-2040.
8. SETRPC staff is holding 4 public meetings, April 23-26, 2018, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT is holding a public hearing today at 5:30 pm, Guess Elementary School, regarding the widening of US 69, IH-10 North to Tram Road, from 4 lanes to 6 lanes.
- A second public hearing will be held on May 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Ford Park, regarding the widening of IH-10, Hwy 365 to Walden Road, from 4 lanes to 6 lanes.

Mr. Jack stated that he appreciated Mr. Dickinson's assistance in putting together the new project call and extending the deadline date. Due to new requirements, additional time is needed to generate the information. The deadline extension will allow TxDOT to meet the new date.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SETRPC) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (TxDOT), BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT (BMT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT (PAT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the purpose of this memorandum is to make provisions for cooperative mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process and performance based planning and programming in the southeast Texas metropolitan planning area and to provide a single agreement between the parties in accordance with current federal transportation legislation.

He explained that for many years SETRPC has informally worked with the cities, counties, TxDOT, and the public transit operators to carry out our regional transportation planning process. Due to the new federal transportation planning regulations, the FAST Act, and dealing with the performance based planning and programming for the metropolitan planning area, a formal outline of the responsibilities of all the parties is in this document. Once all signatures have been obtained the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to TxDOT for the Beaumont District Engineer to sign.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the memorandum of understanding. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Adam Jack, Director of Transportation & Planning Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PM3 TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE AND TARGET SETTING FOR MPO'S

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Dr. Tim Lomax, Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute

Mr. Dickinson invited Mr. Tim Lomax with the Texas Transportation Institute to give the committee an overview of PM3 Travel Time Performance and Target Setting that the MPOs are required to establish.

Overview of the PowerPoint Presentation:

- 4 Federal System Performance Measures
 - Designed around data set characteristics
- Required to report to FHWA, not required to use, no penalty for not meeting targets, designed to "incite" measurement
- Data source:
 - National Perf Measure Research Data Set-from Univ. of Maryland via TxDOT purchase of usage rights
 - 2014, 2015, 2016 data uses 2013 roadway as the base
 - 2017 uses 2015 road network as the base
- TTI Process
 - Local inputs for growth rate and other elements
 - Roll up MPO values into state totals

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

Roger Schiller – Planner, CDM Smith

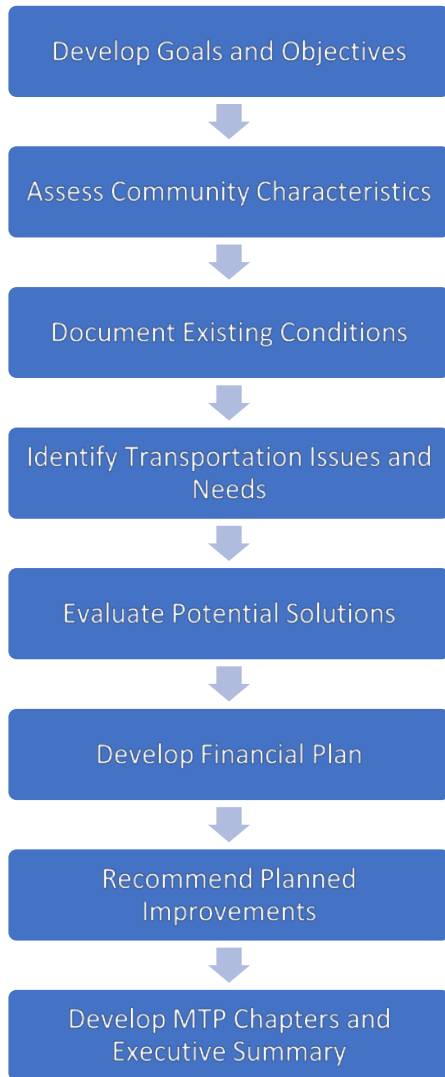
Mr. Dickinson introduced Madhu Narayanasamy and Roger Schiller with CDM Smith to give a presentation on the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the Regional Freight Plan.

A condensed version of the presentation to the committee:

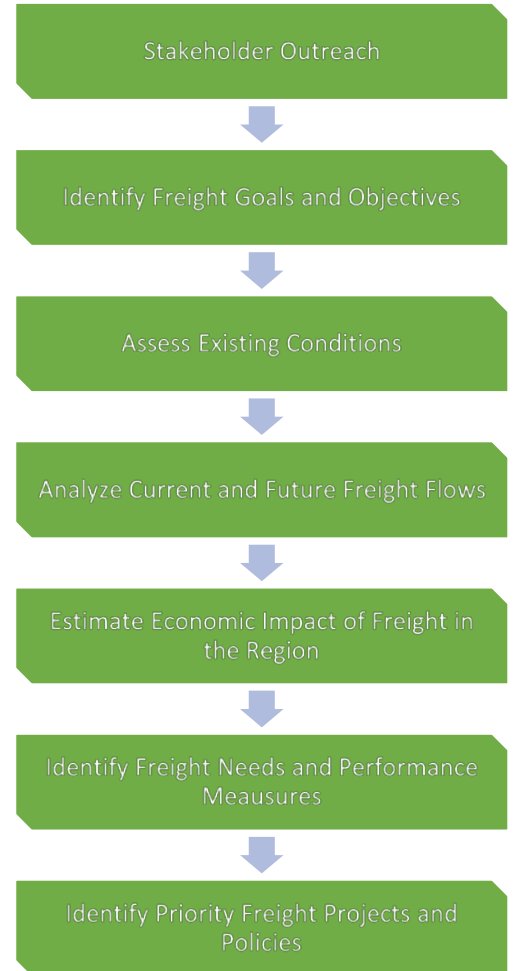
Transportation Planning Committee Meeting

April 26, 2018

Planning Process for 2045-MTP Update



Approach for Regional Freight Plan



Public Outreach for 2045-MTP Update

- Two (2) series of three (3) public meetings
 - Located in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties
 - First (1) series – identify goals and objectives
 - Second (2) series – open house to present draft MTP
- Roundtables by mode or topic
 - Transit, bike/ped, freight, highway, economic development

Freight Data Sources

- TRANSEARCH
- Ports – PIERS, Corps of Engineers, USA Trade Online, AAPA, MARAD, Freight Analysis Framework
- Pipelines – need a local source

Freight Issues and Concerns

- What are the regional freight issues that need to be addressed?
- What freight projects would you like to execute?

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handout of the April Regional Transportation Projects Status Map.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting dates are set for June 21, 2018 and July 26, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Dr. Tim Lomax	Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
Roger Schiller	Planner, CDM Smith
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, June 21, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (April 26, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT EXEMPT JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT SETRPC (MPO) SOUTH EAST TEXAS HIKE & BIKE PLAN
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)- 2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: June 21, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – April 26, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

*Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Division, SETRPC*

*Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont
District*

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff in conjunction with the TxDOT Beaumont District staff developed the draft Exempt JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT sponsored public hearing on the proposed IH-10 improvements from FM 365 east to Walden Road in Beaumont on May 1, 2018.
3. SETRPC staff attended a MARAD M69 and Strongports Workshop in Houston on May 16, 2018.
4. SETRPC staff attended the 2018 Texas Demographic Conference in Austin on May 23-24, 2018.
5. SETRPC staff is working with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040.
6. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the MTP-2040.
7. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings, May 29-June 1, 2018, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft Exempt JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT recently completed a process with Texas A&M-Kingville developing a scoping guidebook for MPO transportation projects. The guidebook was passed around for all to see and a copy, if interested, in sharing with staff members.
- TxDOT to start a new research project with the University of Texas-Austin to install more stream monitoring gages within the district along the IH-10 corridor to get a better handle on how to speculate flooding at Taylors Bayou, the Neches and Sabine Rivers, and possibly Cow Bayou.

Mr. Jack also thanked Mr. Dickinson and staff for their hard work and diligence with regard to the Gulf Coast EPA ruling as well as separating the exempt and non-exempt projects, as this impacts the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program's approval.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT EXEMPT JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised that due to a law suit filed and won against the Environmental Protection Agency over air quality issues, the MPO was required to develop a draft Exempt JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program which prohibits any added capacity projects.

This document needs to be tabled since it was determined by staff members of the FHWA Texas Division-Austin and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division-Austin, that the best action to be taken is to adopt a draft Resolution to continue our current JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program with amendments for inclusion in the SETRPC (MPO) portion of the TxDOT FY 2019-2022 STIP. This will enable the TxDOT Beaumont District to continue with the listed added capacity projects remaining in FY 2019-2020, including the administrative modification, as shown in Exhibit A of the draft Resolution.

The JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, with its amendments, will be effective until December 2019 for such time as the SETRPC (MPO) demonstrates conformity of the FY 2019-2020 JOHRTS TIP and the JOHRTS MTP-2040 with federal transportation conformity rules and regulations.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to table the approval of the draft Exempt JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Surratt also called for a motion to adopt the draft Resolution to continue our current JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program with amendments for inclusion in the SETRPC (MPO) portion of the TxDOT FY 2019-2022 STIP. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT SETRPC (MPO) SOUTH EAST TEXAS HIKE & BIKE PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson referred the committee to the draft South East Texas Hike & Bike Plan included in the packet for review and comments. The SETRPC (MPO) partnered with the Texas Target Communities at Texas A&M University to create a planning task force to develop a "draft" Hike and Bike Plan for our region. A Hike and Bike Plan Advisory Committee was formed and met four times in the Spring of 2017. After feedback is processed, the hope is to adopt the draft South East Texas Hike & Bike Plan at the next TPC meeting.

The plan will act as a roadmap or blueprint to assist area jurisdictions in planning new and improved hike and bike routes and facilities in our three-county region and is vital when applying for grants such as TxDOT's Transportation Alternative Programs.

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that work continues with consultant CDM Smith on the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and public meetings will be held in early September for the public's input. In addition, the Regional Freight Plan is making progress and notes that this plan will also be support to area ports when applying for state or federal grants.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handout of the June Regional Transportation Projects Status Map.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is July 26, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor
Xavier Pulido	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

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Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, July 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

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- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (June 21, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” FY 2019 JOHRTS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT SCORING PROCESS FOR USE IN DEVELOPING THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: July 26, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 21, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L. W Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on July 18, 2018.
2. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting in Austin on July 25, 2018.
3. SETRPC staff is working with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040.
4. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the MTP-2040.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports that project letting in July reached historical proportions of \$178 million. The updates are:

- IH-10 from Hamshire Road to Walden Road at \$132 million. That section of roadway most likely to be awarded to Johnson Brothers out of Fort Worth.
- Old Castle submitted a bid of \$31 million to widen US 69 from IH-10 N to the LNVA. This is \$6 million over the budgeted amount.
- Orange County has other projects as well.

Mr. Jack also thanked Mr. Dickinson and staff for their continued hard work and diligence with regards to the administrative modifications to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan. Without the modifications the letting of the above projects would not have been possible.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS Unified Planning Work Program is a required Federal document describing the transportation planning activities to be undertaken in the JOHRTS area for a given one-year period. The FY 2019 UPWP covers the period from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

He explained that the planning of various modes of transportation must be a coordinated effort to avoid an ineffective and inadequate transportation system. All forms of transportation are interrelated and must interact properly to provide a coordinated transportation system. He stated that the UPWP is prepared for the specific purpose of showing the various transportation planning activities that are expected to be accomplished in the coming year. Each activity will be integrated into the JOHRTS comprehensive transportation planning process.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that an administrative modification to the JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program is necessary since the City of Port Arthur Transit Department advised the MPO of the need for additional funding for its project 17003-FXX. The project called for the replacement of eight paratransit buses in the amount of \$994,186.00. Port Arthur Transit has requested to add 2

support vehicles to the project and increase the funding by 49%, \$487,151, for a total expenditure of \$1,481,337.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the Administrative Modifications to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE PROJECT SCORING PROCESS FOR USE IN DEVELOPING THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that as a part of the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 a call for projects was initiated and a workshop was held on March 7, 2018 to review the JOHRTS Project Selection Process and to answer questions regarding potential project submittals. The call for projects deadline was April 20, 2018, but then was extended to May 30, 2018 to provide additional time for participants to prepare candidate projects.

He advised that 10 projects were submitted, nine from TxDOT and one from the City of Port Neches. These projects will be evaluated and scored by the Technical Committee sometime in September.

IX. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Mr. Dickinson brought the Committees attention to the flyer in the packet providing information regarding public meetings to be held in early September for the public's input and opinions on the proposed projects.

Also, for informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to the July Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for August 30, 2018.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT
Joseph Majdalani	Public Works Director, City of Beaumont
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT-TPP

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, August 30, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (July 26, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang-Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

- VII. OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PROCESS

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Todd Carlson – Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-
2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy - Project Manager, CDM Smith*

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: August 30, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 26, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, asked for a correction to the July 26, 2018 minutes prior to adoption. Minutes will be edited accordingly. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and the JOHRTS Regional Freight Mobility Plan.
3. SETRPC staff met with Beaumont Municipal Transit and Port Arthur Transit staff to discuss their Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan and the SETRPC Regional Transit Asset Condition Targets.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- TxDOT is continuing to develop added capacity projects even though environmental clearance cannot be obtained at this time and is advancing the designs pending the outcome of the model and the lawsuit.
- Today the Transportation Commission is moving to adopt the 10-year Unified Transportation Plan. The Beaumont District has asked for the two IH-10/US 69 interchanges to be funded and will receive a total of \$500 million if adopted.
- The flooding of one year ago has two research projects underway. Beaumont was chosen as one of the locations to start looking at advanced technology to speculate roadway flooding and for a system to alert the public of the possible flooding of roadways.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Bin Wang-Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

Mr. Dickinson asked Ms. Bin Wang, Transportation Planner, CDM Smith, to explain what a Transit Asset Management Plan is, the overall flow of the program, the timeline, and performance targets.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt a resolution of the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit.

He stated that the Transit Asset Condition Performance Rule establishes requirements to assess the condition of regional transit networks relative to a FTA definition of State of Good Repair (SGR). SGR is the condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance. The premise of the rule is condition of assets should guide funding prioritization. The rule outlines the process for State DOTs, MPOs, and transit systems to establish and report their transit asset condition targets, and the process FTA will use to assess whether transit systems have met or made significant progress toward meeting their transit asset condition targets.

Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit approved transit asset condition targets for four federally required transit asset performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a separate set of targets for transit assets or support the targets approved by the transit agencies.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PROCESS

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Todd Carlson, Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington

Mr. Dickinson introduced Mr. Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington, to give a brief presentation on transportation air quality and conformity planning.

Topics of the presentation were:

- What is Conformity
- Clean Air Act Requirements
- Purpose of Transportation Conformity
- Conformity and Planning
- Transportation Actions Subject to Conformity
- Who is Responsible for Conformity
- Mobile Source Emissions Inventory
- VMT Estimates
- Emissions Estimates
- Air Quality Modeling
- When is Conformity Required
- Conformity Determination

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

Mr. Dickinson directed the committee's attention to the SETRPC-MPO JOHRTS MTP-2045 & Regional Freight Plan handout in the packet. Mr. Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith, will give an overview of the MTP-2045 and Regional Freight Plan update.

Topics of the presentation were:

- MTP-2045 Update and Regional Freight Plan
 - Planning Approach
 - MTP-2045 Update Goals
 - MTP-2045 Update Status

- Project Schedule
- Call for Projects
 - Project Selection Process
 - Two Evaluation Tracks
- Existing Conditions
 - Population
 - Income
 - Crashes
 - Transearch Truck Density and Commodities
 - Transearch Rail Density and Commodities
 - USACE Ports and Waterways
 - USACE WCS, Port Commodities
- Public Meetings
 - Monday, September 10, 2018, City of Orange Library
 - Tuesday, September 11, 2018, Bowers Civic Center
 - Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Lumberton City Hall
 - Thursday, September 13, 2018, MCM Elegante Hotel

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IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a flyer with the public meetings scheduled for September 10-13, 2018, to gather input on the JOHRTS MTP-2045, an article in the Orange Leader seeking comments on the Hike and Bike Plan 2037, and the August Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for October 25, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT-TPP
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Bin Wang	Transportation Planner, CDM Smith
Robert Guthart	Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, October 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (August 30, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PM3 TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA- RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

X. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: October 25, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – August 30, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff attended a meeting of the Technical Working Group in Austin on September 6, 2018.
3. SETRPC staff held four public meetings, September 10-13, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to give input into the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045.
4. SETRPC staff attended a pilot FHWA Environmental Justice Training Class in Austin on September 18-19, 2018.
5. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) National Conference in San Antonio on September 25-28, 2018.
6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT key stakeholder meeting for the IH-10 widening project in Orange County on October 10, 2018
7. SETRPC staff held a Regional Freight Mobility Plan kickoff meeting in Beaumont on October 18, 2018.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- TxDOT held a key stakeholder meeting in Orange on the IH-10 project segment that starts at Adams Bayou to the Sabine River.
- The IH-10 widening project from FM 365 to Walden Road has been awarded. Construction has been delayed until after the holidays. Also, TxDOT will be adding traffic cameras to all interstate and US 69 projects which will expand the capability of watching traffic in real time at major interchanges.
- Information from the US 69 corridor round table meeting held in Woodville last week summarizing the status from Lumberton to the northern edge of the District which is near the Neches River include:
 - an overall map of segments
 - a draft newsletter being released in the next month
 - a presentation
 - an Alternative Delivery Program-Discussion Document which includes the \$500 million IH-10 interchange reconfigurations in Beaumont
 - an annual meeting will be held to brief elected officials on the overall progress of the corridor since it is the primary evacuation route for this area

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PM3 TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the System Performance rule (PM3) establishes performance measure requirements to assess the performance of the National Highway System (NHS) and to assess freight movement on the Interstate System. These measures focus on evaluating travel time reliability and travel delay on interstate, freeway, and principal arterial class facilities to determine whether the magnitude of travel time variability is considered unreasonable. The objective of the rule is to ensure efforts to improve unreasonable travel delay and expedite the movement of people and goods, furthering the national goal of improving the efficiency of the surface transportation system.

He stated that the Texas Department of Transportation adopted travel time reliability targets for three performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a

separate set of travel time reliability targets or support the targets approved by TxDOT.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt a resolution of the PM3 travel time system performance reliability targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the PM3 travel time system performance reliability targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised that due to a September 14, 2018 D.C. Circuits Court ruling in the South Coast Air Quality Management District vs EPA, the Court denied the petitions for rehearing except for the vacatur of the rule that exempts orphan areas, which includes the JOHRTS region, from transportation conformity requirements until February 16, 2019 meaning that we can proceed with all planning and project development in our JOHRTS region, taken prior to February 16, 2019, and not be subject to transportation conformity requirements for the 1997 ozone standard.

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that due to this action, a 30-day public comment period will be held from October 15, 2018 through November 14, 2018, for the Revised "DRAFT" Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 (JOHRTS MTP-2040) Amendment #10 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that a preliminary draft of these documents are available on the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission's website, <http://setrpc.org/>.

Additionally, he pointed out that the SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth

Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the "DRAFT" revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a flyer and a press release with the public meetings scheduled for October 29-31, and November 1, 2018, to gather input on the Revised "DRAFT" JOHRTS MTP-2040 Amendment #10 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, the October Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region, and a schedule of future transportation meetings.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for November 29, 2018.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Jennifer Pate	Director, Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kaitlin Bain	The Beaumont Enterprise

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, November 29, 2018
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (October 25, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJECTS SCORED FOR INCLUSION IN THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING PM2 PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- XI. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA- RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: November 29, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – October 25, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the "DRAFT" revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff held four public meetings during the last week of October to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.
3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on November 7, 2018.
4. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on November 28, 2018.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- The \$500 million project for interchange improvements on IH-10 at Cardinal Drive and the Eastex Freeway are advancing. A Community Advisory Committee has been established for guidance throughout the process. The first public meeting will be held in early 2019 with the project going to construction in 2021.

- TxDOT is working with private groups and the Big Thicket to come up with new creative ways to redesign a dualization two lane road to a four-lane divided parkway style facility, that is largely environmentally focused, in the northern portion of US 69 in Hardin county. Also, in the beginning of 2019 public meetings will begin.
- After several meetings with drainage districts, as well as the release of the new rainfall intensity documentation from NOAA, TxDOT is looking at all construction contracts along IH-10 to assess the feasibility of adding an additional large box culvert under the interstate, for future use, while the current construction is in process. The culverts would not be open for use until the drainage districts provide a hydraulic study to ensure no negative impact would be experienced downstream if the added capacity is tied into the drainage districts infrastructure.
- TxDOT Beaumont District is in communication with the Rail and Freight Division in Austin about the possibility of a public/private partnership to build a second railroad lift span over the Neches River.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJECTS SCORED FOR INCLUSION IN THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the JOHRTS Technical Committee's recommendations on projects scored for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the JOHRTS Technical Committee's recommendations on projects scored for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that anytime a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. This will be the tenth amendment since the JOHRTS MTP-2040 was originally adopted in July of 2014. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #10, is the same as was followed for the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the revisions to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the SETRPC-MPO's short-range transportation plan is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which presents the various highway and transit projects that are expected to be let for construction or implementation within the four-year time frame covered.

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 30-day public comment period was from October 15, 2018-November 14, 2018 and four public meetings, in three counties, were held during the last week of October. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING PM2 PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance-based decision process that ties back to regional performance targets. The FAST Act requires MPOs to establish regional performance standards and to meet subsequent reporting requirements. These standards can be to support those adopted by either the State DOT or regional transit agencies, whichever is applicable.

The Pavement and Bridge Condition Rule establishes performance requirements to assess conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) and outlines the process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish targets and report conditions. TxDOT adopted 2022 pavement and bridge condition targets on June 21, 2018. MPOs are required to adopt regional targets within 180 days of TxDOT adoption.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting PM2 pavement and bridge targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting PM2 pavement and bridge targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson mentioned, as above, that the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance-based decision process that ties back to regional performance targets. The FAST Act requires MPOs to establish regional performance standards and to meet subsequent reporting requirements. These standards can be to support those adopted by either the State DOT or regional transit agencies, whichever is applicable.

The Safety Performance Rule establishes safety performance requirements to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It also outlines the process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish and report their safety targets, and the process that FHWA will use to assess whether State DOTs and/or MPOs have met or made significant progress toward meeting their safety targets.

TxDOT adopted 2019 safety performance targets for Texas in August 2018 for five federally required safety performance measures. These targets are applicable to all public roads in Texas regardless of ownership. By supporting TxDOT targets, the MPO would evaluate projects within the MTP and TIP based on whether they assist TxDOT in achieving their safety targets. The FAST Act requires MPO action regarding safety targets on or before February 27, 2019.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting safety performance targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting safety performance targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

XI. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson reported that the SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the "DRAFT" revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP. To be on the proactive side, Mr. Dickinson feels we must proceed even though things could change at any time.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a TCEQ new release in the packet that published the final VW Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for Texas. The plan sets out the state's strategy for distributing more than \$209 million received in settlement of claims relating to emissions control defeat devices on Volkswagen's light-duty diesel vehicles. Also included was the November Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be in January or February.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Kelvin Knauf	Acting City Manager, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

GUESTS PRESENT

Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sade' Chick	Manager Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont
Clark Slacum	County Engineer, Orange County
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, February 28, 2019
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (November 29, 2018)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROGRAM

Deborah Fleming –Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin

VIII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR ORPHAN MAINTENANCE AREA UNDER THE NOVEMBER 18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GUIDANCE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Andy Mullins – Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute-Houston*

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: February 28, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – November 29, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff attended a Technical Working Group meeting in Austin on December 6, 2018.
3. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting in Arlington on December 10, 2018.
4. SETRPC staff attended the Texas Transportation Forum in Austin on January 7-8, 2019.
5. SETRPC staff hosted a TxDOT Truck Parking and Freight Design Workshop in Beaumont on January 22, 2019.
6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT Open House on the US 69 Corridor improvements in Warren on February 19, 2019.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- Public meetings
 - TxDOT held a public meeting on February 19, 2019, in Warren on the proposed widening and design improvements of the US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket segment, from FM 1003 (north of Kountze in Hardin County) to FM 1943 (near Warren in Tyler County). Over 300 people attended.
 - Prior to February 19th another well attended public meeting was held in Orange regarding the IH-10 widening project to six lanes all the way to the Louisiana border.
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 16th at the Civic Center in Beaumont is a public meeting on one of the biggest projects that the District will be doing in Beaumont. This upcoming \$500 billion project is the IH-10 interchanges on US 69, Cardinal Drive and the Eastex Freeway.
 - Within the next 3 months, there will be public meetings held on the US 69/SH 73 interchange project in Port Arthur, as well as the widening FM 105 from Beaumont to Sour Lake.

- The Neches River Bridge West bound span is open. Feedback from Vidor has been overwhelmingly positive. Also, the new frontage road bridges have been opened at Pine Island Bayou on US 69 going to Lumberton enabling traffic diversion if necessary.

- The District will be getting more than \$3 million in landscaping funds over the next 4 years. A planning process will be started to involve the public for input.

- Since the public has expressed their resistance to the closure, TxDOT has worked with the City of Beaumont for an interim solution to the Delaware exit ramp backup from northbound US 69. Frontage road traffic will yield to the off ramp, the intersection will be widened, lanes will be extended for more storage capacity at the traffic signal, and the City will re-time the signal system so that traffic will not get backed up on the ramp. This is a temporary provision until the rebuild of the US 69/IH-10 interchanges are completed. A public meeting will be held on April 15th to demonstrate alternatives.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and approve the resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit.

The Transit Asset Condition Performance Rule establishes requirements to assess the condition of regional transit networks relative to an FTA definition of State of Good Repair (SGR). SGR is the condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance. The premise of the rule is condition of assets should guide funding prioritization. The rule outlines the process for State DOTs, MPOs, and transit systems to establish and report their transit asset condition targets, and the process FTA will use to assess whether transit systems have met or made significant progress toward meeting their transit asset condition targets.

Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit approved transit asset condition targets on January 1, 2019 for four federally required transit asset performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a separate set of targets for transit assets or support the targets approved by the transit agencies.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROGRAM

Deborah Fleming –Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin

Ms. Fleming explained that the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) program is much like a private bank, the SIB offers eligible customers a range of loans and credit enhancement services. The SIB will offer its services to finance or financially enhance only transportation projects that meet its selection criteria. SIB loans can be used for right-of-way agreements, utility relocations, advance funding

agreements, and local roadways. Since inception (1997) there have been 117 SIB loans in the amount of \$616 million. \$411 million have been repaid, and as loans are repaid to the SIB, additional assistance will be granted for more transportation projects, therefore in effect, a revolving loan fund.

Ms. Fleming advised the advantages of borrowing from the SIB are:

- Interest calculated on a 30/360-day count basis
- Loan amortization schedules have some flexibility for debt service pinch points
- No fees for loan application
- No loan handling charges
- Prepayments can be made at any time
- At or below market interest rates.

In closing, Ms. Fleming added that support is available with the loan application process, Web-Ex meetings for general staff training, and in person meetings at the District for general or project specific information.

VIII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR ORPHAN MAINTENANCE AREA UNDER THE NOVEMBER 18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GUIDANCE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Andy Mullins – Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute-Houston

Mr. Dickinson referred the committee to a copy of the revised draft South East Texas Regional Planning Commission-MPO JOHRTS Transportation Conformity Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan for the Beaumont-Port Arthur Orphan Maintenance Area under the November 2018 U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance regarding the implementation of the District of Columbia Circuit Court's February 16, 2018 decision.

He stated that the SETRPC-MPO is working to complete a Transportation Conformity Determination for the existing revised JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Additionally, the SETRPC-MPO is working to complete an update of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 by July 31, 2019.

To complete this process the SETRPC-MPO developed a draft Transportation Conformity Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan for review and comment by the consultative partners and is proceeding to do a Transportation Conformity Determination on the draft JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Also, Mr. Dickinson referred to a copy of a draft timeline that shows the process to complete the Transportation Conformity Determination on the current revised JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP and the Transportation Conformity Determination on the draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, to be completed later in the year.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson included in the packet a TxDOT flyer for a public meeting held on February 19, 2019, in Warren on the proposed widening and design improvements of the US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket segment, from FM 1003 (north of Kountze in Hardin County) to FM 1943 (near Warren in Tyler County).

Also included was the February Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2019.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Jim Wolf	Public Works Director, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Kimberly Stiebig	Mayor, City of Vidor
Mike Kunst	City Manager, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Deborah Fleming	Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Andy Mullins	Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Rep., TxDOT-Austin
Anthony Jones	Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, July 18, 2019
10:00 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (June 6, 2019)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT JOHRTS FY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DRAFT JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REVISED JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: July 18, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 6, 2019

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity determination on the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the Draft JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP.
2. SETRPC held public meetings during the first week of June to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the Transportation Conformity document for the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the Draft JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP.
3. SETRPC staff worked with TxDOT-Beaumont District staff to complete the National Highway System Review for submittal to TxDOT TP&P.
4. SETRPC has worked on the Draft JOHRTS FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.
5. SETRPC staff has worked to finalize the Draft Transportation Conformity Document for the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the Draft JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
6. SETRPC staff has worked to finalize the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045.

Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- The ongoing \$500 million project on the IH-10 interchanges on US 69, Cardinal Drive and the Eastex Freeway, will have a second public involvement meeting in September.
- A Pedestrian/Bicycle Stakeholder meeting to be held at the SETRPC-MPO office in August will address potential pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the project.
- Ongoing schematic development for:
 - US 69 corridor project from Kountze to Warren
 - Hwy 105 widening to 4 lanes from the Jefferson County line to Sour Lake
 - US 69/SH 73 interchange in Port Arthur with first public meeting expected in September
- There are two ongoing traffic studies, US 69 at Jimmy Johnson Boulevard to Spurlock Road and IH-10 from Walden Road to the Chambers County line. The goal is to decide if the current ramp patterns are working or if there is a need to change or move the ramps.
- A public meeting was held last week for the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). A project included in the UTP, of interest to the Transportation Planning Committee, is the widening of US 69 from 4 to 6 lanes from Tram Road to US 96. This project is funded with a let timeframe of 2024 or 2045 and once completed US 69 will be 6 lanes to US 96.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT JOHRTS FY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the Draft JOHRTS FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program is a required Federal document describing the transportation planning activities to be undertaken in the JOHRTS area for a given one-year period. The Draft JOHRTS FY 2020 UPWP covers the period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

He explained that the planning of various modes of transportation must be a coordinated effort to avoid an ineffective and inadequate transportation system. All forms of transportation are interrelated and must interact properly to provide a coordinated transportation system. He stated that the UPWP is prepared for the specific purpose of showing the various transportation planning activities that are expected to be accomplished in the coming year. Each activity will be integrated into the JOHRTS comprehensive transportation planning process.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting the JOHRTS FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution for the JOHRTS FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DRAFT JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson referred each committee member to the JOHRTS MTP-2045 binder provided. He then stated that the primary purpose of the MTP is to guide the development of the transportation system to serve the travel demands of existing developments and probable new growth. The metropolitan planning process is federally regulated and requires the development of an MTP that addresses at least a 20-year planning horizon. He added that the MTP update is prepared for the year 2045 and identifies projects and programs that will meet regional goals and accommodate the future needs of the three-county region as well as meets all Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act) requirements.

There was extensive public involvement in 2018 and 2019 which included public meetings and workshops. The workshops were on Safety and Security, Resiliency, and Economic Development. Direct notification was sent to all interested parties including local elected officials, city and county staff members, and the general public for their review and comment.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting the Draft JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – 2045.

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP-2045). Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that administrative modifications to the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are necessary to address some project description and fiscal year changes, as well as adding City of Port Arthur transit projects.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting the administrative modifications to the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution for the administrative modifications to the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #1. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REVISED JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated the need to review and approve a Resolution adopting the Transportation Conformity Determination for the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – 2045 and the Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #1.

As a result of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidance on the South Coast II vs EPA Court Decision of November 2018, the MPO is required to go through a conformity determination process to ensure the region is in conformance with this guidance. The MPO staff, in conjunction with consultant services, has completed the process, and is ready for the approval of the Transportation Conformity Determination document by the TPC. The approval of this document ensures that work on projects within the JOHRTS MTP-2045 can begin construction and projects in the Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, Amendment #1 can continue.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting the Transportation Conformity Determination for the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – 2045 and the Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #1.

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the Transportation Conformity Determination Resolution for the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – 2045 and the Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #1. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, made the motion and Jon Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson included in the packet the July Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region and a flyer with scheduled public meetings in June on the JOHRTS MTP-2045, the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, and Transportation Conformity for the JOHRTS area.

All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No meeting scheduled at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion and made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Jim Wolf	Public Works Director, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
DeWayne Davis	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Brandon Belaire	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT
Mike Kunst	City Manager, City of Vidor
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches

GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Bill Munson	General Manager, Beaumont Municipal Transit
Remington Whitt	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources