

Appendix D

JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
Agenda and Minutes



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) AREA

Please join us for a HYBRID JJOHRTS TPC meeting on:

Thursday, June 15, 2023
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
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 (March 26, 2023)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Scott Ayers – Planning Engineer, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED FOR SETRPC-MPO, BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT AND PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA
- VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE (PM3) TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

- VIII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE (PM2) PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA
- XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN MTP-2045, AMENDMENT #4
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JJOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
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- XV. OTHER BUSINESS
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- XVII. ADJOURNMENT



**TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) AREA**

DATE: June 15, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(In Person, Virtual and Live Stream Meeting)

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion, Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – March 26, 2023

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT– Beaumont District

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

1. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop the JOHRTS MTP-2050.
2. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023.
3. SETRPC staff participated in a TxDOT IH-10 Texas Corridor Study – East Working Group meeting in Houston on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.
4. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT Beaumont District public meeting on the US 69 Lumberton-Kountze Relief Route in Kountze on May 4, 2023.
5. SETRPC staff attended a Regional Transportation Conformity Training Class in Austin on May 10-11, 2023.
6. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District, updated the members on their progress:

- 10/69 Eastex – Work on detailed plan set (95%) underway (Let date May 2024)
- US 69 Corridor
- 0200-10-060 (Lumberton – Kountze Relief Route) – We have a consultant on board working on the schematic and environmental clearance for the section that will go around Lumberton and Kountze. We held public meetings in Lumberton and Kountze in May with very good participation.
- Gateway to the Big Thicket project (Kountze to Warren) is expected to let in September 2023.
- SH 105 from Jefferson Co Line to Sour Lake – Current let date of January 2027
- US 69 Cardinal Drive Widening (I-10 to SH 347) – Current let date of January 2027
- US 96 Added capacity project in Jasper County – Current letting of January 2027.
- Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects – Call for projects underway – detailed applications have been submitted and their evaluation will take place soon.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED FOR SETRPC-MPO, BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT AND PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained that Under the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Rule, applicable transit agencies are required to develop safety plans that define how these agencies will implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). These transit plans are required to include targets for performance measures defined in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, which relate to fatalities, injuries, safety events, and system reliability. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are federally required to set performance targets for these transit safety performance measures for their regions, in coordination with transit and state agencies. These requirements acknowledge the collaborative relationships needed to manage safety risks on transit systems.

Mr. Bob Dickinson invited Ms. Bin Wang, Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA to begin her presentation. Ms. Wang as well as her colleague, Ms. Katherine Chang, Project Manager, WSP-USA talked about the FTA requirements, the coordination within the region, the existing conditions and Regional Performance Targets and the upcoming steps.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Regional Transit Safety Performance Targets as presented. Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE (PM3) TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained to the member 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 delays 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 delays and expedite the movement of people and goods, furthering the national goal of improving the efficiency of the surface transportation system.

On February 9, 2023, the Texas Department of Transportation adopted the revised 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.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the PM3 Travel Time System Performance Reliability Targets as presented. Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE (PM2) PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members 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 used 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 new pavement and bridge condition targets on February 9, 2023.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the PM2 Pavement and Bridge Targets as presented. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATION ON DRAFT REVISED SETRPC-MPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson included in the meeting packet the DRAFT Public Participation Plan. He explained that this is a Draft Document and is looking for any feedback from the members to update the document which include adding Jasper County. Before the document can be adopted, the MPO must host a public meeting and allow a 45 day public comment period to grant citizens the opportunity to add their

input and concerns. All related information regarding those dates will be sent out to the members once they are confirmed.

X. PRESENTATION ON DRAFT REVISED SETRPC TITLE VI - ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN (LEP)

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA*

Mr. Dickinson included these draft documents asking members to review and comment on any concerns they may want to address. The updates will need to include Jasper County as well as any changes FHWA want to update. The goal is to adopt them during the next meeting on July 27, 2023.

XI. PRESENTATION ON SETRPC MPO FY 2022 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LISTING (ATPL)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson included the MPO FY 2022 ATPL document as an information item for review and comments from the members. The goal is to adopt it during the next meeting on July 27, 2023.

XII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA*

Mr. Dickinson stated that we are on track with federal transportation regulations requirements to update our JJOHRTS MTP-2050.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN MTP-2045, AMENDMENT #4

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the members that administrative modifications were made to add three transit projects to the JJOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045, Amendment #4. Beaumont Municipal Transit has made the MPO staff aware that federal and local funding has become available in this fiscal year to acquire facility and vehicle improvements, along with operating assistance and preventive maintenance.

The JJOHRTS MPO Public participation Plan allows the MPO to add new projects to the MTP if it is an exempt project which does not require an air quality transportation conformity determination.

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XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson gave a brief overview of the May Status Regional Transportation Project Map

XVI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Dickinson stated that there will be a hybrid JJORHTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Colby Anderson	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Divon Williams	Director of Planning, City of Orange
John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mike Lund	Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Vernon Pierce	Commissioner, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Bin Wang	Vice-President, WSP
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Katherine Chang	Project Manager, WSP
Raymond Sanchez	Field Representative TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Sujan Sikder	WSP
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, SETRPC
James Moore	Senior GIS Analyst, SETRPC
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, SETRPC
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC



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Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Program and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
- VI. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT MARITIME DIVISION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Travis Milner, Planning & Strategy Director, Maritime Division, TxDOT – Houston
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” REVISED SETRPC TITLE VI - ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN (LEP)
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Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

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Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

XI. REPORT ON SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) RURAL TRANSIT PASSENGER TRIP SUMMARY

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – August 24 or 31, 2023

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



**TRANSPORTATION
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MINUTES OF THE
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I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Pierce called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Director, City of West Orange, made the motion. Mr. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 15, 2023

Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Mr. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Director, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT - Beaumont District

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 transportation air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff has worked to finalize the Draft Transportation Conformity Document for the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
3. SETRPC will hold public meetings during the end of July and first week of August to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the Transportation Conformity document for the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
4. SETRPC has worked on the Draft JOHRTS 2024 Unified Planning Work Program.
5. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop the JOHRTS MTP-2050.
6. SETRPC staff will participate in a virtual TEMPO Quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14, 2023.
7. SETRPC staff will attend TxDOT's sponsored STIP workshop in Austin on July 19, 2023.

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT – Beaumont District, updated the members on their progress:

- The draft UTP numbers are looking good and that it appears there would be a lot of work coming over the next 10 years
- There are no specific project updates
- Mr. Scott Ayers will be retiring at the end of August 2023

VI. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT MARITIME DIVISION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Travis Milner, Planning & Strategy Director, Maritime Division, TxDOT – Houston

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, introduced Mr. Travis Milner, Planning & Strategy Director, Maritime Division, TxDOT – Houston and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Milner gave a brief overview on the Funding Opportunities, the Seaport Connectivity Program, the Maritime Infrastructure Program, the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund and who is eligible for this project.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that every year, each agency that coordinates transportation planning around the state, has to update their Unified Planning Work Program Document. He gave an overview of some of projects included in the “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2024 UPWP to be undertaken by the SETRPC-MPO from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. He then asked to have the document approved by the committee.

Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, made the motion. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” REVISED SETRPC TITLE VI - ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE AND “DRAFT” REVISED LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN (LEP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained that the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission has updated its latest Title VI and Environmental Justice Plan, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. These plans address the MPO’s responsibilities as a recipient of federal funding to Improve Access to Services for Persons with LEP. These plans outline the policies and program elements in place to address Title VI and Environmental Justice and identify reasonable steps for providing language assistance to persons with LEP who wish to participate effectively in the MPO's transportation planning process. They were updated using the most current available data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s decennial Census and the annual American Community Survey. In addition, with the transfer of Jasper County to SETRPC in 2021, Jasper County is now included in the data collection and analysis covered by these plans. He then asked for the documents to be approved by the committee.

Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" revised SETRPC Title VI-Environment Justice and "DRAFT" revised Limited English Proficiency Plan as presented. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Mr. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Director, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" SETRPC MPO FY 2022 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LISTING (ATPL)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that the ATPL document included in the meeting packet is a list of projects provided by the TxDOT Planning and Programming Division in Beaumont. These projects were let to construction between the dates of October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2022. He then asked to have the document approved by the committee.

Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" SETRPC MPO FY 2022 Annual Transportation Project Listing as presented. Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Mr. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Director, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously

X. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson included an updated status map and stated that we are on track with federal transportation regulations requirements to update our JJOHRTS MTP-2050.

XI. PRESENTATION REPORT ON SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) RURAL TRANSIT PASSENGER TRIP SUMMARY

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

As an informational item, Mr. Dickinson provided the members with a summary regarding the SETT Rural Transit Passenger Trips.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson gave a brief overview of the July Status Regional Transportation Project Map

As an informational item, Mr. Dickinson included a presentation on the I-14 System in Texas for everyone to review.

Mr. Dickinson invited everyone to register for the upcoming Vision Zero Safe Streets for Texans training to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the City of Orange Planning Department Community Room in Orange, Texas.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Dickinson stated that there will be a hybrid JJORHTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierce adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Belaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
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Steve Clark	City Manager, City of Lumberton
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GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
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6. PRESENTATION ON JACK BROOKS REGIONAL AIRPORT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Alex Rupp, Manager, Jack Brooks Regional Airport
7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AND THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
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Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

9. PRESENTATION ON THE JJOHRTS AREA TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

James Moore – Senior Transportation GIS Data Analyst IV, SETRPC

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – September 28, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT



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2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to approve the agenda as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 27, 2023

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT - Beaumont District

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3. SETRPC held public meetings during the end of July and first week of August to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the Transportation Conformity document for the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
4. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop the JOHRTS MTP-2050.
5. SETRPC hosted a Safe Streets for Texans Training on Vision Zero and the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program in Orange on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT – Beaumont District, updated the members on their progress:

- Texas Transportation Commission just approved the UTP, so many of the Beaumont District projects that needed additional funding have now been made whole (including the 10/69 Eastex Project).
- Two BIG projects coming up this year within JJHORTS -- the US 69 Gateway to the Big Thicket project will be letting in September, and the 10/69 Eastex Project is planned for a May letting.
- Scott Ayres is retiring at the end of August, and Nancy Peron (introduced to the group) will be taking his place in any necessary roles for SETRPC/JJHORTS.

6. PRESENTATION ON JACK BROOKS REGIONAL AIRPORT

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Alex Rupp, Manager, Jack Brooks Regional Airport*

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, introduced Mr. Alex Rupp, Manager, Jack Brooks Regional Airport and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Milner gave a brief overview on:

- The Airport Funding Sources
- FAA AIP Program,
- All project funding since 2005
- He explained all the improvements and upgrades made to the airport due to this funding
- He talked about future projects

Commissioner Trahan asked Mr. Rupp what was his flight volume.

Mr. Rupp stated that they run 3 flights to Dallas per day and that 80% of the passengers were local residents.

Mr. John Cannatella asked if Mr. Rupp ever contacted companies such as FedEx or Amazon to see if they could use our airport?

Mr. Rupp stated that he did contact those entities, but he was told that it would not be economically feasible because 90% of those packages would still have to be put on trucks and sent to Houston.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AND THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to review and approve the resolution adopting the Transportation Conformity Determination Document for the MTP-2045 and the FY 2023-2026 TIP.

8. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson included an updated project timeline and stated that we are on track with federal transportation regulations requirements to update our JJOHRTS MTP-2050.

9. PRESENTATION ON THE JJOHRTS AREA TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

James Moore – Senior Transportation GIS Data Analyst IV, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson introduced Mr. James Moore, Senior Transportation GIS Data Analyst, SETRPC, and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Moore's gave an overview on the JJOHRTS Area Traffic Accident Data. His main topics included:

- Total crashes from year 2018 to March of 2023 by county
- Crashes by day of the week and hour of the day by county
- County crash incident numbers based on driving habits
- County crash information on based on gender and ethnicity
- Number of crashes based on the color of the vehicle by county

He continued his presentation giving attention to which counties were seeing a decrease in fatalities, which times and days of the week do most crashes occur, as well as which color of vehicle were most likely to be involved in an accident.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson gave a brief overview of the August Status Regional Transportation Project Map

Mr. Dickinson informed the members that SETRPC will host a series of public meetings which will give the public the opportunity to learn about and comment on the JOHRTS MTP-2045, Amendment #5 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP, Amendment #1. The first of five public meetings will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the City of Orange Public Library.

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Dickinson stated that a new Teams meeting link would be sent out to approve the TPC agenda items needed due to a lack of quorum in today's meeting. The meeting will be virtual only and is set for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Mr. Dickinson informed the members that there will be an in-person JJORHTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to score the projects submitted for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – 2050.

The next TPC meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., on September 28, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Belaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Flozelle Roberts	Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Director, City of West Orange
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Alex Rupp	Airport Manager, Jack Brooks Regional Airport
Kari Sutton	Sr. Environmental Scientist, Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC
Lanie Brown	Representative, Rep. Brian Babin
Mark Viator	Port Director, Sabine Pass Port Authority
Megan Kitchens	Airport Financial Analyst, Jack Brooks Regional Airport
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Nancy Peron	Planning Director, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Sujan Sikder	WSP
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute
Travis Milner	Planning & Strategy Director, TxDOT – Houston

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, SETRPC
James Moore	Senior GIS Analyst, SETRPC
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, SETRPC
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) AREA

Wednesday, August 30, 2023
VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY
9:30 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (July 27, 2023)
5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AND THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
6. OTHER BUSINESS
7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – September 28, 2023
8. ADJOURNMENT



**TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) AREA**

DATE: August 30, 2023

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(Virtual Meeting)

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, made the motion. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 27, 2023

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JOHRYS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AND THE JOHRYS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, stated that he has just completed a 32-day comment period which was held from July 14 to August 14. A series of 5 public meetings were also held to inform and give citizens the opportunity to participate and comment on the JOHRYS MTP-2045, the FY 2023-2026 TIP and the "Draft" Transportation Conformity Determination document.

He explained to the members that the Conformity Document is good for a four-year period and that the current conformity determination ends November 2023. This means that the SETRPC-MPO must begin a new Conformity Determination Process. The conformity documents are ready for approval by the TPC and will maintain the continuity to ensure that existing and future projects in the JOHRYS MTP-2045 and the JOHRYS FY 2023-2026 TIP can continue. A draft copy of the Transportation Conformity document was included in the meeting packet for members to review.

He stated that in order to move forward, members need to approve the resolution by accepting the Transportation Conformity Determination so he can finalize the information and submit it to the State and Federal partners for review and comment. SETRPC-MPO staff will then address any comments within a 90-day period. A new Transportation Conformity Determination will be finalized by November 2023.

Commissioner Trahan, called for a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the Transportation Conformity Determination for the JOHRYS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP-2045) and the JOHRYS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, made the motion. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next TPC meeting date is set for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 10:00 am.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Belaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Director, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Dir. Of Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Mike Tentrup	Asst. Public Works Director, City of Groves
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Ana Mijares	Dep. District Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Corey Oldbury	County Engineer, Orange County
Divon Williams	Deputy Director of Planning, City of Orange
Jennifer Harris	Representative, Congressman Randy Weber
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
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