



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

SETRPC OFFICES ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For the upcoming JOHRTS TPC meeting, you will have the choice to join us in the Homer E. Nagel Room, log onto your computer or dial in using your phone.

Please join us on:

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS CAN ATTEND THE MEETING BY JOINING US IN
THE HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM,
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- 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 10, 2021)
- 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. ELECTION OF THE NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. PRESENTATION OF RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SETRPC (MPO)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bill Frawley, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Research Scientist, Texas A&M TTI - Arlington

VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS 2050 TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP – Houston

Casey Carlton, Vice-President, WSP- Austin

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: March 23, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – December 10, 2021

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

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources updated the committee:

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

1. SETRPC participated in an informational meeting with WSP, our transportation consultant firm and TxDOT TP&P staff to discuss the MPO Model Development issues related to updating our Travel Demand Model on Monday, January 10, 2022.
2. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.
3. SETRPC-MPO staff in conjunction with the TxDOT-Beaumont District, has started the process to develop the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
4. SETRPC staff participated in a follow-up meeting to discuss solutions for the traffic congestion on S.H. 82 and S.H. 87 in Port Arthur on Monday, January 31, 2022.
5. SETRPC staff held a Travel and Tourism Webpage Redesign Stakeholder Review Meeting with our Consultant, CDM Smith on Thursday, February 10, 2022.
6. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.
7. SETRPC staff held a 2050 Model Data Development meeting with TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP USA, Inc., our Transportation Consulting firm and Texas A&M Transportation staff on Thursday, February 10, 2022.
8. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.
9. SETRPC staff held two virtual public meetings. One on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and one on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. to solicit the public's input on the "DRAFT" 2022 South East Texas Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan.

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

- IH 10/US 69 Cardinal Drive project let for \$307 million
- IH 10/US 69 Eastex – Work on detailed plan set beginning (Let date May 2024)
- Will be doing a condition survey of the Rainbow Bridge to determine needed maintenance work.
- US 69 Corridor
 - a. Getting a consultant on board to start working on the schematic and environmental clearance for the section that will go around Lumberton (estimated cost is \$350 to \$400 million, unfunded – seeking funding)
 - b. Kountze to Warren section – current let date of September 2023 with estimated cost of roughly \$140 million.

- SH 105 from Jefferson Co Line to Sour Lake – Current let date of January 2027 (fully funded)
- US 69 Cardinal Drive Widening (I-10 to SH 347) – Current let date of January 2027 (partially funded)

VI. ELECTION OF THE NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained that the JOHRTS TPC Urban Planning Region by-laws require a new slate of officers be elected every two years. The officers revolve between Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin counties; therefore, a representative of Orange County will serve as Chairman, a representative from Jefferson County will serve as Vice-Chairman, and a representative from TxDOT will serve as Secretary. The recommended new officers for the 2022-2023 TPC are as follows:

Chairman: Johnny Trahan, Commissioner, Orange County
Vice-Chairman: Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Jefferson County
Secretary: Martin Gonzalez P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT - Beaumont District

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for a motion to elect the recommended slate TPC officers as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION OF RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SETRPC (MPO)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Bill Frawley, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Research Scientist, Texas A&M TTI - Arlington

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained to the members that every MPO is responsible for developing a Resiliency Plan. SETRPC has partnered with Texas A&M – Transportation Institute to have them pilot a Resiliency Improvement Plan project. He then introduced, Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, TTI – Arlington Office, and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Carlson gave a brief overview of their plan and its potential PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation) benefits.

This will be an 18-month project (March 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023, and the TTI team will coordinate with TxDOT – Beaumont District, Lake Charles MPO, as well as, H-GAG and the TxDOT – Houston District

No questions were asked after the presentation.

VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS 2050 TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP – Houston

Casey Carlton, Vice-President, WSP- Austin

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained that every MPO has to update their Metropolitan Transportation Plan every 5 years. The current plan was approved on July 19, 2019. SETRPC is working to update the Travel Demand Model for our MPO Region which will now include Jasper County. A consulting firm was hired to help develop the demographic and networks that will be submitted to TxDOT. WSP was hired as our consultant to manage this project. He then introduced Bin, Wang, Project Manager, WSP – Houston and Casey Carlton – Vice President, WSP – Austin to begin their presentation.

Ms. Wang and Mr. Carlton gave an overview on their plan and highlighted the purpose of MTP Modeling, its concept and component, the 2050 Model Update, their roles and responsibilities and timeline.

No questions were asked after the presentation.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the March Status Regional Transportation Projects.

Mr. Dickinson informed the members about the upcoming SETRPC Annual Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for Thursday, May 26, 2022.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Belaire	Roadway Engineer, City of Beaumont
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Vernon Pierce	Commissioner, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Butch Babineaux	Engineering Market Leader, Fenstermaker
Casey Carlton	Vice-President, WSP
Flozelle Alexander	Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Larry Kelly	Executive Port Director/CEO, Port of Port Arthur
Matthew Miller	Ass. Research Scientist, Texas A&M - Transportation Institute
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont Division
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M – Transportation Institute

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Please join us for a JOHRTS TPC meeting on:

Thursday, July 28, 2022
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 9, 2022)
- 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 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. 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)-2050
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS BICYCLE PLAN (2040)
SOUTH EAST TEXAS

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: July 28, 2022

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 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. John Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, made the motion, Mr. Mike Lund, Public Works Director, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 9, 2022

Commissioner Pierce, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. John Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, made the motion, Mr. Adam Jack, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Adam Jack – Director, 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 held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.
2. SETRPC staff participated in a JOHRTS Project Team Kickoff meeting pertaining to the JJOHRTS Travel Surveys – 2022 on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.
3. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2022.
4. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting in Austin on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.
5. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022.
6. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., our transportation planning consultant, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the first part of the JOHRTS MTP-2050 which is to update the 2045 Travel Demand Model to the horizon year 2050.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT – Beaumont District, updated the members on their progress:

- No updates were given.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained to the committee and guests that the UPWP document is a report that needs to be developed and updated on a yearly basis. Once a draft document is compiled, it is sent to TxDOT for review, suggestions and comments. The next step is to present the document to the committee for adoption. It then goes back to TxDOT where it is submitted to FHWA for their review, comment and approval. Once all suggestions are taken into account and the document has been approved by FHWA, SETRPC-MPO receives a letter stating it has been approved.

Commissioner Pierce, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program report as presented. Mr. John Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, made the motion, Mr. Martin Gonzalez, District Engineer, TxDOT - Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. 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)-2050

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson introduced Ms. Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP, USA, the consultant hired to develop the study, and invited her to present her updates on the Travel Demand Model Update efforts.

Ms. Wang explained that her role is to update the model input into the network as well as the demographic data. She has been coordinating with TxDOT – Beaumont District, TxDOT – TP&P, Texas A&M Transportation Institute and SETRPC to gather all the information.

Her general overview topics were:

- Model Update Process
- Demographic Date Update Process
- Traffic Analysis Zone Boundary Updates
- Population Control Totals
- Base Year Population Data Update
- Forecast years Population Data Update
- Next Steps

Commissioner Pierce, called for a motion to adopt the population and employment control totals for the JOHRTS 2050 Travel Demand Model as presented. Mr. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion, Mr. John Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS BICYCLE PLAN (2040) SOUTH EAST TEXAS

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Bob Dickinson explained that this plan has been in development for many years. He has been coordinating with our transportation consulting firm, as well as, TxDOT – Beaumont District staff to develop and refine the plan for the 3 county region.

Stakeholders' meetings were held in October 2021 and May 2022, particularly to get their suggestions and comments.

A "DRAFT" JOHRTS Bicycle Plan (2040) was presented during the last TPC meeting held on June 9th. During that meeting a few comments were made. One by Mr. Adam Jack regarding FM 787 to 1293 in Hardin County, close to Kountze, be connected. He also suggested that we add a link to the Texas Bicycle Tourism Network available to the TPP Statewide Planning Map. Mr. Johnny Trahan suggested to that a small road be connected in Orange County. A third comment came to Mr. Dickinson via Email by a TxDOT staff suggesting that all roads be called consistently the same throughout the plan. (US 69, highway 69, state HW 69)

These revisions have not been updated yet, as the Mr. Dickinson wanted to keep the comment period open as long as possible in order to send just one final plan. He suggested to the committee to adopt the plan with the caveat that these minor changes would be added, and the report be finalized.

Commissioner Pierce, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS Bicycle Plan (2040) as presented. Mr. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion, with the caveat to add the minor changes. Mr. Martin Gonzalez, District Engineer, TxDOT - Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson presented the July MPO Construction map.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

A specific date has not been determined. A tentative date was suggested for either the 3rd or 4th Thursday of October.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierce adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Canatella	Capital Improvement Engineer, City of Port Arthur
John Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Mike Lund	Public Works Director, City of Bridge City
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Vernon Pierce	Commissioner, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Clint Fore	Building Inspector, City of Port Neches
Frederick Sunderman	ATSER
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Kirk Fauver	Planning & Research Engineer, FHWA – Texas Division
Lea Gibon	Business Development Manager, Quiddity
Lannie Brown	Director of Community Relations, Congressman Brian Babin
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Mark Richardson	Project Engineer, Quiddity
Michelle Falgout	County Engineer, Jefferson County
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M – Transportation Institute

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Please join us for a HYBRID JOHRTS TPC meeting on:

Thursday, November 3, 2022
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 (July 28, 2022)
- 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 APPROVAL OF THE JOHRTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

- VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050).
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA
- IX. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- X. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)**

DATE: November 3, 2022

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

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to adopt the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 9, 2022

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

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 held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.
2. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual quarterly Technical Working Group Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022.
3. SETRPC staff held a workshop on available public transportation services in our South East Texas region on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in Orange, Texas.
4. SETRPC staff held an Air Quality Advisory Committee meeting at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont Thursday, September 22, 2022.
5. SETRPC staff held a meeting to discuss the JOHRTS Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP) and Development of the JOHRTS MTP (MTP-2050) on October 5, 2022.
6. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., our transportation planning consultant, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the first part of the JOHRTS MTP-2050 which is to update the 2045 Travel Demand Model to the horizon year 2050.
7. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022.
8. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

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

- 10/69 Eastex - Work on detailed plan set underway (Let date May 2024)
- US 69 Corridor
 - a. We have a consultant on board to start working on the schematic and environmental clearance for the section that will go around Lumberton and Kountze.
 - b. 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
- Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Call for projects postponed to December 2 start.
- 2023 Unified Transportation Program was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in August. We have started working on the 2024 UTP.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JOHRTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to approve the JOHRTS 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, Amendment #1.

VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to adopt the Transit Asset Condition Targets Resolution.

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050).

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Bob Dickinson explained the upcoming tasks and reviewed a slide showing the members what to expect within the next quarters leading up to 2024.

IX. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained that the public participation process requires us to inform the committee of any administrative modifications to the MTP. He informed the members that administrative modification were made by Beaumont Municipal Transit to add three transit projects to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045. Federal and local funding has become available to them within this fiscal year to acquire facility and vehicle improvements, along with operating assistance and preventive maintenance.

X. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

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XI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

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However, the expected funding was reduced from \$272,343 to \$248,370. Therefore, Beaumont Municipal Transit has asked for an administrative modification to correct the funding for one of these three projects.

XII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

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XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson presented the October MPO Construction map as well as the flyer for the upcoming Complete Streets Workshop on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

XIV. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierce adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

D. E. Sosa	City Manager, City of Groves
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, City of Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Dorris Lee	WSP
Katherine Chen	WSP
Phillip Pryor	Water Treatment Supervisor, City of Port Neches
Raymond Sanchez	Field Representative TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Sujan Sikder	WSP
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M – Transportation Institute

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Please join us for a HYBRID JOHRTS TPC meeting on:

Thursday, January 26, 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 (November 3, 2022)
- 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 APPROVAL OF THE JOHRTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), AMENDMENT #1 AND RESOLUTION FOR THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

- VIII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT
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- X. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XIII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XIV. OTHER BUSINESS
- XV. SET NEXT MEETING DATE
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: January 26, 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, Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 9, 2022

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion, Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, seconded the motion which 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 held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.
2. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual quarterly Technical Working Group Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022.
3. SETRPC staff held a workshop on available public transportation services in our South East Texas region on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in Orange, Texas.
4. SETRPC staff held an Air Quality Advisory Committee meeting at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont Thursday, September 22, 2022.
5. SETRPC staff held a meeting to discuss the JOHRTS Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP) and Development of the JOHRTS MTP (MTP-2050) on October 5, 2022.
6. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., our transportation planning consultant, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the first part of the JOHRTS MTP-2050 which is to update the 2045 Travel Demand Model to the horizon year 2050.
7. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022.
8. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.
9. SETRPC staff attended a Houston MPO public meeting on its new Metropolitan Plan on Thursday, December 1, 2022.
10. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022.
11. SETRPC staff participated in a Pilot Complete Streets Workshop on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

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

- 10/69 Eastex – Work on detailed plan set (50%+) underway (Let date May 2024)
- US 69 Corridor
 - We have a consultant on board working on the schematic and environmental clearance for the section that will go around Lumberton and Kountze.
 - 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
- Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects – Call for projects underway. The preliminary application is due tomorrow, January 27.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JOHRTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained to the committee and guests that the UPWP document is a report that needs to be developed and updated on a yearly basis. Once a draft document is compiled, it is sent to TxDOT for review, suggestions and comments. The next step is to present the document to the committee for adoption. It then goes back to TxDOT where it is submitted to FHWA for their review, comment and approval. Once all suggestions are considered and the document has been approved by FHWA, SETRPC-MPO receives a letter stating it has been approved.

Amendment #1 will allow the SETRPC-MPO to add a new subtask to the UPWP. This Subtask 2.5 Complete Streets is new and required by the Federal Highway Administration.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program report, amendment #1, and its supporting resolution as presented. Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion, Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

Ms. Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP and her staff gave a brief presentation on the transit asset condition targets for the region, explaining that the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Transit Asset Management (TAM) Final Rule requires public transit providers to establish and implement TAM plans. The TAM plans for tier II providers must include a transit asset inventory, condition assessment of the inventoried assets, documentation of the provider's decision support tools/process, and a list of investment priorities to improve the state of good repair (SGR) of the provider's capital assets.

FTA requires public transit providers to review and update their TAM plans at least once every four years. In 2018, Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit developed their own TAM plans in accordance with the TAM Final Rule. The TAM plans were updated in 2022, which account for each transit provider's recent asset inventories, condition assessment, and expectations for asset procurement and improvements along with performance targets for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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

Commissioner Trahan, 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 Transit, as presented. Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion, Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY 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

Mr. Dickinson explained that The FAST Act requires MPOs to establish regional performance standards and meet subsequent reporting requirements. These standards can be to support those adopted by either the State DOT or regional transit agencies, whichever is applicable.

TxDOT adopted the 2023 safety performance targets for Texas November 2022 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.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the resolution adopting SETRPC (MPO) support of safety targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) act, as presented. Commissioner Pierce, Jefferson County, made the motion, Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050).

Mr. Bob Dickinson explained the upcoming tasks and reviewed a slide showing the members what to expect within the next quarters leading up to 2024.

X. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #4 (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Mr. Dickinson explained that the public participation process requires us to inform the committee of any administrative modifications to the MTP. He informed the members that administrative modification were made by Beaumont Municipal Transit to add three transit projects to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045. Federal and local funding has become available to them within this fiscal year to acquire facility and vehicle improvements, along with operating assistance and preventive maintenance.

XI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

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XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson presented the December MPO Construction map.

XV. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierce adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ana Mijares	Deputy District Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Brandon Belaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Work Supervisor, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Vernon Pierce	Commissioner, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Butch Babineaux	Engineering Market Leader, Fenstermaker
Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Dorris Lee	WSP
Katherine Chen	WSP
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Kwasi Bosompem	Community Planner, Federal Transit Administrator
Lanie Brown	Regional Director of Community Relations, U.S. Representative Brian Babin
Raymond Sanchez	Field Representative TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Sujan Sikder	WSP
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M – TTI

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC



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, March 16, 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 (January 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 REVISED 2017 JJOHRTS PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bill Knowles – Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith, Austin
- VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRUCK PARKING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Brian Comer, Associate Vice-President, HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri
Paul Truban, Project Manager, TxDOT TPP, Austin

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: March 16, 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. Mr. Mike Lund, Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City, made the motion, Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

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

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Mr. Mike Lund, Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion which 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., our transportation planning consultant, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the first part of the JOHRTS MTP-2050 which is to update the 2045 Travel Demand Model to the horizon year 2050.
2. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023.
3. SETRPC staff held 5 public meetings during late February and early March to give the public the opportunity to learn and comment on the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050.
4. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

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

- 10/69 Eastex – Work on detailed plan set (60%) underway (Let date May 2024)
- US 69 Corridor
 - a. We have a consultant on board working on the schematic and environmental clearance for the section that will go around Lumberton and Kountze.
 - b. 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 Widening project (from RE 255 north to north of Sabine Co/L) – Current letting date of January 2027
- Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects – Call for projects underway.

Mr. Ayers also introduced Lisa Collins as the new Director of Transportation Planning & Development for TxDOT – Beaumont District office.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE REVISED 2017 JJOHRTS PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Bill Knowles – Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith, Austin

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, explained to the committee and guests that when we update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan every five years, we must also include a call for projects. The last time we updated JJOHRTS Project Selection Process was November 2017.

Mr. Dickinson invited our consultant, Mr. Bill Knowles, Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith – Austin to give a presentation on the Project Selection Process. His main points were:

- The Existing Project Selection Process
- Updates for Focus Areas (DEI)
- Updates for Focus Areas (Safety)
- Safety Updates for Road Track
- Safety Updates for Transportation Choices and Livability Track
- Other Updates

The JJOHRTS Technical Committee met on Thursday, February 16, 2023 to review and discuss the “DRAFT” 2023 South East Texas Regional Planning Commission - Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (SETRPC-MPO) Project Selection Process update. The JJOHRTS Technical Committee recommends that the JJOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee adopt the Project Selection Process update as presented.

Commissioner Trahan, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the revised 2017 JJOHRTS Project Selection Process as presented. Mr. John Canatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Mr. Mike Lund, Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRUCK PARKING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Brian Comer, Associate Vice-President, HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri
Paul Truban, Project Manager, TxDOT TPP, Austin

Mr. Dickinson invited Mr. Brian Comer, Associate VP HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri and Mr. Paul Truban, Project Manager, TxDOT TPP – Austin to give a presentation on the South East Texas Truck Parking Implementation Plan.

Mr. Truban started the presentation with a brief project introduction then discussed the 2020 Statewide Truck Parking Study and why truck parking matters. Mr. Truban asked Mr. Comer to continue the presentation. He discussed the types of truck parking, the study area, the project approach and the upcoming steps. They also answered questions from the committee and guests.

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

Mr. Dickinson invited Ms. Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP to give a brief presentation on the MTP-2050 timeline.

Mr. Dickinson stated that we are on track according to the timeline and hopefully, the Federal Highway Administration will approve the new MTP-2050 in Fall of 2024.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson stated that there will be a hybrid JJORHTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No TPC meeting date was set.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pierce adjourned the meeting at 11:12 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 Work Supervisor, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
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GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Knowles	Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith
Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Brian Comer	Assistant Vice-President, HNTB Corp.
Cameron Gaddy	Sr. Public Involvement Lead, Foresight - USA
Flozelle Roberts	Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
Jennifer Pate	Director of Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kari Sutton	Sr. Environmental Scientist, Poznecki-Camanillo, LLC
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Marc Shepherd	Panning & Communications Group Lead, Foresight – USA
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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

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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
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- IX. ON DRAFT REVISED SETRPC-MPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Assistant Vice-President, WSP-USA
- 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 – Project Manager, WSP - USA
- XI. PRESENTATION ON SETRPC MPO FY 2022 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LISTING (ATPL)
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Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JJOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
- XV. OTHER BUSINESS
- XVI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT



**TRANSPORTATION
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No public comments.

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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.

XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JJOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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 FY 2023-2026 TIP. 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 TIP if it is an exempt project which does not require an air quality transportation conformity determination.

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



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, July 27, 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 (June 15, 2023)
- V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
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)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

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

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. 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

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

DATE: July 27, 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 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
Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Ernie Koch	Commissioner, Hardin County
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Director, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Dir. of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
Krystal Lastrape	Community Planner, FHWA
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Mike Lund	Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Steve Clark	City Manager, City of Lumberton
Vernon Pierce	Commissioner, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Lanie Brown	Representative, Rep. Brian Babin
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute
Travis Milner	Planning & Strategy Director, TxDOT, Maritime Division – Houston

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Bob Dickinson	Director, SETRPC
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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, August 24, 2023
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 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. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Program and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
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)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

8. 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

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



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

DATE: August 24, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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 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 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

Thursday, September 28, 2023
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 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 (August 30, 2023)
5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Program and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AMENDMENT #5
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #1
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

8. 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

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

13. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: September 28, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cooper called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, made the motion. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – August 24 and 30, 2023

Commissioner Cooper called for and made a motion to adopt the minutes from the last two meetings as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

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 for completing the transportation air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
2. SETRPC held public meetings during the second and third week of September to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the JOHRTS MTP-2045, Amendment #5 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP, Amendment #1.
3. 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.
4. SETRPC staff is holding a 45 public comment period from September 13, 2023 through October 27, 2023 on the JOHRTS "DRAFT" Public Participation Plan. A hybrid public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. This meeting is designed to solicit the public's ideas and input on the Public Participation issues for our Transportation Planning Program.

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

- No updates to report

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2045) AMENDMENT #5

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that the cost estimate for the major improvement project on IH-10 from the Hollywood Overpass to 7th Street exit needed to be updated to increase the funding. Due to the rapid escalation on the cost of materials, etc... the estimated increase is over 50% of the original amount. Per our Public Participation Plan, when an increase is over 50%, an amendment must be prepared, a 30-day comment period must be held and approved by the committee.

Commissioner Cooper called for and made a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS MTP-2045, Amendment #5 as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #1

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

As mentioned in the agenda item listed above, an amendment must be included in the MTP and TIP documents due to the cost estimate increase of over 50%. Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that the cost estimate needed to be updated to increase the funding for the major improvement project on IH-10 from the Hollywood Overpass to 7th Street exit. Due to the rapid escalation on the cost of materials, etc... the estimated increase is over 50% of the original amount. Per our Public Participation Plan, when an increase is over 50%, an amendment must be prepared, a 30-day comment period must be held and approved by the committee.

Commissioner Cooper called for and made a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP, Amendment #1 as presented. Mr. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

8. 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

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson included an updated project timeline and stated that we are on track with federal transportation planning requirements to develop our JJOHRTS MTP-2050.

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the public participation process requires us to inform the committee of any administrative modifications to the MTP. Port Arthur Transit has made the MPO staff aware that federal and local funding has become available this fiscal year to acquire facility and vehicle improvements, along with electric chargers and preventive maintenance.

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1.

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

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11. OTHER BUSINESS

As an information item, Bob presented the September Planning Map.

Ms. Sarah Dupre, Public Information Officer, TxDOT, informed the members of 2 public meetings being held by TxDOT regarding the US 69 Woodville-Colmesneil Relief Route. Meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at the Kirby Gym – Woodville ISD, 505 N. Charlton Street. The second meeting will be held in the Warren ISD Board Room, 375 FM 3290 South on Thursday, October 26. Both meetings will be held from 5-7 p.m.

12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The suggested next TPC meeting date will either be Thursday, November 16 or 30, 2023, at 10:00 am. A meeting notice will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the chosen date.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Colby Anderson	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Kelvin Knauf	Dir. Of Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Michelle Falgout	District Engineer, Jefferson County
Mike Lund	Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director of Public Works, City of Orange
Corey Oldbury	County Engineer, Orange County
Divon Williams	Deputy Director of Planning, City of Orange
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Thursday, November 16, 2023
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 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 (September 28, 2023)
5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Program and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE “DRAFT” JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF PROJECT SCORING FOR THE JOHRTS MTP-2050
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
8. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

9. OTHER BUSINESS
10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – To Be Determined
11. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: November 16, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(Hybrid 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. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, 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 – September 28, 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. Mr. Robert Woods, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

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 for completing the transportation air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
2. 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.
3. SETRPC staff held a 45 public comment period from September 13, 2023, through October 27, 2023, on the JOHRTS "DRAFT" Public Participation Plan. A hybrid public meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. This meeting was designed to solicit the public's ideas and input on the Public Participation issues for our Transportation Planning Program.
4. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
5. SETRPC staff held a hybrid Regional Public Transportation Steering Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
6. SETRPC staff held a hybrid JOHRTS Technical Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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

- The district is working on the next call for projects that is Unified Transportation Program cycle to identify projects that need additional funding and make those requests.
- The district is working with JOHRTS to issue a November revision to the TIP to capture the increased funding amount for the Eastex Interchange project
- The FM 365 at Rhodair Gully project is still on track for letting and development is ongoing.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that every time SETRPC staff updates the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, they also have to update the Public Participation Plan. The main topic that needs updating is the addition of Jasper County into our JOHRTS Regional Transportation Planning Process. This will help expand the virtual toolbox options to solicit input and participation during our public meetings.

The SETRPC-MPO Public Participation Plan has been amended to include these tools for virtual public participation. The public review and comment period for the "Draft" Public Participation Plan is 45 days, which began on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and ended on Friday, October 27, 2023. The SETRPC-MPO has summarized and addressed any public input received.

Commissioner Cooper called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS Public Participation Plan as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made a motion. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF PROJECT SCORING FOR THE JOHRTS MTP-2050

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

As part of JOHRTS MTP-2050 development, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – MPO conducted a Call for Projects between April 6, 2023, and May 31, 2023, to select the eligible projects for inclusion in the JOHRTS MTP-2050. During the call for projects period, SETRPC received four project submittals including three candidate projects from TxDOT and one candidate project from City of Port Arthur. The JOHRTS Technical Committee met on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, to score projects which were submitted in response to the Call for Projects.

The submitted projects were evaluated and scored by the JOHRTS Technical Committee following various criteria established in the adopted Project Selection Process (PSP) including safety, mobility, connectivity, accessibility, sustainability, environmental, equity, cost, etc.

The final scores and ranks are listed below:

Road Track Project Scoring Summary				
Project Name	Objective Score	Subjective Score	Total Score	Rank
US 69 S (FM 365 to SH 73) Widening	88	125	213	1
9th Avenue Paving and Drainage Improvements	85	123	208	2
US 69 N (SH 347 to FM 365) Widening	84	121	205	3
SH 105 (FM 770 to SH 326) Passing Lanes	84	113	197	4

The JOHRTS Technical Committee met on October 26, 2023, to review the scores and rankings of the submitted projects. These scores have been submitted today (November 16, 2023) to the JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) for their approval and final ranking.

Mr. Kelvin Knauf, City of Orange asked Mr. Dickinson why he thought there weren't more projects submitted. Mr. Dickinson's response was that it was due to the match criteria, not being able to be met by most entities. The match is often set at 80/20.

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the Results of Project Scoring for the JOHRTS MTP-2050, as presented. Mr. Ernie Koch, Commissioner, Hardin County, made the motion, Mr. Robert Woods, City of Nederland seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson included an updated project timeline and stated that we are on track with federal transportation planning requirements to develop our JOHRTS MTP-2050.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson presented the October Planning Map.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next TPC meeting date has been set for Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Bellaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Ernie Koch	Commissioner, Hardin County
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
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Mike Lund	Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Divon Williams	Deputy Director of Planning, City of Orange
Flozelle Roberts	Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Nancy Peron	Planning Director, TxDOT
Phillip Tindall	Metropolitan Planning Branch Manager, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, Tx DOT
Sujan Sikder	Research Data Scientist, Texas A&M – TTI
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M - TTI

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 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 (November 16, 2023)
5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
6. ELECTION OF THE NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
7. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY 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

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

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT.

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

11. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

12. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

14. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – To Be Determined

15. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: February 1, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

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 – November 16, 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

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 for completing the Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan on the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP.
2. 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 JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2024-2028 TIP.
3. SETRPC staff attended the TEMPO Executive Director Fall Meeting in Austin from November 30 to December 1, 2023.
4. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023.
5. SETRPC staff participated in a Technical Working Group Virtual Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024.
6. SETRPC staff met with Beaumont Municipal Transit and Port Arthur Transit staff to discuss the development of the JJOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program document in early January.

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

- No updates were given.

6. ELECTION OF THE NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to elect the new JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee officers for 2024-2025.

7. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY 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

Due to a lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote to adopt the resolution for SETRPC’s support of safety targets established by the TxDOT in accordance with requirement identified as part of the FAST act.

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

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

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

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the TPC members that an administrative modification was made to add a transit project to the JOHRTS MTP 2045, Amendment #5. Beaumont Municipal Transit has made the MPO staff aware that federal grant funding has become available in this fiscal year to acquire five (5) new compressed natural gas busses to replace five (5) aged CNG busses.

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

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11. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the TPC members that an administrative modification was made to add a transit project to the JOHRTS MTP 2045, Amendment #5. Port Arthur Transit has made the MPO staff aware that federal grant funding has become available this fiscal year to acquire four (4) new electric busses, electric chargers and to make facility infrastructure upgrades.

12. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

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13. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, asked if there was a truck parking shortage study broken down by county.

Ms. Nancy Peron, Planning Director, TxDOT stated that there is a study and would send Commissioner Trahan the information.

Mr. Dickinson suggested inviting the company who oversaw that study to come to the next meeting and give an update.

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson presented the January Planning Map

14. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

A meeting date has been set for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Mike Lund	Director of Public Works, City of Bridge City
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Pate	Director of Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M – TTI
Krystal Lastrape	Transportation Planner, TxDOT
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Nancy Peron	Planning Director, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
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



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Thursday, May 23, 2024
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 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 (February 29, 2024)
5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
6. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRUCK PARKING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Brian Cormer – Associate Vice-President, HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri
Kale Driemeier – Project Manager, TxDOT TP&P, Austin
7. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT FUNDED SS4T AND VISION ZERO TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR BEAUMONT DISTRICT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
David Fouts – Safe Streets Training Coordinator, Farm & City

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "DRAFT" JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN (MTP-2050)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
9. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "DRAFT" JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN (MTP-2050) AND THE JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
11. OTHER BUSINESS
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – July 25, 2024
13. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: May 23, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Hardin County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions. A moment of silence was held for Commissioner Vernon Pierce.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cooper called for and made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Manager, City of Port Arhtur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – February 29, 2024

Commissioner Cooper called for and made a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Ms. Nancy Peron, Planning Director, TxDOT, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

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 for completing the Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan on the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP.
2. 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 JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP.
3. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024.
4. SETRPC participated in a virtual Technical Working Group Advisory Committee on Thursday, April 4, 2024.
5. SETRPC staff held a series of public meetings in mid-April 2024 to give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the draft JJOHRTS MTP-2050, the draft JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP and the draft Transportation Conformity Document.

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

Nancy Peron, Planning Director, TxDOT gave the update:

- The 10/69 Eastex Project let this month for \$533,247,313.08, which was \$87.8 million more than what was originally estimated for the project. The project is being awarded to Williams Brothers and should begin construction in the next few months.
- There are handful of overlay, shoulder widening, and bridge maintenance projects letting between June and August and that will complete our lettings for this fiscal year.

6. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRUCK PARKING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Brian Cormer – Associate Vice-President, HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri
Kale Driemeier – Project Manager, TxDOT TP&P, Austin*

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, introduced Mr. Brian Cormer, Associate Vice-President, HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Cormer gave brief presentation on the overview of the Truck Parking Action Plan, Stakeholder Engagement, Truck Parking Implementation and the next steps for this project.

7. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT FUNDED SS4T AND VISION ZERO TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BEAUMONT DISTRICT

*Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
David Fouts – Safe Streets Training Coordinator, Farm & City*

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, introduced Mr. David Fouts, Safe Streets Training Coordinator, Farm & City and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Fouts talked about Vision Zero Texas and invited everyone to participate in the upcoming workshop on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the TxDOT office on Eastex Freeway. Guests must register in advance to participate.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "DRAFT" JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that we are required to update our JJOHRTS Metropolitan Plan every 5 years. The last MTP was adopted on July 18, 2019.

Thursday, April 4, 2024 began the 30-day comment period which ended on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. During that time, a series of public meetings were held to solicit public input.

SETRPC staff have been working with TxDOT Beaumont District to include all of the projects in the MTP document. The goal is to have this "draft" document as well as the "draft" TIP approved by November 21, 2024.

Mr. Dickinson asked members if anyone had any comments or questions and to then approve the "DRAFT" JJOHRTS Metropolitan Plan (MTP-2050).

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for and made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the "DRAFT" JJOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP-2050) as presented. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

9. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "DRAFT" JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained to the members that the "DRAFT" JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a four year document, that included projects that are moving forward into being implemented.

Thursday, April 4, 2024 began the 30-day comment period that ended on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. During that time, a series of public meetings were held to solicit public input.

SETRPC staff have been working with TxDOT Beaumont District to include all of the projects in the TIP document. The goal is to have this "draft" document as well as the "draft" MTP approved by November 21, 2024.

Mr. Dickinson asked members if anyone had any comments or questions and to then approve the "DRAFT" JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for and made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the "DRAFT" FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Manager, City of Port Arthur, which was carried unanimously.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN PLAN (MTP-2050) AND THE JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that 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 JJOHRTS Transportation Conformity Determination document by the TPC. The approval of this document ensures that work on projects within the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP can begin construction.

Mr. Dickinson asked members to approve the resolution adopting the JJOHRTS Transportation Conformity Determination for the JJOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – 2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, called for and made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the "DRAFT" FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Manager, City of Port Arthur, which was carried unanimously.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson presented the May Planning Map.

Mr. Dickinson included an article in the meeting packet regarding TxDOT's new completion dates for ongoing projects.

12. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next TPC meeting date has been set for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooper adjourned the meeting at 11:06 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
Kelvin Knauf	Dir. Of Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Nancy Peron	Planning Director, TxDOT
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Brian Comer	Consultant Project Manager, HNTB
Cameron Gaddy	Foresight Planning & Engineering Services
Carolina Lopez-Herrera	Planner, TxDOT - Beaumont
David Fouts	Safe Streets Coordinator, Farm & City
Jennifer Pate	Director of Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Jeremy Upchurch	HNTB
Kale Driemeir	TxDOT Project Manager, TxDOT - TPP
Kari Sutton	Sr. Environmental Scientist, Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC
Kelsey Heavin	HNTB
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Patricial Kelly	Foresight Planning & Engineering Services
Sade Chick	Manager of Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M – TTI

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