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Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee

MINUTES

Friday, May 27, 2026 (9:00 AM)

Government Chambers at Government Plaza
505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101

Members' Present

Mr. Bruce Blanton – Webster Parish – Vice Chair
Mayor Tom Arceneaux – City of Shreveport
Mrs. Carlotta Askew-Brown – MPC City of Bossier City
Mr. Eric England – Port of Caddo-Bossier
Mr. Stephen Jean – MPC of Caddo/Shreveport
Mr. David North – LaDOTD District 04
Mr. Michael Norton – DeSoto Parish

Members Absent

Mrs. Erica Bryant – Caddo Parish – Chair
Mayor Tommy Chandler – City of Bossier City
Dr. Ken Ward – Bossier Parish
Mr. Dinero' Washington – SporTran

Others Present

Mr. Kent Rogers – NLCOG
Mr. Adam Driskill – NLCOG
Mrs. Rita Arnold - NLCOG
Mr. Josh Chevallier – NLCOG Legal Council

Call to Order

Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order. Mr. Blanton asked Mayor Arceneaux to lead us in prayer, and he would lead us for the pledge. He stated if those that cared to join them to please stand. Mayor Arceneaux led us in prayer followed by Mr. Blanton leading us for the pledge.

He asked Mr. Rogers to begin roll call. Mr. Rogers called roll. A quorum was present.

Public Comments

Mr. Blanton asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Chevallier stated they had not received any request for public comment.

Items for Consideration

1. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2026

The next item on the agenda was for approval of the minutes for the February 20, 2026, meeting. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mrs. Askew-Brown seconded to approve the minutes as provided. Mr. Blanton called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Amendments and Modifications

Mr. Rogers stated that they had a couple of amendments for introduction from the state. They go back to those bridge projects that got thrown out as one big one, then separated into individual ones. The first one is changing the overall funding for US 171: US 84 TO LA 3015. The second one is US 80: BRIDGES NEAR MINDEN. Mr. Rogers said that this is to add a construction phase to the current year TIP.

Mr. Rogers said that next they have a series of amendments for Transit that are for adoption. These were introduced at the last meeting. Two of them are to reflect the final numbers for Mr. Washington's last two fiscal years. A couple of them are for additional funding for the bus transit facilities, and also the current year predicted budget. Finally, they have one that FHWA has asked them to include on a quarterly basis, which is the reflection of the type of grants that have been received for the area. Those include the Port Commission Project, the I-69 Connector Project, their SS4A project, and the field grant for the medical board corridor.

Mr. Blanton asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mr. Blanton entertained a motion to Adopt the Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications and Amendments. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Norton seconded. Mr. Blanton called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year 2027 UPWP

- Introduction of FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment

Mr. Rogers said they were sent and have seen the full version of the UPWP that was given to them.

Mr. Rogers said to the let the record reflect that Mr. Jean is present.

This is for introduction for public comment. The next fiscal year starts July 01, 2026. Mr. Rogers asked if they needed him to go through anything in more detail.

Mayor Arceneaux asked what the notice of public comment period.

Mr. Rogers stated that it was fourteen days.

Mayor Arceneaux said that they didn't have much time between now and then.

Mr. Rogers said that's correct.

Mr. Blanton asked if there were any further questions. Having none, Mr. Blanton entertained a motion to Introduce the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comments. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Norton seconded. Mr. Blanton called for questions or comments. Having none, the chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

Project Updates

4. LA511 Jimmie Davis Bridge

Mr. Rogers said that the Jimmie Davis project is currently fifty-nine percent complete and moving into phase three of the project. They recently have had to shift traffic for the ramp work on Clyde Fant Parkway, but everything is going great. Mr. Rogers asked Mr. North if he had anything to add.

Mr. North said he did not. He said that he's excited to see that they plan to have it open to traffic in 2027.

5. I-69 Frontage Road

Mr. Rogers said the next project update is I-69 Frontage Road. The two outer pieces, Stonewall-Frierson and the portion of Ellerbe to LA 1, they're doing some preliminary engineering work on those. The center section is more of the state's responsibility. They're still out doing some initial survey work on that corridor. Mr. Rogers said that he looks forward to the final review stages of the INFRA Grant from USDOT.

Mrs. Askew-Brown asked if there had been any updates for the Jimmie Davis project on the existing bridge.

Mr. Rogers said that from his understanding it was still being converted to a pedestrian bridge.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled MPO meeting is on Friday, June 12, 2026, in the Government Chambers at 9:00 am.

Adjourn

With no remaining agenda items, Mr. Blanton entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Arceneaux motioned, and Mr. Norton second, and the meeting was adjourned.



J. Kent Rogers, Secretary

