

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 CIP Subcommittee Meeting

10am-12pm, Thursday, June 17, 2021
 Rosa Parks Transportation Center
 Multipurpose Room 116
 101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<p>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, & COMMITTEE ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Mr. Earl Garber of the Acadia Parish Police Jury called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance both in person and virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live at facebook.com/AcadianaPlanningCommission. The meeting was made available to the public via live stream on Facebook Live. Due to technical difficulties the meeting was paused around 10:15 and resumed around 10:30. The recording of the full meeting is available at http://planacadiana.org/watershed/lwi-region-5/meeting-recordings/.</p> <p>“Opening Statement: Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the LWI Region 5 Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting. I am Earl Garber, representative of Acadia Parish, and will lead the meeting today.</p> <p>Agendas are available at the room’s entrance and were made available through email and online at planacadiana.org.</p> <p>For our records to reflect your attendance please sign-in at the table or drop a message in the chat box listing your name and affiliation.</p> <p>The purpose of this public meeting is to consider items established by the agenda. Public input is welcome on these items. However, to ensure an orderly meeting, members of the public shall speak at the time designated. Each organization may be permitted one representative to speak for 3 minutes on its behalf and individual public members are permitted 3 minutes. For those wishing to speak in-person, complete a speaker card and present it to the APC staff. For members of the public participating online, please submit your comments and questions in the chat box. Comments/questions will be read aloud during the public comment period.”</p>
<p>ROLL CALL & PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Ms. Kelia Bingham of Acadiana Planning Commission called roll for the steering committee members’ attendance. A quorum was present.</p>
<p>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES</p> <p><i>(formal action)</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry and seconded by Mr. Donald Bergeron to approve the meeting minutes from the May 6, 2021 CIP Subcommittee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>VOTE: 7-0-1: Yea – 7; Nay – 0; Absent – 1</p>

	<p>Action summaries from the sub-committee meetings were distributed to the Region 5 Steering Committee members for their reference.</p>
<p>STATE ROUND 1 PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>State Round 1 Project Announcements – May 27, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Selected Funded Projects – 4 projects with a total reward of \$19.58 Million • Unfunded Projects for Regional Selection – 3 potential projects with a total cost of \$7.2 Million <p>The state has allowed for certain flexibilities in funding. Some regions may potentially receive up to \$6,000,000 in round 1 funding.</p> <p><u>Design Support Pilot Program</u></p> <p>Ms. Nicolette Jones with LA OCD made an announcement that the state has agreed to launch a portion of Round 2 funds for regional projects earlier than anticipated and outlined in the action plan. This “first phase” of the round 2 funding shall be referred to as the Design Support Pilot Program (DSPP). No policies or procedures have been finalized at this point. The over all intent of the DSPP is to address the technical needs identified in the competitive process of round one. The state noticed that there were lots of potentially valuable projects that lacked technical analysis to show the mitigation impact of the project such as H&H models. The goal is to assist entities with low capacity for application development. This technical assistance will be non-competitive. Ms. Jessica Cornay requested that it be considered by the state that every application submitted for round 1 deemed incomplete automatically be considered for technical assistance.</p> <p>To request a discussion about a particular application or concerns with the technical scoring and evaluation process by LA OCD, send an email to lwi-round1@la.gov.</p>
<p>REGION 5 SELECTION PROCESS</p>	<p>A list of projects that will be funded by the state and projects that were not selected for funding to be considered for regional selection was presented to the subcommittee. At this time, subcommittee members voted on how to proceed with the available round 1 Region 5 funds. The options were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spend the funds on projects 2. Defer the funds for the Design Support Pilot Program for application development and technical assistance 3. Defer the funds for funding projects in a future round <p>A vote was taken among the subcommittee members on how to proceed with the available round 1 Region 5 funds. The subcommittee unanimously voted to recommend to the full steering committee to spend available funds on projects as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 7-0-1: Yea – 7; Nay – 0; Absent – 1</i></p> <p>A question was posed to Ms. Nicolette Jones if outstanding funds in Region 5 (funds available after regionally selected projects are funded) could be rolled over into the round 2 funding cycle for either technical assistance and application development or future project funding. She will seek an answer from the state and notify APC.</p>

	<p>Several scenarios of project funding in Region 5 were reviewed by the subcommittee. Options include a joint project between Regions 2 and 5 titled “Town of Mansura – Bayou LaCombe” in Avoyelles Parish. After discussion, the CIP subcommittee voted to recommend the following funding scenario to the full steering committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST. MARTIN PARISH, Parish Government – Cypress Bayou & Coulee LaSalle Drainage Improvements, Drainage Infrastructure –\$1 Million • VERMILION Parish, Police Jury – Abbeville Area Vermilion River Bridge Debris Barrier System, Drainage Infrastructure –\$550,000 • Region 2 and Region 5 unevenly split Bayou Lacombe Project where Region 5 funds 54% (\$3.1 million) and Region 2 funds 46% (\$2.6 million) <p>The total cost burden on Region 5 to fund these three projects would be \$4,617,700.</p> <p>A vote was taken among the subcommittee members on recommending the above funding option to the full steering committee. The subcommittee unanimously voted to recommend to the full steering committee to spend available funds on projects as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 7-0-1: Yea –7; Nay – 0; Absent – 1</i></p> <p>A discussion was held, and the idea was posed that the Region 5 Steering Committee or subsequent coalition becoming a subcontractor tasked with project evaluation and scoring for future project determinations. This topic will be brought to the full steering committee for further discussion.</p>
LWI TIMELINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June: Final Governance Recommendation • July: Regional Round 1 Project Recommendations • September: Regional Round 1 Project Awards - \$40 million
SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Meeting, Thursday, July 8th, 10am – 12pm • Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, July 15th, 10am – 12pm • Next Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, Thursday, August 19th, 10am – 12pm • Next CIP Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, September 2nd, 10am – 12pm
MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES	There were no miscellaneous updates.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	<p>A motion was made by Ms. Jessica Cornay and seconded by Mr. Donald Bergeron to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 7-0-1: Yea –7; Nay – 0; Absent – 1</i></p>

MEETING DETAILS	
CONTACT	<p>Kelia Bingham, LWI Region 5 Watershed Coordinator, (337) 446-0807</p> <p>Rachel Godeaux, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9373</p> <p>Kade Jones, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9376</p>
NEXT REGION 5 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	<p>April 15, 2020 at 10am</p>
ADA/TITLE VI NOTICE	<p>The Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) convenes public meetings in accessible locations. Meeting materials can be provided in accessible formats and in languages other than English upon request. If you would like accessibility or language accommodation, please contact the ADA/Title VI Coordinator via email at clacomb@planacadiana.org; or by phone at 337-806-9370 (voice), 337-866-7081 (fax). If you wish to attend an APC function and require special accommodations, please provide at least 72 hours advanced notice.</p>
ATTENDANCE RECORD	
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Delegates Present:</u></p> <p>Acadia Parish - Earl Garber Avoyelles – Jimmy Landry Evangeline - Donald Bergeron Lafayette – Jessica Cornay</p> <p><u>Delegates Present Virtually via Zoom</u></p> <p>Iberville - John Clark Pointe Coupee – Mark Ward St. Mary - Tim Matte</p> <p><u>Others Present</u></p> <p>Rachel Godeaux, APC Kelia Bingham, APC Kade Jones, APC</p> <p><u>Others Present Virtually</u></p> <p>Nicolette Jones, OCD-LWI Pam Granger – LWI Region 5 Steering Committee Kasey Courville – LWI Region 5 Steering Committee Ben Langlinais - LWI Region 5 Steering Committee Sara Gary, APC</p>
ABSENTEES	<p><u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u></p> <p>Vermilion - Ralph Libersat</p>