

III. PLANNING CONTEXT - PLAN REVIEW AND STATUS REPORT PROCESS

This planning effort used a development and coordination process very similar to that used for the 2003 Plan, as illustrated in **Figure 2**. The main differences are highlighted in brown.

The 2003 Plan was developed in close cooperation with eight Advisory Councils. The *Plan Review and Status Report* used this same framework, but added an additional Advisory Council to cover Flood Control / Water Resources / Hurricane Protection. Therefore, there are eight individual councils that reported findings back to a ninth council, the Intermodal Advisory Council, comprised of representatives from the other eight Advisory Councils.

The Intermodal Advisory Council reported findings to the Policy Committee for consideration and adoption. The LIIEP Commission was the strategic oversight group for the 2003 Plan. The Commission was not used for the *Plan Review and Status Report* since the Commission has been dormant and this effort was only a supplement to the 2003 Plan. Instead, a DOTD Policy Committee was established to provide strategic oversight. Major council meetings and the purpose of those meetings are shown in **Figure 3**.

DOTD POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

VOTING MEMBERS

- DOTD Secretary (chair)
- Deputy Secretary
- Undersecretary
- Chief Engineer
- Assistant Secretaries (3)
- Assistant to Secretary for Policy

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

- Deputy Undersecretary
- Deputy Chief Engineer
- Deputy Assistant Secretaries (4)
- Legislative Liaison
- Confidential Assistant

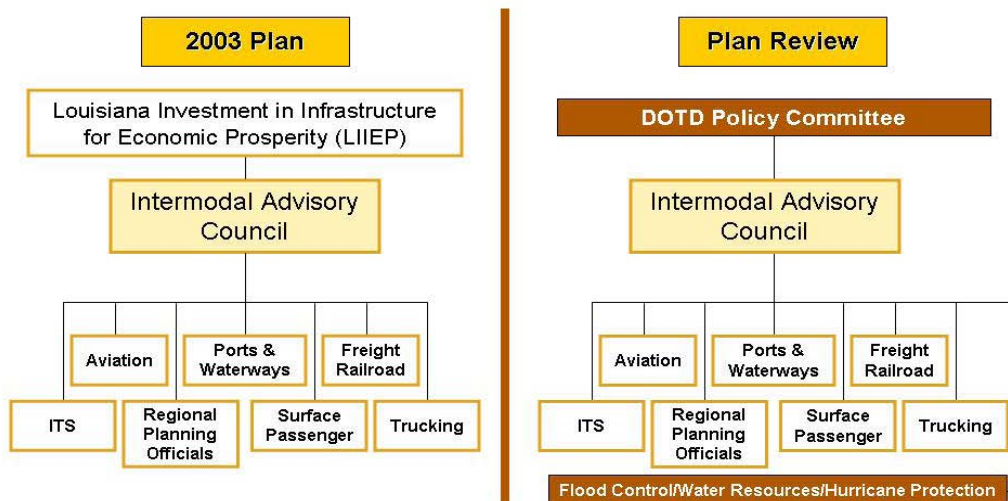
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- FHWA Division Administrator
- FHWA Assistant Division Administrator

COMMUNICATIONS

- Communications Director

FIGURE 2: Relationship of Modal Councils



ADVISORY COUNCILS

Eight Advisory Councils met to discuss the implementation status of plan elements, review recommendations as necessary and update costs. One Advisory Council – the Flood Control / Water Resources / Hurricane Protection Advisory Council – is an addition to those participating in the 2003 Plan. Two Advisory Councils (the Regional Planning Officials and the Flood Control / Water Resources / Hurricane Protection) met twice and the remainder met just once. Advisory Council membership is detailed in the Acknowledgements.

- **Aviation Advisory Council** – includes representatives from airport authorities, airlines, and other aviation stakeholders;
- **Freight Rail Advisory Council** – includes representatives from railroads and other freight rail stakeholders;
- **Regional Planning Officials Advisory Council** – includes representatives from metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning and development commissions, DOTD Districts, and other transportation planning stakeholders;
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Advisory Council** – includes representatives from state and local ITS and traffic operations offices and other ITS stakeholders;

- **Ports and Waterways Advisory Council** – includes representatives from ports and other port/waterway stakeholders;
- **Surface Passenger Transportation Advisory Council** – includes representatives from bus and rail providers, public transit agencies and other surface passenger stakeholders;
- **Trucking Advisory Council** – includes representatives from trucking and shipping firms and other trucking stakeholders; and,
- **Flood Control / Water Resources / Hurricane Protection Advisory Council** – includes representatives from state and local agencies addressing related issues.

INTERMODAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (IAC)

The IAC served as the facilitator between the Policy Committee and the individual Advisory Councils. The IAC membership, detailed in the Acknowledgements, includes representatives from all of the individual Advisory Councils. The IAC's role was to review the recommendations from the Advisory Councils and to add any further recommendations or any additional modifications.

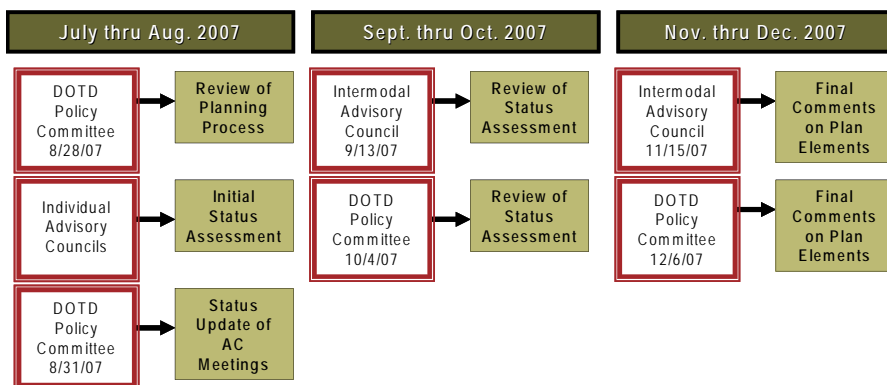
POLICY COMMITTEE

The DOTD Policy Committee is comprised of both voting and non-voting members. A list of the members is included in the box on page 8. The role of the Policy Committee was to receive recommendations from the Intermodal Advisory

Council, revise if necessary, and adopt the recommendations. The Policy Committee's review was necessary to fulfill the objectives of:

- A financially constrained plan;
- An effective plan with proper modal balance; and,
- A plan that satisfies the goals and objectives approved by the LIIEP Commission, the state's economic development goals and objectives, as well as the SAFETEA-LU planning factors.

FIGURE 3: Report Timeline



The Policy Committee met four times during the *Plan Review and Status Report* process.