

Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update Community Development and Enhancement Advisory Council Meeting October 1, 2013



## AGENDA

#### 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Opening Session** 

- Welcome
- Update of the Statewide Transportation Plan
  - Plan Status
  - Needs
  - Financial Forecast
  - Megaprojects
  - Gap and Revenue Scenarios
- Break Out Session Objectives

#### 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Community Development and Enhancement Advisory Council Meeting**

- Welcome/Introductions/Role of AC
- Questions Before Starting
- Presentation
- Issues Discussion
  - Handout List of Issues
- Preliminary Recommendations Discussion
  - Handout List of Recommendations from 2008 and Round 1 AC Meetings
  - Potential Additional Recommendations

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break Eric Kalivoda, DOTD Don Vary, CDM Smith



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## ISSUES

- 1. Lack of mobility options for aging population and non-drivers population (children, disabled persons, and those who can't afford or choose not to own vehicles)
- 2. Lack of dedicated funding for non-motorized transportation infrastructure
- 3. Need for improved human services coordination and streamlining
- 4. Need for better communication with and education of the public regarding transportation funding
- 5. Need for increased education of policy makers regarding how limited mobility options affect community cohesion and quality of life
- 6. Need for improved coordination across state agencies and jurisdictions for planning and funding transportation infrastructure
- 7. Increased safety concerns with bicycle and pedestrian fatalities in certain areas of the state



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### PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Rec #	Recommendation	Cost (\$millions)	2008 Status	Preliminary 2012 Status
R-6	Financially support studies undertaken by SRRTC to increase passenger rail ridership and fare box recovery ratios.		Ongoing	Ongoing
R-7	Continue to study existing and potential passenger rail corridors where ridership levels can be sustained or increased.		Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-1	Educate elected officials about the need for, and benefits of, public transportation.	\$.3M	Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-2	Implement Baton Rouge to New Orleans Passenger Rail (see Non-highway Megaprojects).	\$290M (30 year total)	No Progress	No Progress
SP-3	Market/promote public transportation illustrating support from the DOTD. Specific promotions should be developed for the aging population and transportation options, and for the benefits of public transportation and its effect on healthy walkable communities.	\$.3M	Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-4	Conduct a study to determine the economic impact of Baton Rouge - New Orleans intercity passenger rail service, with regards to Transit Oriented Development potential.	\$0.5M	No Progress	No Progress
SP-5	Develop programs to enhance public transportation systems through ITS. Statewide ITS Plan should include statewide goals for linkages among transit agencies and in the development of regional call centers.		Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-7	Provide \$8.5M per year for rural transit operating expenses to meet the current & future expansion needs.	\$8.5M per year	No Progress	No Progress
SP-8	Promote and develop connectivity between public transportation systems and other transportation modes.		Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-10	Coordinate planning of federal funding sources for specialized transit. Develop Task Force of Statewide agencies using federal funds for human services transportation and public transportation. Regional coordination plans and	\$.5M	Ongoing	Ongoing



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	a statewide coordination plan should be developed.			
SP-13	Promote the National Passenger Rail System.		Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-14	Continue to financially support the operating expenses of the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Commission (SRRTC).		Ongoing	Ongoing
SP-16	Re-evaluate the feasibility of the Airport - New Orleans CBD light rail line.	\$0.25	No Progress	No Progress Update Cost
SP-19	Conduct an assessment of publicly-supported statewide intercity bus needs and establish task force to oversee study.	\$0.40	No Progress	No Progress
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SP-22	Develop comprehensive transit master plan for the Baton Rouge metropolitan area.		Ongoing	Complete
SP-23	Promote Urban Transit. Increase urban transit share of Parish Transportation Fund to its historical level of 15 %.		New	No Progress
SP-24	Support transcontinental rail route from California to Florida through Louisiana.		New	No Progress
SP-25	Provide seed funding for research and development of low-cost, fixed guideway transit.	\$1.0	New	No Progress
BP-1	Develop a comprehensive policy for non- motorized transportation		Ongoing	Complete
BP-2	Develop statewide bicycle suitability map		Complete	Complete
BP-3	Develop statewide bicycle goals map		Complete	Complete
BP-4	Provide for "routine accommodation" of bicycle/pedestrian needs in DOTD planning and design processes		Ongoing	Complete
BP-5	Support incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements in transportation planning and in highway and transit projects		Ongoing	Ongoing
Potential New	Develop statewide database, inclusive of all modes to monitor state of good repair for all state assets		New	No Progress