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December 4, 2024

Ms. Michelle Horne
Public Transportation Administrator
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
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Re: STIP Amendment #16 - Transit Element

Dear Ms. Horne:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the request dated November 25, 2024, received via email on December 2, 2024, for changes and/or updates to the FY 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We approve the updates and revisions to the Transit Element of the FY 2023-2026 STIP with the attached and updated STIP Amendment #16 summary recap pages.

Per the letter dated February 13, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA provided conditional approval of the Louisiana 2023-2026 STIP. To date, LADOTD has made progress in addressing the corrective actions outlined in the Federal Planning Findings report. LADOTD must continue to address the remaining corrective actions by the dates specified. FHWA and FTA will not allow revisions to the STIP if a due date lapses without adequate action taken by LADOTD.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Bloomer, Community Planner, at (817) 978-0570 or via email at Michelle.Bloomer@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

David E. Bartels
Director of Planning and Program Development

cc: Tina Athalone, LADOTD
Laura Phillips, FHWA

November 25, 2024

Mr. David Bartels
Director of Planning and Program Development
Federal Transit Administration, Region VI
819 Taylor Street - Rm 14A02
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

**RE: LA DOTD STIP AMENDMENT # 16
Transit Element for Federal FY2023 – FY2026**

Dear Mr. Bartels:

We request that you amend the FY2023–FY2026 Transit Element of the Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the attached updates and revisions, as reflected below. For identification purposes, we have noted the amended projects in red with the letter “A” on the Transit Element Summary Re-cap pages. Further clarifications have been reflected in “Explanation Notes” on the Summary Re-cap pages.

Please make the following changes and updates:

- **Transit Element - Summary Recap Pages:** Please discard the previously submitted STIP Re-cap Summary page(s) for FY 2023 – FY2026 and replace them with the attached updated Amendment #16 Summary Re-cap pages.
- **Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLARPC)** Administrative Modification for the Lake Charles UZA are outlined in the attached letters from SWLARPC dated November 10, 2024. Please discard the previously submitted Transit Element TIP pages and replace them with the attached updated TIP pages

We appreciate your prompt attention to the attached Transit STIP amendment. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tina Athalone at (225) 379-3054.

Sincerely,



Michelle Horne
Public Transportation Director

Attachments

c: Louisiana MPOs
Louisiana Urban Transit Systems
FTA Region VI Staff

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

TRANSIT ELEMENT

Summary Re-cap Pages

Fiscal Years 2023 thru 2026

Louisiana Transit STIP - Federal FY 2025
Transit Summary ReCap
 Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program - STIP

	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Estimates	MPO / STATE Request Amt	Notes
2025 Federal Programs			

Sec 5307 - Urban Program (Capital/Operating/Planning)
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UZA 200,000 to 999,999			
Baton Rouge (CATS)	\$ 9,239,602	\$ 8,721,618	
Lafayette (LTS)	\$ 4,187,735	\$ 3,336,700	
New Orleans (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, & St. Charles)	\$ 23,507,848	\$ 38,988,252	
Shreveport (SPORTRAN)	\$ 6,014,848	\$ 6,086,092	
Total	\$ 42,950,034	\$ 57,132,662	

UZA 50,000 to 200,000			
Alexandria (ATRANS)	\$ 1,706,536	\$ 2,614,500	
Hammond	\$ 1,284,350	\$ 1,136,000	
Houma (GET)	\$ 3,195,208	\$ 2,196,040	
Lake Charles (LCT)	\$ 2,831,023	\$ 2,445,544	3 A
Monroe (MTS)	\$ 2,544,078	\$ 2,242,646	
St. Tammany (Slidell & Mandeville/Covington)	\$ 3,730,219	\$ 3,361,000	
Total	\$ 15,291,414	\$ 13,995,730	

Louisiana State DOTD Programs

Sec 5303 - Metropolitan Transportation Planning	\$ 1,677,425	\$ 1,677,425	
Sec 5304 - Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning	\$ 441,150	\$ 441,150	
Sec 5310 - Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Rural)	\$ 1,814,548	\$ 1,814,548	
Sec 5310 - Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Small Urban)	\$ 2,340,670	\$ 2,340,670	
Sec 5311 - Rural Transit (Operate/Capital/Planning)	\$ 19,069,709	\$ 19,069,709	
Sec 5311 - Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP)	\$ 398,816	\$ 398,816	
Total	\$ 25,742,319	\$ 25,742,319	

Sec 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
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Baton Rouge	\$ 919,258	\$ -	
Lafayette	\$ 401,237	\$ 33,669	
New Orleans	\$ 1,554,049	\$ 1,100,000	
Shreveport	\$ 470,740		
Total	\$ 3,345,285	\$ 1,133,669	

Louisiana Transit STIP - Federal FY 2025
Transit Summary ReCap
 Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program - STIP

FHWA Flex Funds

Funds - Other

Lafayette - Low No Emissions	\$	1,265,000	
Shreveport (SPORTRAN) FFY2024 Low-No Emissions Discretionary	\$	11,169,846	
New Orleans (Jefferson) FFY 2023 Low-No Emissions Discretionary	\$	5,459,550	
Total	\$	-	\$ 12,434,846

Sec 5309 - Capital Investment Grants

Baton Rouge		\$	-
New Orleans	\$	-	
Total	\$	-	\$ -

Sec 5337 - State of Good Repair

New Orleans (Rail)	\$	7,878,637	\$	6,018,000
New Orleans (HOV)	\$	586,761	\$	489,600
Total	\$	8,465,398	\$	6,507,600

Sec 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities Program

Baton Rouge (CATS)	\$	751,705	\$	708,813
Lafayette	\$	338,603	\$	4,150,000
Orleans (NORTA)	\$	1,780,641	\$	2,309,700
Shreveport	\$	498,468	\$	535,957
Monroe (MTS)	\$	-	\$	850,000
Louisiana Urbans Areas 50,000 to 199,999	\$	1,221,306	\$	-
Louisiana (DOTD) Application State / Territory Allocation	\$	4,630,500	\$	-
Shreveport (SPORTRAN) FFY 2023 Bus and Bus Facilities			\$	4,000,000
Total	\$	9,221,223	\$	12,554,470

Explanation Notes

- A = Amendment**
1. MPO Administrative Modification Request (see MPO TIP page for detailed Information)
 2. Request amounts will be adjusted later to reflect the FY 2025 Apportionment and/or clarified further
 3. MPO and or LADOTD request amounts (see MPO TIP / LADOTD POP to reflect changes in the Amendment)
 4. Amount includes funding from previous year(s) - See MPO TIP / LADOTD POP page for detailed information
 5. STPFLEX Fund transfers (Funds transferred from FHWA to FTA)
 6. CRRSAA funds (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 100% share)

Lake Charles Urban Area

Imperial Calcasieu Planning Commission (IMCAL)

LADOTD Transit STIP 2023-2026

November 10, 2024
2024203/DOTD-3

Tina Athalone,
Urban Program Manager & Coordinated Human Services
Public Transportation Section (81)
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
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PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

RE: FY 2025-2026 Lake Charels MPO TIP – Transit Element

Dear Ms. Athalone,

Attached is Administrative Modification 23 to the Transit Element of the Lake Charles Metropolitan Planning Organization's (LCMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2023-26 and for incorporation into the Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The modification adjusts FY 2025 Section 5307 funding that will be requested by Lake Charles Transit in their grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Amendment 19 captures the FY2025 Section 5307 funding that will be requested by Lake Charles Transit in their grant application.

The LCMPO Transportation Policy Committee approved this amendment on June 17, 2024; however, there was a typographical error in Resolution No. 2023-24-27, Amendment 18 (Aggregate No. 25) resulting in a deficit of \$136. The current modification matches the city's original request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Michael Hollier
Executive Director

Lake Charles Urbanized Area
FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)

Scope	Project	Federal	Local Match	Total	Comments
Section 5307					
300-00	Operating Assistance (Urban)	\$ 1,053,000	\$ 1,053,000	\$ 2,106,000	FY '25 Funding
111-00	Bus Rolling Stock				Placeholder
113-00	Bus Stations/Stops/Terminals	\$ 115,000	\$ 28,750	\$ 143,750	FY '25 Funding
114-00	Bus Support Equip./Facilities	\$ 137,000	\$ 39,250	\$ 176,250	FY '25 Funding
117-00	Other Capital Items (Bus)	\$ 1,090,544	\$ 272,636	\$ 1,363,180	FY '25 Funding
442-00	Metropolitan Planning	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500	FY '25 Funding
Lake Charles Transit Total		\$ 2,445,544	\$ 1,406,136	\$ 3,851,680	
Section 5310					
Section 5310 Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Section 5311					
Section 5311 Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
FTA Totals (5307, 5310, 5311)		\$ 2,445,544	\$ 1,406,136	\$ 3,851,680	

NOTE: Reflects funding that will be requested from FY 2022 Apportionment and previous placeholder replacement.

NOTE: Reflects funding that will be requested from FY 2022 Apportionment and a new project line item.

NOTE: Information is not available for this section at this time.

**LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-27

APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NOS. 14 (AGGREGATE NO. 21), 15 (AGGREGATE NO. 22), 16 (AGGREGATE NO. 23), 17 (AGGREGATE NO. 24) AND 18 (AGGREGATE NO. 25) AND ACKNOWLEDGING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION AGGREGATE NO 20 TO THE LAKE CHARLES MPO 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake Charles Urbanized Area, charged with overall responsibility for managing the four (4) year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Lake Charles MPO Study Area; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lake Charles, Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved and adopted the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 26, 2022; **AND**

WHEREAS, changes and modifications are required from time to time affecting the scope, design, funding and/or timeline for improvements identified in the current TIP; **AND**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to receive, review, and act on proposed changes and modifications to the TIP submitted for consideration; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) has submitted Amendment No. 10 (Aggregate Record No. 15) for Project H.003931 CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE (HBI) to ADD Environmental Phase \$15 million in State Cash in Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and ADD Right-of-Way Phase \$25 million in State Cash in Federal Fiscal Year 2024; **AND**

WHEREAS, the MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed TIP Amendment No. 10 and recommended approval to the MPO Transportation Policy Committee; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee has received and reviewed recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee to approve TIP Amendment No.10;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE FOR THE LAKE CHARLES URBAN AREA, THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NOS. 14 (AGGREGATE NO. 21), 15 (AGGREGATE NO. 22), 16 (AGGREGATE NO. 23), 17 (AGGREGATE NO. 24) AND 18 (AGGREGATE NO. 25) AND ACKNOWLEDGING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION AGGREGATE NO 20 TO THE LAKE CHARLES MPO 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment No. 14 (Aggregate Record No. 21) for Project H.007122 (Myrtle Springs Road) as follows:

REMOVE: Construction phase \$1,392,160 in Federal Funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2027.

REMOVE: Construction phase \$348,040 in Local Funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2027.

Amendment No. 15 (Aggregate Record No. 22) for Project (Number yet to be assigned) (GULLORY STREET REHABILITATION) as follows:

ADD: Construction Phase \$2.5 million in Federal Funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

Amendment No. 16 (Aggregate Record No. 23) for Project (project number not yet assigned) (FITZENREITER RD 1A (REVISED NAME TBD)) as follows:

REMOVE: Construction Phase \$2,064,030 in Federal Funds from Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

REMOVE: Construction Phase \$516,008 in Local Funds from Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

Amendment No. 17 (Aggregate Record No. 24) for Project (project number not yet assigned) (SALLIER STREET (REVISED NAME TBD)) as follows:

ADD: Construction Phase \$2,064,030 in Federal Funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

ADD: Construction Phase \$281,459.09 in Local Funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

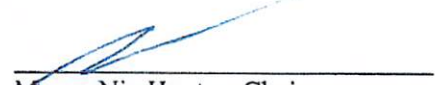
Amendment No. 18 (Aggregate Record No. 25) for Transit Projects as follows:

Scope	Title	ALI	Item	FTA Amount	Local Match	Total Eligible
113-00 80% FTA	Bus Stops	11-32-10	Passenger Shelters	100,000	25,000	125,000
113-00 80% FTA	Route Signage	11-32-09	Route Signage	15,000	3,750	18,750
114-00 80% FTA	Bus Support Equip.	11-42-09	Cameras	25,000	6,250	31,250
111-00 85% FTA	Rolling Stock	11-13-09	Fixed Route Bus	0	0	0
117-00 80% FTA	Bus Capital Item	11-17A-00	Preventive Mnt.	1,090,544	272,500	1,363,044
442-00 80% FTA	Metropolitan Plan	442-01	Program Support	50,000	12,500	62,500
300-00 50% FTA	Operating Asst	30-09-01	Operational	1,053,000	1,053,000	2,106,000
114-00 80% FTA	Support Vehicle	11-42-11	Support Vehicle	60,000	20,000	80,000
114-00 80% FTA	Bus Wash Upgrade	11-42-00	Misc Equipment	52,000	13,000	65,000
TOTAL				2,445,544	1,406,000	3,851,544

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

ATTEST:


 Michael Hollier
 Executive/MPO Director


 Mayor Nic Hunter, Chair
 Transportation Policy Committee