

Section 5.0: Task Force Process

Section 5.1: Approach

Upon issuance of JBE 2016-23, members of the Task Force were nominated and appointed. Co-chairs Wilson and Basilica expressed a commitment to operate an open, transparent, community-driven process for reaching recommendations. Together with the members of the Task Force, a rigorous schedule was planned and put in progress.

Section 5.2: The Schedule

Formal Meeting 1: July 12, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Overview of DOTD Efficiencies, Budget, Revenues Sources, Construction Lettings, Multimodal Needs
- Overview of the LSTP

Formal Meeting 2: August 9, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Testimony by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Sasol
- Overview of the Transportation Funding Task Force Report of 2014
- Overview of Governor Edwards' Transportation Transition Committee Report
- Overview of DOTD Budget, Staff Allocations and Expenditures, Priority Programs

Regional Meetings: September 8 – October 13, 2016

The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) from each region of the State held meetings with local community leaders and members of the Task Force. Each meeting consisted of the MPO providing an overview of local project needs, a panel of community and business leaders discussing investment in transportation, and an interactive discussion between attendees and Task Force members on how best to invest in transportation. In total, more than 700 attendees participated in these regional meetings across the State and each meeting gave Task Force members ideas and direction in developing the actionable recommendations⁷. The meetings were held as follows:

- Regional Meeting 1: September 8, 2016 in New Orleans
- Regional Meeting 2: September 12, 2016 in Shreveport
- Regional Meeting 3: September 13, 2016 in Lake Charles
- Regional Meeting 4: September 20, 2016 in Houma
- Regional Meeting 5: September 28, 2016 in Lafayette
- Regional Meeting 6: September 29, 2016 in Monroe
- Regional Meeting 7: October 5, 2016 in Alexandria
- Regional Meeting 8: October 13, 2016 in Baton Rouge

⁷ Each region of Louisiana provided a unique perspective on how best to solve the State's multimodal transportation needs. See description in Appendix B.

Formal Meeting 3: October 20, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Introduction of Resolutions
 - Resolution: Tolling
 - Resolution: Public Private Partnerships
- Expert Testimony
 - Carl Davis, Institute of Tax and Economic Policy (ITEP)
 - Joung Lee, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
 - Ronald Marino, Citigroup

Formal Meeting 4: November 9, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Adoption of Previous Meeting's Resolutions
- Association Testimonies
 - Louisiana Motor Transport Association (LMTA)
 - Super Regional Rail Authority (SRRA)
 - Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL)
 - Capital Region Industry for Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions (CRISIS)
 - Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association (LAPA)
 - American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC)
 - Louisiana Associate General Contractors (AGC)
- Discussion of Refinery Tax Options

Formal Meeting 5: December 1, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Introduction of Resolutions
 - Resolution: Aviation
 - Resolution: Commercial Trucking Special Permit Fees
 - Resolution: Commercial Trucking Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Resolution: Categorical Spending
 - Resolution: Indexing
 - Resolution: Revenue

Formal Meeting 6: December 13, 2016 at the Louisiana State Capitol

- Adoption of Previous Meetings' Resolutions
- Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions
 - Resolution: Report Drafting Subcommittee
 - Resolution: PILOTs and TIFs