

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2022

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Kema Dawson Monroe City Council	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner I
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Susan Mitchell Highway Safety Coord.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Staci Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza.

A roll call certified a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the August 22, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

No report.

A motion was made by Friday Ellis and seconded by Kema Dawson to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the Highway Safety Performance Measures as presented by Susan Mitchell for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Advisory Board

Elmer Noah presented the 2022 Ambulance Service Advisory Board Annual Report to OCOG. Per the Ambulance Ordinance, the 2022 Acadian Ambulance Rate Schedule was submitted, and a 3% rate increase was approved.

Keisha Sparks, the Operations Manager for Ouachita Parish, reported that they received approval to purchase ventilator equipment to adequately transport NICU babies and newborns in need of less than 50cc tidal volume. This new equipment is a fully FDA approved ventilator, which has not been possible by any providers in this market until now.

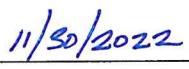
Long Term Recovery Board

No report.

There being no other business a motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Friday Ellis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG



Date



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West Monroe

Ouachita Parish

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OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONROE GOVERNMENT PLAZA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 24, 2022
12 NOON

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Action Item

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Action Item

HIGHWAY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES - INTRODUCE

Ms. Susan Mitchell

AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Elmer Noah

ADJOURNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

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Budget to Actual October 24, 2022

	<u>Contract Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>		<u>September 2022</u>	<u>Y-T-D September 2022</u>		<u>August 2022</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Local	35,613	8,903	25.00%	-	8,903	25.00%	8,903	35,613
FTA	143,866	35,967	25.00%	13,719	40,243	27.97%	8,809	57,251
Human Svcs	60,000	15,000	25.00%	1,666	7,249	12.08%	5,583	15,000
FHWA	367,589	91,897	25.00%	36,362	108,114	29.41%	36,480	328,266
Safety	1,020,170	<u>722,620</u>	70.83%	<u>19,984</u>	<u>735,813</u>	72.13%	<u>36,480</u>	<u>664,111</u>
TOTAL		874,387	61.25%	71,731	900,322	63.06%	96,255	1,100,241

DOTD now want us to show the budget by the contract totals and not the yearly totals.

Safety is a 5 year contract plus a one year extension (6 years). This budget is in year 5.


1	Budgeted amounts remaining on contract per month:			
	Local	26,710	9	2,967.78
	Safety	284,357	21	13,540.81
	FTA	103,623	9	11,513.67
	Human Svcs	52,751	9	5,861.22
	FHWA	<u>259,475</u>	9	<u>28,830.56</u>
		726,916		62,714.03



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John Bel Edwards, Governor
Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D., Secretary

TO: Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Directors

FROM: Adriane McRae, P.E. 
Highway Safety Administrator

DATE: September 16, 2022

SUBJECT: HSIP Performance Measures and Establishing Targets

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking (23 CFR 490) established five performance measures related to highway safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities;
- Number of serious injuries;
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Federal regulations require the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to establish and report statewide highway safety performance targets by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support the LADOTD's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas. Annual targets will be expressed as five-year rolling averages and will be compared with a five-year rolling average base period comprising of the five calendar years ending prior to the year the targets are due.

LADOTD, in coordination with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC), has established statewide targets for each of the five highway safety performance measures as follows:

- 1% annual reduction in fatalities from a 2021 baseline of 814 to a target of 797 in 2023.
- 1% annual reduction in serious injuries from a 2021 baseline of 1425 to a target of 1396 in 2023.
- 1% annual reduction in fatality rate from a 2021 baseline of 1.601 to a target of 1.568 in 2023.
- 1% annual reduction in serious injury rate from a 2021 baseline of 2.804 to a target of 2.748 in 2023.
- 1% annual reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2021 baseline of 398 to a target of 390 in 2023.

Similar to previous years, a steady percentage-based reduction was chosen as the most practical justification for determining the 2023 target.

As part of the target setting process, each year LADOTD will:

- Inform MPOs of the five performance measure targets established for the state each year in conjunction with the submittal of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) annual report which is due August 31st of each year.
- Provide the number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, estimated vehicle miles traveled, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries for the five-year base period within the respective MPO boundaries to MPOs. A web based tool has been developed for the MPOs to obtain this information and is accessible at the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/LAHSIPTool2023>
- If requested, provide target setting guidance to MPOs should they decide to establish their own targets for one or more of the five performance measures.

Please note that the 2021 and 2020 statewide vehicle miles traveled (VMT) estimates have been updated based on the latest information available, and therefore, the statewide 2021 and 2020 fatality rate and serious injury actual rates have also been updated for the 2023 safety target calculations.

By February 27th of each year, MPOs are required to:

- Have their Policy Committees formally adopt the five safety targets through Long Range Transportation Plan amendment; and
- Provide LADOTD a letter confirming their action by their Policy Committee and the date of approval.

For informational purposes, please find enclosed a copy of the 2022 HSIP Implementation Plan which was recently submitted to FHWA in response to Louisiana not meeting 2020 targets or making significant progress. SHSP Infrastructure and Operations statewide leaders will be coordinating with various stakeholders as they work through action items identified in the plan.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 225-379-1950.

Enclosure

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Re: Ambulance Services Agreement -
Ambulance Service Advisory Board
2022 Annual Report

Dear Doug:

In my capacity as Contract Administrator, please accept the following as my 2022 Annual Report to the Ouachita Council of Governments. The Ambulance Service Advisory Board is comprised of seven (7) voting members. In 2022, Ms. Kayla Johnson, Chief Nursing Officer at St. Francis Medical Center, has served as Chairperson of the Board. Also serving on the Board are Monroe Fire Chief Terry Williams, Ouachita Parish Fire Chief Pat Hemphill and Acting West Monroe Fire Chief Charlie Simmons. The three medical centers located in Ouachita Parish are currently represented by Michael Worley (Glenwood), William Carter (Ochsner/LSU Health Monroe) and Ms. Johnson (St. Francis). Mr. Jay Lewis serves as the University of Louisiana at Monroe representative.

The Ambulance Service Advisory Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis. In 2022, board meetings have been held at the City of Monroe Public Safety Center, 1810 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on January 20, February 9, April 27, July 21, and October 20. Copies of the Minutes from each Board meeting are being provided along with this report. Per the Ambulance Ordinance, the 2022 Acadian Ambulance Rate Schedule was submitted and a 3% rate increase was approved.

RESPONSE TIME REPORTS

Under the terms of the Ambulance Services Agreement, Acadian is required to submit Response Time Reports to the Contract Administrator within fifteen (15) days of the end of the month. Acadian has met that requirement every month in 2022 to date. Copies of the Response Time Reports are provided to each Board member in advance of every Board meeting. Response Time Reports are presented and reviewed at each board meeting by Keisha Sparks, the Operations Manager for Acadian Ambulance in Ouachita Parish. A Summary Compliance Report for each month is also being provided with this report. With limited exceptions, Acadian Ambulance has consistently satisfied its Response Time obligations as required by the Agreement.

COMPLAINTS

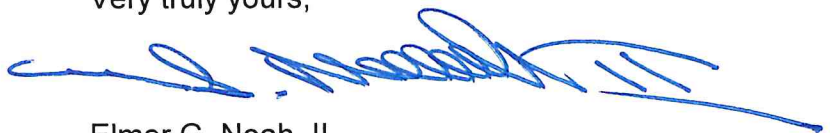
Very few complaints have been referred to the Contract Administrator for disposition in 2022. All of the complaints have been addressed in a timely manner by Acadian Ambulance personnel.

SUMMARY

Acadian Ambulance Service has fulfilled its contractual obligations and requirements as provided by the Ambulance Services Agreement. If you have any questions or desire further information, please let me know. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Contract Administrator for the Ambulance Services Agreement.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



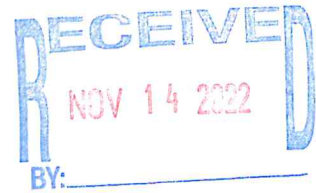
Elmer G. Noah, II
Contract Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Mayor Friday Ellis, City of Monroe (w/enc.)
Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell, City of West Monroe (w/enc.)
Mr. Shane Smiley, President, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, District E (w/enc.)
Ms. Kayla Johnson, Chairperson, Ambulance Service Advisory Board (w/enc.)

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of Affidavits 1

The hereto attached advertisement was published in The News Star. A daily newspaper of general circulation. Published in Monroe, Louisiana. Parish of Ouachita in the issues dated:

10/06/2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Shelly Horne".

LEGAL CLERK

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6 day of October, 2022 AD

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Nicole Jacobs".

Notary Public. State of Wisconsin. County of Brown

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "8-21-26".

My commission expires

NICOLE JACOBS
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

The regular meeting
of the Ouachita
Council of Govern-
ments is scheduled
for Monday, October
24, 2022, at 12 noon,
in the Council Cham-
bers of the Monroe
Government Plaza.
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10/6/22