

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS  
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING,  
3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Vice Chairman; Joy Zainey,  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Donald Sharp, Member

ABSENT: Tim Coulon, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Chief Nick Congemi; Red Thompson; Kaye  
Rogers; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Craig Watson, Blue  
Williams; Chris LeMieux, Riess LeMieux; Bambi Hall and Sherri LeBas, GEC; Rene  
Chopin III, Burk Kleinpeter; Jan Evans and Juba Diez, Volkert and Associates; Terri  
Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover; Michael Weinstein,  
Sisung; Bob Schmidt, Huval and Associates; Dean DuPlantier, Broadmoor Design  
Group; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Kazem Alkhani and Emily Frock, ECM; Bill  
Murhammer, WAMCPA; Jeffery Oaks and Kinton Lawler, AIMS International; Collen  
Gil, LFO; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; Rob Masson and Paul Rodgers, Fox 8;  
Michael Vinsanau and Bryan McCann, WDSU

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, the minutes of the regular meeting  
held on June 13, 2018 and special meeting held on August 1, 2018 were accepted as written.  
Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. There  
were no comments or questions.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in June the Drawbridge operations included 13 vessel openings, 1 test  
opening and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 328 breakdown responses in June on the Causeway Bridge. He  
stated 218 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 110 were caused by debris on

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the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 33 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated

24 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 9 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 361 breakdown responses for both bridges in June.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of June there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 2 occurred Northbound, 8 Southbound, 4 on the Northshore, and 1 on the Southshore. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of June, 8 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 4 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 0 were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in July the Drawbridge operations included 9 vessel openings, 1 test opening and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 379 breakdown responses in July on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 254 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 125 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 33 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 33 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 0 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 412 breakdown responses for both bridges in July.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of July there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 6 occurred Northbound, 4 Southbound, 1 in a Crossover, and 2 on the Northshore.

Mr. Dufrechou reported 6 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of July, 8 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 3 Eastbound and 5

Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

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Mr. Dufrechou noted the Southbound span of the Causeway Bridge was closed on June 27, 2018 due to a multivehicle crash from 7:38 am to 8:08 am.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint summarizing significant events that occurred since the last Commission meeting.

On the 9-Mile turnaround spans widening project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended final approval to accept the project. **On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled 9-Mile Turnaround Spans. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

On the subcontractor for consulting engineer to GEC, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Construction Optimization Engineers to perform underwater diving inspections. Mr. LaSalle recused himself from this motion. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on August 1, 2017, the GNOEC and GEC, Inc. entered into a Professional Consulting Engineering Agreement for GEC to act as the consulting engineer for the GNOEC. Pursuant to the Agreement, GEC is required to make annual inspections in accordance with American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (“AASHTO”) Recommended Bridge Inspection Standards of Practice. In order to comply with this requirement, GEC has been using the services of Construction Optimization Engineers, a subsidiary of GEC, to perform the diving inspections, and has requested the GNOEC approve Construction Optimization Engineers to perform said work. Accordingly, after review, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC**

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**staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby approves Construction Optimization Engineers as a subcontractor to GEC to perform diving inspections as required by the Consulting Engineering Agreement. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

**On the Northshore Maintenance facility canopy addition and repairs, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into a contract with CM Combs construction. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, on August 9, 2018, GNOEC received two bids for the Northshore Maintenance Facility Canopy Addition and Repairs, Project No. 812B. After review, CM Combs Construction was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Therefore, based upon recommendations of the GNOEC Architect, GNOEC staff and legal counsel, GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to follow the procedures outlined in Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsive bidder, CM Combs Construction, for Project 812B. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

**On the E-Ticket citation program, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise a Request for Proposals. On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the GNOEC desires to implement an E-Ticket citation program to upgrade the efficiencies of field operations, and recordation of citations issued by the Causeway Police Department. The Commission hereby authorizes its General Manager to advertise a Request for Proposal to provide for an E-Ticket program for the GNOEC. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

**On the GNOEC Budget, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the Commission accepts and approves the Amended Budget for**

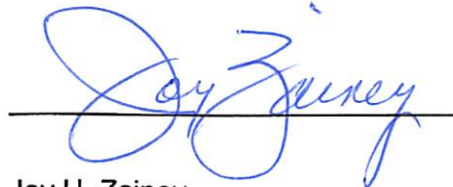
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**fiscal year November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019 as presented. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled September 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.  
Chairman



Joy H. Zainey  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer