

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, 10:00 A.M., VOA
BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Tim Coulon,
Treasurer; Donald Sharp, Secretary; P. Lindsey Williams, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Robert Graham; Commander Curt
Franz; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe;
Crystal Scott; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux;
Cary Bourgeois and Johnny Bradberry, GEC; Jim Martin and John
Hartgreve, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Hossein Ghara, and Bruce
Adams, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities;
Bob Schmidt and Justin Peltier, Huval & Associates; Babak Naghavi,
Hardesty and Hanover; Cullen Ledet, Modjeski and Masters, Inc., Rick
Hathaway, HNTB; Gavin Gillen, All South; Randy Schultz, Burke-
Kleinpeter; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the minutes of the regular
meeting held on January 9, 2020 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs.
Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou reported in November the Drawbridge operations included 4 vessel
openings, 2 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were four days of fog
operations; January 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 251 breakdown responses in January on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 154 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 97 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 23 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 19 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 4 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 274 breakdown responses for both bridges in January.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of January there were a total of 18 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 9 occurred Northbound and 9 Southbound. He also there were 10 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in January. He reported 5 Eastbound and 5 Westbound.

On January 25, 2020, from 6:21 pm to 7:17 pm, the Northbound span on the Causeway Bridge was closed due to a three vehicle crash.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint updating significant events since the last Commission meeting.

Dr. Jim Martin, with DEI Engineering, presented a video of the rail installation and status of the safety improvements on the Causeway Bridge.

On the Professional Engineering Services for Bridge Inspections, Mr. Dufrechou presented consideration to re-advertise the issuance of an RFQ. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the GNOEC is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing professional engineering services for the annual inspection of the bridges, toll plazas, and**

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access roadways on either side of the bridges and associated overpasses in accordance with the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials Recommended Bridge Inspection Standards of Practice, on an as needed basis. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to re-advertise the issuance of a RFQ for professional engineering services for bridge inspections. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Professional Consulting Engineering Services, Mr. Dufrechou presented RFQ advertisement. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the GNOEC is seeking Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing professional engineering services, including but not limited to consulting engineering, construction management, and resident inspections on bridge and road projects for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, on an as needed basis. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for professional consulting engineering services for Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

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On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 23. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Plan Change No. 23 provides for troubleshooting electrical issues that may occur after commissioning of the electrical items in the segmented shoulder project. The services will be provided on an as-needed basis, if authorized by GNOEC, with a cost not to exceed \$14,360. No time will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 23. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 24. **On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Williams, Plan Change No. 24 provides for a Traffic Control Plan for Moving Operations to be added to the contract, to facilitate installation of the audible striping at each segmented shoulder, at no cost. No time will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 24. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on ~~Wednesday, March 4, 2020~~ (the meeting date was changed to March 11, 2020) at

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10:00 a.m. in the GNOEC North Toll Plaza conference room, 100 north Causeway Blvd., in Mandeville. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris
Chair



Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair