

# ***MINUTES***

**Transportation Policy Committee  
Of the  
Regional Planning Commission  
For**

**Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> 2014**

---

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee Cedric Grant); John Young (designee Mark Drewes), Patricia Brister, Gordon Burgess, Elton Lagasse (designee) Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (designee), Stacy Head, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer Steve Stefancik, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Freddy Drennan, Jeff Davis (designee), Carlton Dufrechou, V.J. St.Pierre (designee Buddy Boe), Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kristi Holmes), Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 33

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeffrey Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 8, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Administrative Update to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: US 190 Collins Boulevard, Supplemental Agreement No. 1  
G.E.C., Inc.  
RPC Task US190  
Amount: \$338,842
6. Presentation: Update on VA Hospital  
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System  
By: Dr. Stephanie Repasky, Associate Director  
And Liz Failla, Chief Engineer

7. Status Report: RTMC Building Security Improvements Update  
By: Chris Morvant, DOTD Administrator, District 02
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters



**Mrs. Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Brister began the meeting.

**1. Consideration: Approval of July 8, 2014 Minutes**

Mr. Ponstein made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 minutes, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4-5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Councilman Falconer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6-7 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Administrative amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks explained the administrative amendment to the Tangiaphoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements. There being no questions or objections it was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mayor Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with LADOTD: US 190 Collins Blvd. Environmental Assessment**

Mr. Brooks introduced to the board the agreement with LADOTD: US 190 Collins Blvd. Environmental Assessment. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the LADOTD: US 190 Collins Blvd EA. It was so moved by Mayor Cooper, seconded by Mr.

Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 6. Consideration: US 190 Collins Blvd.EA - Supplemental Agreement  
G.E.C. Inc.  
RPC Task: US190  
Amount \$338,842**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this supplement. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the US 190 Collins Blvd. EA Supplemental Agreement with G.E.C. Inc. for the amount of \$338,842 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mayor Cooper, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 7. Presentation: Update on VA Hospital  
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System  
By: Liz Failla, Chief Engineer**

Walter Brooks introduced Liz Failla. Liz presented an update on VA hospital.

- 8. Presentation: RTMC Building Security Improvements Update  
By: Chris Morvant, DOTD Administrator, District 02**

Mr. Morvant briefed the board on the new security measures for the RTMC.

- 9. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

- 10. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

# ***MINUTES***

**Regional Planning Commission  
For  
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 2014**

---

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee Cedric Grant); John Young (designee Mark Drewes), Patricia Brister, Gordon Burgess, Elton Lagasse (designee) Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason

Williams (designee), Stacy Head, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer Steve Stefancik, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant)

Attendance: 25

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, Legal Counsel

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeffrey Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 8, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Administrative Update to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with LADOTD: US 190 Collins Blvd. EA
8. Consideration: US 190 Collins Boulevard, Supplemental Agreement No. 1  
G.E.C., Inc.  
RPC Task US190  
Amount: \$338,842
9. Consideration: Local Activities Regional Planning Commission Budget for fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)
10. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)
11. Consideration: Travel Request
12. Consideration: Contract Extensions
13. Consideration: Consultant Billings
14. Consideration: Public Comment Period
15. Consideration: Other Matters



The Chairman called the meeting to order and noted the existence of a quorum.

1. **Consideration: Approval of July 8, 2014 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of July 8, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 2. Committee Reports: (a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Silvey explained these items would be under the Financial Report

- 3. Consideration: Financial Report  
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities  
(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$2,852,435.22

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Mr. Giorgio seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 6. Consideration: Administrative Update to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 7. Consideration: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with LADOTD: US 190 Collins Blvd. EA**
- 8. Consideration: US 190 Collins Boulevard, Supplemental Agreement No. 1 G.E.C., Inc.  
RPC Task US190  
Amount: \$338,842**

Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-8 which were already recommended for approval by the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 4-8 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Falconer seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 9. Consideration: Local Activities Regional Planning Commission Budget for fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)**

Nick Silvey presented the local activities Regional Planning Commission budget for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015). There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the local activities budget. It was so moved by Mayor Constant seconded by

Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration:                   Regional Planning Commission Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)**

Nick Silvey presented the Regional Planning Commission operating budget for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015). There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the operating budget. It was so moved by Councilman Hunnicutt seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration:                   Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 14 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel requests: one staff member (Dan Jatres) requesting to attend the ProWalk/ProBike 2014, September 8-11, 2014, Pittsburgh, PA.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**19. Consideration:           Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 15 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Councilman Lauga and seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**19. Consideration:           Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 16 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Councilman Falconer and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**20. Consideration:           Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**21. Consideration:           Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.