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**Transportation Policy Committee Of the Regional Planning Commission For Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Committee Members:

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**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Eric Lundin

Doug Campbell (Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Scott Richoux

Shelby Lasalle (GNOEC)

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Andree Fant

Sharon Leader (JeT)  
**Mayor** Mike Cooper (Covington)  
**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 41

Consultants:

Staff: Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Walter Brooks, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 10, 2018 minutes
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4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements (FFY15-18)
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RPC Task A-1.19PWE; FY-19 UPWP  
Amount: \$40,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Madisonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Feasibility Study  
RPC Task MC-2.19BP; FY-19 UPWP  
Amount: \$45,000
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Selected Corridors, Covington Louisiana Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
RPC Task MC-2.19Cov; FY-19 UPWP  
Amount: \$45,000
8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Regional Transit Authority and Regional Planning Commission for a jointly funded Comprehensive Operations Analysis
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters



President Miller led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established. There was a moment of silence for Richard Kelley.

### **1. Consideration: Approval of July 10, 2018 Minutes**

Mr. Bill Newton made a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 5 of the meeting packet and the additional handout for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item. The last item LA 23 Belle Chasse Bridge and Tunnel is deferred.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements lines 1, 2 & 3. It was so moved by Mayor Cantrell seconded by President Robottom and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik seconded by Mr. Bill Newton and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration:                   Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa 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 Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto seconded by Dr. Lewis and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration:                   Consultant Selection:  
Power Boulevard @ West Esplanade Ave.  
Intersection Improvements Study  
RPC Task A-1.19PWE; FY-19 UPWP Amount: \$40,000**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to perform a Stage 0 Feasibility Study to address existing traffic congestion and transportation mobility issues at the intersection of Power Boulevard and West Esplanade Avenue in Jefferson Parish..

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Power Boulevard @ West Esplanade Ave. Intersection Improvements Study RPC Task A-1.19PWE; FY-19 UPWP in the Amount: \$40,000 with Urban Systems and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Yenni, seconded by Sharon Leader 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:                   Consultant Selection:  
Madisonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan  
Feasibility Study  
(Task MC-2.19BP; FY-19 UPWP) Amount: \$45,000**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to inventory and summarize existing plans, studies and analyses related to the physical resilience and vulnerability of the transportation system to identify unmet needs and prioritize next steps.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Madisonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Feasibility Study (Task MC-2.19BP; FY-19 UPWP) in the Amount: \$45,000 with Perez and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mayor Panepinto, 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.

**7. Consideration:                   Consultant Selection:  
Selected Corridors, Covington Louisiana  
Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
(Task MC-2.19Cov; FY-19 UPWP) Amount: \$45,000**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to perform a Stage 0 Feasibility Study to undertake an analysis of several corridors within the City of Covington, LA to recommend improvements to operational effectiveness, accessibility to adjacent land uses by vehicular and non-motorized modes and safety in the corridors.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to the Consultant Selection: Selected Corridors, Covington Louisiana Stage 0 Feasibility Study (Task MC-2.19Cov; FY-19 UPWP) Amount: \$45,000 with Digital Eng. 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 Dr. Lewis and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Regional Transit Authority and Regional Planning Commission for a jointly funded Comprehensive Operations Analysis**

Mr. Roesel explained the resolution and the need for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Regional Transit Authority and Regional Planning Commission for a jointly funded Comprehensive Operations Analysis.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the CEA and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this resolution. It was so moved by Mayor Zabbia, seconded by Debbie Vial and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the member of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

Karen Parsons, RPC staff informed the board of an upcoming WalkBikePlace Conference in New Orleans in September. For more information contact Karen Parsons at [kparsons@norpc.org](mailto:kparsons@norpc.org) or 504-483-8511

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

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  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
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  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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11. Consideration: Travel Request
12. Consideration: Contract Extensions
13. Consideration: Consultant Billings
14. Presentation: State of Louisiana  
By: Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of July 10, 2018 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on July 10, 2018 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Charles Kennedy seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

There are no Committee Reports at this time.

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



Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 8-9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2018 and the Monthly Budget Report. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,734,997.04. Mr. Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

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 Councilmember Wanda Alcon, seconded by Councilmember Howard Luna and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Roesel requested concurrence of items 4-10 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 4-10 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees and seconded by President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet and explained staff had 2 travel request. Two members, Megan Leonard & Susan Simon, to attend GFOA Conference, October 3-5, 2018, Baton Rouge, LA. One staff member, Nelson Hollings, to attend the FHWA Local Technical Assistance Program Center for Safety Peer Exchange, September 11-12, Kansas City, MO.

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

**12. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a list of contract extensions on page 10. He explained the one extension is a time only extension. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Councilmember Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Mr. Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 10 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik and seconded by Councilmember Julia Remondet and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Presentation: State of Louisiana**

**By: Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor**

Mr. Roesel introduced Lt. Governor Nungesser to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Megan Leonard at 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

Following Lt. Governor Nungesser's presentation he presented Walter Brooks a proclamation for his years of service. Each member parish presented Walter with a proclamation or resolution from their parish for his years of service with the Regional Planning Commission.

**15. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**25. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.