

# ***MINUTES***

Transportation Policy Committee  
of the  
Regional Planning Commission  
for

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

**June 12, 2012**

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Committee Members: John Young, Chairman, David Peralta, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, Pat Brister, Treasurer, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jackie Clarkson, Jeffery Schwartz, Keith Hinkley, Ray Lauga, Jr. Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Freddy Drennan, Larry Katz, Cathy Gautreaux, V.J. St. Pierre, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 22

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Jeff Roesel, Nick Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element
4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Transit Element
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Jefferson Parish Americans with Disabilities Act  
Transition Plan  
(RPC Project No. ADA-Jeff)  
Amount \$160,000
6. Presentation: New Direction for UNO  
By: Dr. Peter Fos  
President, University of New Orleans
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

8. Other Matters:



**Mr. Young led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Following the roll call, a quorum was established and the Chairman called the Transportation Policy Committee meeting to order.

**1. Consideration: Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes**

Mr. Stefancik made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Amendments to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway Element 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 element. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendments to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element**

Mr. Roesel referred members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendment to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway Element and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendment to the St. Tammany TIP, highway element. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Stecancik, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Amendments to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Transit Element**

Mr. Roesel referred members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendment to the New Orleans TIP, Transit Element and summarized the spreadsheet.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendment to the St. Tammany TIP, highway element. It was so moved by Mr. Munn seconded by Mr. Lauga, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Jefferson Parish Americans with Disabilities Act**

**Transition Plan  
(RPC Project No. Jeff-ADA)  
Amount \$160,000**

Mr. Roesel explained that the scope of this task is to formulate an ADA Transition Plan for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana to ensure that all pedestrian environs within the parish are safe and accessible for all users.

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 7 which listed respondents to the Request for Proposals. Following RPC staff and DOTD review, GOTECH, Inc. was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Giorgio, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Presentation:                   New Direction for UNO  
By: Dr. Peter Fos  
President, University of New Orleans**

Commission Member Mr. Ponstein introduced Dr. Peter Fos, President of the University of New Orleans. Dr. Fos began discussing his views on the new direction for UNO. He explained how the university bonds with the local community. UNO provides a strong impact to the city by creating over 13,000 jobs; when UNO thrives the city thrives. Dr. Fos explained that before Katrina attendance was 17,000 and now they are at 11,000 but still growing. Dr. Fos wants UNO to widen the net of students, remain competitive and stay attractive to new students. As of now UNO has students from over 100 different countries; Dr. Fos wants to continue to widen the student growth to include students from the state and abroad. Dr. Fos addressed the board and explained that he can't do this alone and he needs assistance from our commission members; we are your university. Ms. Brister thanked Dr. Fos for coming. Mr. Giorgio commented on Dr. Fos's unique experience with community colleges. Mr. Ponstein inquired about the dorm percentage. Dr. Fos explained that the dorms are 100% occupied and 88% of the students in dorms are from LA. After no further questions the board thanked Dr. Fos for his presentation.

**7. Consideration:               Public Comment Period**

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

**8. Other Matters:**

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

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2. 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. Presentation: Stormwater Management in Planning & Design  
By: Dana Brown, ASLA
5. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans  
Transportation Improvement Program  
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- 8. Consultant Selection: Jefferson Parish Americans with Disabilities Act  
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- 9. Consideration: Travel Authorizations
- 10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 11. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of May 8, 2012 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Silvey explained that the committee reports would come under regular agenda items.

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

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2012. He indicated that the RPC's total liabilities and fund balance were \$2,001,477.71 with all parishes up-to-date with their dues.

He then referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the budget compared to actual expenditures dated April 30, 2012 and there were no budget amendments.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the financial report. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Lauga and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Presentation: Stormwater Management in Planning & Design  
By: Dana Brown, ASLA**

Jeffery Roesel, RPC's Deputy Director, introduced Dana Brown, ASLA and her presentation, Green Stormwater Management. Ms. Brown began by explaining the current

approach to rainwater which is drainage only. With Stormwater Management you can manage each drop of rain close to where it falls by retaining, detaining and finally draining. Benefits of this method are less subsidence, filtration into groundwater increasing water quality, more water for plants and trees, reduced conveyance and reduced volumes. Ms. Brown added that reduced runoff leads to reduced infrastructure costs, reduced operating costs, improved, water quality (MS4 permit req.), greener neighborhoods, improved air quality and functional landscapes. The Chairman thanked Ms. Brown for her presentation.

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Mr. Roesel requested concurrence of items 5-8 which were recommended for approval by the members of the Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 5-8 in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration:                   Travel Authorizations**

Mr. Silvey reported that there was one staff member requesting to attend the FHWA sponsored Peer Exchange on Pedestrian Safety Action Planning, August 1 & 2, 2012, Miami, Florida and one staff member to attend the 2012 Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference, September 10-13, 2012, Long Beach, California

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration:                   Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey explained with the fiscal year coming to an end there were a number of contracts that needed to be extended. He directed members to page 11 for the complete list of contracts that were to be extended.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration:            Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 12 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had favorably reviewed each of them for payment.

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 Mr. Hunnicutt and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Other Matters:**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Giorgio and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.