

MINUTES

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

April 13, 2021

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell *2nd Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Mike Palamone

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard *3rd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng *4th Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Cherreen Gegenheimer

Parish President Robby Miller, *5th Vice Chairman*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Ronald Carrere

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

Plaquemines Parish:

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright **Designee:** Jackie Landeche

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Michael Showers

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Melissa Guilbeau

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman **Designee:** Carl Kocur

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett

Mayor Clay Madden (Mandeville)

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 34

Consultants:



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the March 9th 2021 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: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Public Comment Period
6. Consideration: Other Matters

Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting using the platform GoToWebinar. She went over how to use the GoToWebinar platform and gave instructions for questions/comments and public comments. Once the motions for the agenda items are made, a poll will appear on your screen for the full Board to cast their vote on the item. All items, packet, minutes, handouts etc. were emailed to the Board and posted on the RPC website for public view. All items are listed under the handouts section on GoToWebinar.

Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. **Consideration: Approval of March 9th 2021 minutes**

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 9th minutes. Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to approve the March 9th minutes, seconded by Mr. Mike Palamome. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 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 Mayor LaToya Cantrell and seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff. Based on the poll, this item is 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**

Jeff 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 Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Councilman Steve Stefancik. Based on the poll, this item is 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**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item. Jeff stated that the header on

the Tangipahoa Transit Amendment should be April 13th, 2021 and FY 2021 and it will be corrected prior to submission.

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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

6. Consideration: Other Matters

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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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: Contract Extensions
5. Consideration: Consultant Billings
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters:



1. Consideration: Approval of March 9th 2021 Minutes

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

Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no committee reports at this time and no motion is needed.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2021. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,612,958.79. 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 Mayor Tim Baudier, seconded by Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of February 28, 2021. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no extensions at this time.

5. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Jeff 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 Dick Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Shophie Harris Vorhoff. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

7. Consideration: Other Matters

There were no other matters. The Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Robby Miller seconded and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.