

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

August 10, 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 Chairwoman*

Parish President Robby Miller, *5th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Secretary*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)

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Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Donna M. Glapion

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Tommy Faucheux

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright **Designee:** Jackie Landeche

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

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

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Garrick A. Rose

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port of NO) **Designee:** Anthony Evett

Mayor Clay Madden

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: 32

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Malissa Givhan, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 13, 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.

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Approval of July 13, 2021 minutes

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 13, 2021 minutes. Parish President Mike Cooper made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes, seconded by Parish President McInnis.

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

Mr. Jeffrey W. 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 Parish resident Jaclyn Hotard.

Based on the poll, this item is approved 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. Jeffrey W. Roesel referred the members to page 6-7 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 Mr. Christopher Masingill.

Based on the poll, this item is approved 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. Jeffrey W. 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. 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 Bob Zabbia and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

6. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel informed the Board that he had a call with Senator Cassidy's office and that the infrastructure bill has passed.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeffrey W. 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: Travel Request
5. Consideration: Contract Extensions
6. Consideration: Consultant Billings
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters



1. Consideration: Approval of July 13 2021 Minutes

The Chairman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 13, 2021 minutes. Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel also explained there were no committee reports at this time.

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

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2021. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,886,129.45. 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 Baudier, seconded by Mr. Lee Giorgio.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report as of June 30, 2021. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time and no action is needed.

4. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests. He informed the Board that RPC is carefully monitoring Covid-19 regulations and that as of today both conferences are still scheduled to be in person. The travel requests are for:

- Maggie Woodruff,
EDA Southwest Region Conference (SWREDA)
September 1-3, 2021 in Rogers, AR
- Leslie Couvillion
GIS Pro 2021 Conference
October 2-6, 2021 in Baltimore, MD

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Councilmember At-Large Donna Glapion and seconded by Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callasi.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel informed the Board there are no contract extensions at this time.

6. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 12 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. Tommy Fauchaux and seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Jeffrey W. Roesel asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman stated to the Board that he is thinking of all our Parishes at this time as we go through another way of Covid with the Delta variant and moving things back virtual. He hopes everyone stays safe and healthy.

There being no other matters the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll, the motion to adjourn is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.