

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

February 9, 2021

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *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*

Parish President Robby Miller, *5th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Secretary* **Designee:** Jason Stopa

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan) **Designee:** Bryan Wallace

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

Tommy Faucheux

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Council Chair Brigitte Hyde **Designee:** Councilmember Kimberly Coates

Michael Showers

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal

Mayor Clay Madden (Mandeville)

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

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

Staff: Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Malissa Givhan, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the January 12th 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: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets
6. Consideration: St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets
7. Consideration: Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. 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 January 12th 2021 minutes

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 12th minutes. Parish President Jaelyn Hotard made a motion to approve the January 12th minutes, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller. 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 Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle. 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 informed the members there were no amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

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

Jeff 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 Bob Zabbia and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7-10 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Mr. Jason Stopa seconded by Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Mayor Greg Cromer seconded by Councilmember Michael Wright and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

9. 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. Presentation: Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
By: Katie Eller & Becky Hammond
5. Consideration: Contract Extensions
6. Consideration: Consultant Billings
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters:



1. Consideration: Approval of January 12th 2021 Minutes

The Chairman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 12th 2021 minutes. Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng made a motion to approve the January 12th 2021 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier. 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**

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 13 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,470,450.73. 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 Benny Rousselle, seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Jeff Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

**4. Presentation: Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
By: Katie Eller & Becky Hammond**

Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Becky Hammond to the Board to present the results of an audit on the Financial Statements for the Regional Planning Commission for the year ending June 30th 2020. For a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

5. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

6. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 15 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. Keith Espadron, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees. 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

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

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman wanted to echo the comments for the RPC running a tight ship and a clean audit. The Chairman also mentioned that next month is his birthday and requested a virtual birthday cake on the next Commission meeting. The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. Mayor Pete Panepinto* made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Greg Cromer* seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

*Mayor Pete Panepinto and Mayor Greg Cromer are members of the Transportation Policy Committee, there was no objections to them making the motions.