

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

July 9, 2019

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Chairman*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *1st Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

Parish President Patricia Brister

Parish President Larry Cochran, *4th Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Billy Raymond

Parish President Natalie Robottom, *5th Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Robert Figuero

Parish President Michael Yenni, *Secretary*

Parish President Robby Miller, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish:

Councilwoman At-Large Cynthia Lee Sheng **Designee:** Greg Giangrosso

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jason Williams

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno **Designee:** Andrew Tuozzolo

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia

Dr. Bonnie Lewis

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

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

Mayor Mark R. Jonson (Convington)

M. D. "Mike" Stolzman (Public Belt RR)

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

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin

Mayor Donald Villere (Mandeville)

GNOEC Designee: Carlton Dufrechou

Sharon Leader (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto **Designee:** Lacy Landrum

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

Staff: Jeffrey Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Colethia Kent, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 11, 2019 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. Presentation: Clean Fleet Leader Awards
By: Courtney Young
Clean Fuel Partnership Director
6. Presentation: Getting Avondale Back to Work
By: Jeff Keever
T. Parker Host
Commercial Director
7. Presentation: New Imagery for the Region
By: Lynn Dupont
Principal Planner/GIS Manager
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters



Parish President Guy McInnis, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Parish President Patricia Brister wanted to introduce Mayor Mark Johnson to the board, the new Mayor from Covington, La. who was sworn in Monday, July 1st, 2019.

1. Consideration: Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes

Dr. Bonnie Lewis made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members 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 and 6 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 Mr. Dan Jatres seconded by Ms. Sharon Leader 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 informed the board there are no St. Tammany amendments at this time.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 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 Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

- 5. Presentation:** Clean Fleet Leader Awards
By: Courtney Young
Clean Fuel Partnership Director

Mr. Roesel introduced Ms. Courtney Young to the board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Courtney Young, 504-483-8519 or cyoung@norpc.org.

- 6. Presentation:** Getting Avondale Back to Work
By: Jeff Keever
T. Parker Host
Commercial Director

Mr. Roesel introduced Mr. Jeff Keever to the board. Mr. Keever gave an update and a power point presentation on a first time seen video on the vision of the new facility. Also, questions was asked about the Corps of Engineering, Mr. Keever stated that there was a 408 Working Group established to develop created solutions to help achieve these goals and the perimeters of the Corps of Engineering. It was also suggested to Mr. Keever to keep the board, business groups and the parishes informed on how they can best support this effort. Also, Mr. Keever thanked Maggie Woodruff and her team for bringing Mr. Matthew Giannini, Southeast Director for the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a small group to their site and to get an opportunity to show them around and that they got the idea of what an economic driver this could be for the Westbank and Jefferson Parish as a whole and will keep the Regional Planning Commission in the loop and will continue to work closely with the staff. Mr. Keever was also asked will he be applying for a Brownsfield Coalition Grant for Jefferson Parish, Port of New Orleans and the Regional Planning Commission, Mr. Keever thought that was a great suggestion and that there is a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in place with the Port of New Orleans that meets on a weekly basis.

For a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard, 504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

- 7. Presentation:** New Imagery for the Region
By: Lynn Dupont
Principal Planner / GIS Manager

Mr. Roesel introduced Ms. Lynn Dupont to the board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Lynn Dupont, 504-483-8514 or ldupont@norpc.org.

- 8. Consideration:** Public Comment Period

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

- 9. Consideration:** Other Matters

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Roesel proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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6. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Resolution: Request for Surface Transportation Board and Federal Railroad Administration to conduct an Environmental Review on Public Health, Safety and Welfare Impacts associated with any new Rail Road Alignment in the City of Gretna
8. Presentation: Brownfield Workshop
Hosted by: LDEQ, EPA, RPC & Louisiana Brownfield Association
By: Rebecca Otte
Statewide Brownfield Coordinator &
Adam Tatar
Brownfields Coordinator
9. Presentation: Title VI Policy/Public Outreach Policy and Program
By: Malissa Givhan
Public Outreach Coordinator
10. Consideration: Travel Request
11. Consideration: Contract Extensions
12. Consideration: Consultant Billings

13. Consideration: Public Comment Period

14. Consideration: Other Matters

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

1. Consideration: Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on June 11, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Ms. Debbie Vial seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. 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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2019. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,066,397.40.

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 Parish President Patricia Brister, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

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

Mr. Roesel requested concurrence of items 4-6 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 4-6 in globo as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilmember Benny Rousselle and seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Resolution: Request for Surface Transportation Board and Federal Railroad Administration to conduct an Environmental Review on Public Health, Safety and Welfare Impacts associated with any new Rail Road Alignment in the City of Gretna

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 7-8 of the packet and explained the need for the Request for Surface Transportation Board and Federal Railroad Administration to conduct an Environmental Review on Public Health, Safety and Welfare Impacts associated with any new Rail Road Alignment in the City of Gretna. Mr. Roesel read the resolution to the Board. Mr. Roesel asked President Yenni and Mayor Constant for comments. President Michael Yenni stated that Gretna is looking at other avenues to send the railroads in other directions and for funds to be re-directed down Peters Road to try-in to the Port of Plaquemines to alleviate the stress in Gretna. Mayor Belinda Constant wanted to thank the Regional Planning Commission and Jefferson Parish and asked for their continued regional cooperation and that it is a critical time for the city of Gretna, and to stick to the original plan to find the monies to support this resolution. There being no other comments or questions, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Request for Surface Transportation Board and Federal Railroad Administration to conduct an Environmental Review on Public Health, Safety and Welfare Impacts associated with any new Rail Road Alignment in the City of Gretna. It was so moved by Parish President Michael Yenni seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman. DOTD abstained from the vote.

8. Presentation: Brownfield Workshop
Hosted by: LDEQ, EPA, RPC & Louisiana Brownfield Association
By: Rebecca Otte
Statewide Brownfield Coordinator &
Adam Tatar
Environmental Planner

Mr. Roesel introduced Ms. Rebecca Otte, Statewide Brownfield Coordinator, Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality and Adam Tatar, Brownfields Coordinator, Regional Planning Commission to the board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Adam Tatar – 504-483-8533 or atatar@norpc.org

- 9. Presentation:** Title VI Policy/Public Outreach Policy and Program
By: Malissa Givhan
Public Outreach Coordinator

Mr. Roesel introduced Malissa Givhan to the board. Ms. Givhan had handouts explaining Title VI Assurances to the members. For a copy of the presentation please contact Malissa Givhan, 504-483-8513 or mgivhan@norpc.org

10. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Roesel referred Members to page 10 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel request: two staff members (Courtney Young and Stephanie Steele) requesting to attend the 2019 Clean Cities Coordinator Training Workshop in Salt Lake City, UT. August 20-22, 2019.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Councilmember Steve Stefancik, seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

11. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Roesel referred the members to one contract extension on page 10. He explained the 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 Ms. Debbie Vial and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

12. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 11 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 Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

13. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

14. Other Matters

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

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mr. Lee Giorgio, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.