

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

March 10, 2020

Committee Members:

Officers:

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Chairwoman*

Parish President Kirk Lepine *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell *3rd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard *4th Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng *5th Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Gregory Giagrosso

Parish President Robby Miller, *Secretary*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Councilmember At-Large Ricky J. Templet **Designee:** Chereen Gegenheimer

Mayor Joe Peoples **Designee:** Perry Talomo

*Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

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

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Richard Lewis

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais

St. Charles Parish:

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Raj Pannu

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Michael Showers

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Trish Haver

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

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Charlie Ponstien

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

Mayor Donald Villere (Mandeville)

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

*Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

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

*Let the record show Mr. Lee Giorgio and Ms. Ninette Barrios arrived after roll call and were present beginning for Agenda Item No. 5.

Attendance: 37

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the February 11, 2020 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: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-21 Draft Document
6. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-21
7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters

Chairwoman LaToya Cantrell acknowledged Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and asked her to say a few words as this is her first meeting. Parish President Robby Miller introduced newest Tangipahoa Parish citizen member Mr. Michael Showers to the Board.

Chairwoman LaToya Cantrell also passed out hand sanitizer and mints to the Board to remind everyone to be cautious, careful and calm during this time of Coronavirus.

Chairwoman LaToya Cantrell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. **Consideration: Approval of February 11, 2020 Minutes**

Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 5-9 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mr. Michael Showers seconded by Councilmember Kerri Callais and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 10-11 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Steve Stefancik seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 12 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto seconded by Mr. Michael Showers and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-21 Draft Document

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a draft copy of the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2021 for review and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Roesel further explained there is a 30 day comment period and the final Unified Planning Work Program for FY-21 will be presented to the Board at the April 14th Commission meeting for approval. At this time no motion is needed.

6. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-21

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-2021. It was so moved by Mr. Charlie Ponstien seconded by Parish President Guy McGinnis, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance with an abstention by Ninette Barrios, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for New Orleans Transportation Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning . It was so moved by Councilman Richard Lewis and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance with an abstention by Ninette Barrios, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Slidell Transportation Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Slidell Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mayor Greg Cromer and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning. It was so moved by Mayor Donald Villere and seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mr. Michael Showers seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 18 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for New Orleans Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 19 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Slidell Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Slidell Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mayor Donald Villere and seconded by Mayor Greg Cromer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 20 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolutions for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mayor Donald Villere and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 21 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for New Orleans Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-21 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

15. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

16. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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

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Consultants:

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AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the February 11, 2020 minutes
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: Adams & Reese, LLP
By: Jeffrey Brooks
5. Consideration: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters



1. Consideration: Approval of February 11, 2020 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2020 were approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Kerri Callais and seconded by Councilman Benny Rousselle and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 22 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,073,373.96.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Councilman Richard Lewis, seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

4. Presentation: Adams & Reese, LLP
By: Jeffrey Brooks

For a copy or recording of the presentation and Q&A please contact Ms. Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Roesel informed the Board there is no travel requests at this time.

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 23-36 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

9. Consideration: Other Matters

Maggie Woodruff, RPC Director of Economic Development announced that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded a \$850,000.00 grant to Delgado Community College to construct a Deckhand Training Facility at the Maritime and Industrial Training Facility in New Orleans East. The grant provides 80% federal funding, which is much greater than the usual 50/50. Ms. Woodruff added that additional EDA applications are in progress at this time, from three local parishes.

Ms. Woodruff also announced that the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) opened its annual funding opportunity on March 2nd. Applications may be submitted until May 31st. Like EDA, the focus is on job creation and workforce development with quantifiable results.

She offered assistance with developing competitive applications for both opportunities.

Mayor Cantrell asked Maggie to share that information on the RPC website.

Mayor Cantrell also commended Maggie on all of her hard work with economic development.

Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Jaclyn Hotard seconded and the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting.