

# MINUTES

Transportation Policy Committee  
Of the  
Regional Planning Commission  
For  
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

## October 13, 2015

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Committee Members: PATRICIA BRISTER - 1st Vice Chairman, JOHN F. YOUNG - 2nd Vice Chairman (Designee: Mark Drewes) GORDON BURGESS - 3rd Vice Chairman, MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU – Treasurer (Designee: Cedric Grant) Mayor Mike Yenni (Designee: Jose Gonzalez) Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Councilmember At-Large Jason Williams, Councilmember At-Large Stacy Head (Designee: Carla Genusa), Ronald Carrere, Scott Morse, Mandrel Pansey, Councilman Ray Lauga, Jr., Councilman Richie Lewis (Designee: Councilman Casey Lewis), Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Councilman Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Mayor Bob Zabbia, Dr. Bonnie Lewis, DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas (Designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (Designee: Scott Ricoux) Shelby Lasalle (Designee Carlton Dufrechou), President V.J. St. Pierre (Designee: Buddy Boe) Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee: Kristi), Brandy Christian (Designee: Andree Fant) President Natalie Robottom (Designee: Laverne Osiris) Mayor Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, Ryan Brown, Mayor Mike Cooper, Mayor Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeff Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



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Re: Entity-State Agreement
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Amount: \$245,175
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- Amount: \$530,965
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RPC Task: LA406  
Amount: \$21,451
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RPC Task: MC-1.16  
Amount: \$ 150,000
  11. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Urban Design and Transportation Planning Roadway Enhancement Guide  
St. Tammany Parish  
RPC Task: MC-2.16/SL-2.16  
Amount: \$ 50,000
  12. Presentation: Matthew Schwartz  
Domain Companies
  13. Consideration: Public Comment Period
  14. Consideration: Other Matters



**President Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Brister began the meeting.

**1. Consideration: Approval of September 8, 2015 Minutes**

Councilman Stefanick made a motion to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes, seconded by Councilman Williams and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4-6 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 Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 7-8 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 Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Richard

Kelley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 9 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 St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mayor Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Resolution:                   State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Regional Planning Commission  
Re: Entity-State Agreement**

Mr. Brooks explained the Resolution -State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Regional Planning Commission Re: Entity-State Agreement.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Resolution - State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Regional Planning Commission Re: Entity-State Agreement and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Lauga, seconded by Charlie Ponstein and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration:                   Authorization to submit LA SHSP Grant Application:**

- **St. Charles Parish Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan  
Amount: \$245,175**
- **“Safe Streets For Everyone” – A Transportation Safety Campaign for New Orleans Downtown Core  
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Mr. Brooks explained to the members the 2 LA SHSP Grant Applications. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the LA SHSP Grant Applications and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration:                   Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 1 (Volkert, Inc.)  
LA 406/Woodland Highway (LA23-LA407)  
State Project No. H.008220  
RPC Task: LA406  
Amount: \$21,451**

Mr. Brooks explained the need for the supplemental agreement with Volkert. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement for the amount of \$21,451 with Urban Systems and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman Williams and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Resolution:                   Baptiste Collette Dredging**

Mr. Brooks explained the Resolution –Baptiste Colette Dredging. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Resolution – Baptiste Collette Dredging and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mandrel Pansy, seconded by Scott Morse and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration:**                   **Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (GEC, Inc.)**  
**US Highway 11 Widening EA**  
**State Project No. H.004983**  
**RPC Task: RTEUS11**  
**Amount: \$8,525**

Mr. Brooks explained to the board the Supplemental Agreement with GEC. There being no questions or objections, the chairman called for a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (GEC, Inc.) US Highway 11 Widening EA for the amount of \$8,525 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Councilman Stefanick and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning commission as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration:**                   **Consultant Selection:**  
**Land Use and Traffic Conditions Analysis – Greater Mandeville Area**  
**RPC Task: MC-1.16**  
**Amount: \$ 150,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct a land use and traffic conditions analysis of the Greater Mandeville area.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Land Use and Traffic Conditions Analysis – Greater Mandeville Area RPC Task: MC-1.16 with Sain Associates for the amount of \$150,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mayor Villere, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration:**                   **Consultant Selection:**  
**Urban Design and Transportation Planning Roadway Enhancement Guide**  
**St. Tammany Parish**  
**RPC Task: MC-2.16/SL-2.16**  
**Amount: \$ 50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to provide information and recommendations on how to enhance roadways within RPC’s designated MPA boundary area in St. Tammany Parish.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Urban Design and Transportation Planning Roadway Enhancement Guide St. Tammany Parish RPC Task: MC-2.16/SL-2.16with T. Baker Smith, LLC for the amount of \$50,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Mayor Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Presentation:**                   **Matthew Schwartz**  
**Domain Companies**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Schwartz who presented to the board. A copy of the presentation can be viewed by contacting Megan Leonard.

**11. Consideration:**                   **Public Comment Period**

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

**12. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities**
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- 14. Resolution:** Formation of Regional Resiliency Committee
- 15. Consideration:** Travel Request
- 16. Consideration:** Contract Extensions
- 17. Consideration:** Consultant Billings
- 18. Consideration:** Public Comment Period
- 19. Consideration:** Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of September 8, 2015 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on September 8, 2015 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Lee Girogio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Committee Reports: Committee Reports:**

- (a) Budget and Personnel Committee**
- (b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Brooks explained these items would be under the Financial Report

**3. Consideration: Financial Report**

- (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities**
- (b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,893,441.84

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 David Munn, seconded by Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Brooks explained on page 15 that there were no budget amendments.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-13 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 4-13 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Burgess seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 14. Resolution:** **Formation of Regional Resiliency Committee**

Mr. Brooks explained the Resolution Formation of Regional Resiliency Committee and Meredith Soniat, RPC staff will be the point of contact.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Formation of Regional Resiliency Committee and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection

with this project. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Jason Williams and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration:                   Travel Request**

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 19 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel request: one staff member (Maggie Woodruff) requesting to attend the IMCP Conference, October 20-22, 2015, Washington D.C.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik , seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Consideration:                   Contract Extensions**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 20 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved my President Burgess and seconded by Jack Stumpf, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Consideration:                   Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 21 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. Kelley seconded by Councilman Stefancik 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 public comment. There was none.

**14. Consideration:                   Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.