

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015, 10:00 A.M., GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Stephen G. Romig, Chairman; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Vice Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Treasurer; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Secretary

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Georgie Bagnetto; Melissa M. Phillipott; Chief Nick Congemi; Perry Daigrepoint; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Sgt. Thea Andras; Cary Bourgeois, Gavin Gillen & Phil Meyers, GEC, Inc.; Craig Watson & Chris LeMieux, Blue Williams; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Jim Lynch & Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune

ABSENT: Joseph A. Jaeger, Jr., Member

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Romig, seconded by Capt. Lorino, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2015 were accepted as written. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi and Mr. LaSalle voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Romig addressed the audience to see if anyone had any comments or questions for the commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Romig then asked about the Causeway Charitable Foundation. Mr. Gavin Gillen reported that this year there will only be one event for the Charitable Foundation. He stated that more information will be given when it is available.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 13 vessel openings, 4 test openings and 1 circuit breaker incident.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported that the fog has dissipated and the last of the fog cones were picked up two weeks ago. He stated that it is now time to get ready for Hurricane season.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 221 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 31 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 252. He reported 15 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated that 8 occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound and 1 pulling into a crossover. He said that Chief Congemi confirmed most of these accidents were weather related. Mr. Dufrechou also reported 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that on April 14, 2015 both bridges were closed due to heavy thunderstorms and hail from 8:06 AM to 9:16 AM. He stated on April 27th severe weather closed both bridges again from 10:41 AM to 12:11 PM and from 12:55 PM to 1:55 PM. Mr. Dufrechou said the crosswinds were in excess of 50 MPH.

Mr. Dufrechou showed pictures of an accident that occurred on April 19, 2015 at the 9.5 mile marker on the Northbound span. He stated a truck, driven by a physician, rear ended an automobile with a flat tire. Mr. Dufrechou stated the vehicle with the flat tire was trying to get into a crossover when it was struck. He stated the physician was able to help the eight year old boy that was in the rear ended vehicle. Mr. Dufrechou reported that the boy did suffer internal injuries but he is out of the hospital and doing well. He reported this accident closed the bridge from 8:50 AM to 9:30 PM.

Mr. Dufrechou showed pictures from a motorcycle accident that occurred on May 7, 2015 on the Southbound span at the 4 mile marker. He reported that the individual

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driving the motorcycle suffered from multiple broken bones and almost lost his arm. Mr. Dufrechou stated that he will be in the hospital for at least ten more days. He showed a picture of a scar on the bridge from this accident. Mr. Dufrechou reported that the scars will be repaired on a job scheduled in the fall.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video that occurred on April 27, 2015. He reported eleven rail box cars were blown off the trestle immediately east of Clearview by the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated the no one was injured during this incident.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video of a traffic stop that occurred in the afternoon on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. He explained that the vehicle was hitting the curbs of the Causeway Bridge and was pulled over in crossover three by our Police Department. Mr. Dufrechou stated that the individual is seen throwing a bag from the crossover into the lake while the police surrounded him.

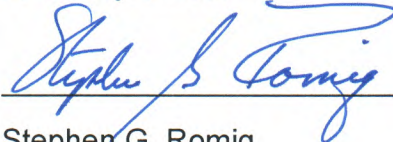
Mr. Dufrechou stated that Texas A&M finished the rail testing for option B1. He showed the three videos of the latest testing from Texas A&M. He stated the first test was performed on April 30, 2015. Mr. Dufrechou explained this video was of a large truck. He stated the test was very successful. In the second video, Mr. Dufrechou showed the test performed on May 1, 2015. He stated this test included a small sedan. Mr. Dufrechou said the sedan was driving approximately 62 to 63 mph and impacted at a 25 degree angle. He stated the sedan stayed in the travel lane. The last video was of the test performed on May 5, 2015 with a pickup truck. Mr. Dufrechou reported that the pickup also stayed in the right lane. He said Dr. Williams is comparing the crash test data and will have the report for the Commission when it is completed.

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On the Overlay of the West Causeway Approach Road, Mr. Dufrechou recommended the award to the lowest bidder. On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Capt. Lorino, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the project titled Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road, GNOEC Project 635, is awarded to the low bidder, Barber Contracting Company, LLC in the amount of \$4,032,359.45. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete the execution of the contract with Barber Brothers pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi and Mr. LaSalle voted in favor of the motion.

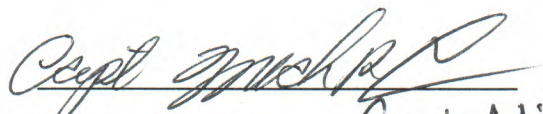
Mr. Dufrechou asked the Commission if the June meeting could be delayed until the 24th to make sure the Texas A&M reports are completed. The Commission stated they had no problem with the delay.

There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Stephen G. Romig

Chairman



~~Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.~~

~~Secretary~~

Capt. Mike Lorino
Vice Chairman