

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS  
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017, 10:00 A.M., VOA  
BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Vice Chairman;  
Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Secretary; P. Lindsey Williams, Assistant  
Secretary/Treasurer; Joy Zainey, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick  
Congemi; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Sgt. Roy Jacob; Cpl. Mike  
Bernard; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Red  
Thompson; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois and Philip  
Meyers, GEC; Rene Chopin III, Burk Kleinpeter; Jan Evans, Volkert and  
Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineers;  
Christina Florez and Suzanne McCain, Gresham, Smith and Partners;  
Troy Spencer and Wade Foster, Archer Western; Jeff Plauche, Boh Bros;  
Kinton Lawler, AIMS International; Emily Frock, ECM Consultants, Inc.;  
John Basilica, HNTB; Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher; Nick Reiman,  
The Advocate

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. LaSalle welcomed Ms. Joy Zainey back to the GNOEC Commission. He stated it  
was good to have her back.

**On the motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, the minutes of the regular  
meeting held on October 9, 2017 were accepted as written. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi,  
Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris and Ms. Zainey voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the  
Commission. There were no comments or questions.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in October the Drawbridge operations included 40 vessel openings, 13 test openings and 2 incidents. Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no fog operations to report in October.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 321 breakdown responses in October on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 202 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 119 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 31 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 26 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 5 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 342 breakdown responses for both bridges in October.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of October there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 5 occurred Northbound and 5 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 4 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of October, 7 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 5 Eastbound and 2 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported there were no accidents were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge in October.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint regarding events that occurred on the Causeway Bridge in October (Please see attached for the PowerPoint).

Mr. Dufrechou stated the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget reviewed and approved the GNOEC's proposed FY2018 budget in October. He thanked the GNOEC Commission and staff for working hard to get it passed.

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On the North Shore Maintenance Facility Roof Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute contract with Roofing Solutions, LLC. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ligi, on September 28, 2017, GNOEC received five bids for the North Shore Maintenance Facility Roof Improvements, Project No. 812. After review, Roofing Solutions, LLC was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Therefore, based upon recommendations of the GNOEC Architect, GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to follow the procedures outlined in Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and execute a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Roofing Solutions LLC, for Project 812. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris and Ms. Zainey voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Strategic Planning and Engineering Consulting Services, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for entering into a contract with HNTB. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, on June 7, 2017, the GNOEC authorized the advertisement for Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing strategic planning and engineering services to determine future improvements, maintenance, preservation, and modernization of the Causeway. On September 8, 2017, five responses were received by the GNOEC. After evaluation and consideration by the Evaluation Committee, all five firms were found to be qualified to provide the services to the GNOEC. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects HNTB as having the most advantageous proposal and further authorizes the General Manager negotiate and enter into a contract with HNTB to provide**

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**strategic planning and engineering services to determine future improvements, maintenance, preservation, and modernization of the Causeway. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris and Ms. Zainey voted in favor of the motion.**

On the GNOEC Budget, Mr. Dufrechou recommended to accept and approve the amendment and Toll Covenant calculations. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Commission accepts and approves the amended approved budget for fiscal year November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018. The debt service for 2017 was finalized after budget approval on August 15, 2017 with an adjustment of \$422,749. The Commission also accepts and approves the toll covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris and Ms. Zainey voted in favor of the motion.**

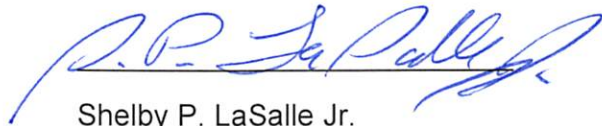
On Procurement method for Contractor for the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to rescind the authorization to advertise for Construction Manager At Risk. **On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, on August 15, 2017, the GNOEC authorized the General Manager to advertise for Requests for Qualifications to award a contract for a construction management at risk contractor for preconstruction and construction services for the Safety Rail Improvement Project in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4. However, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the GNOEC to follow the traditional design-bid-build procurement method pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq. for the Rail Project. The Project will be advertised in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq. at the appropriate time. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC**

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staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby rescinds the Resolution passed on August 15, 2017 which authorized the General Manager to advertise for construction manager at risk for the Safety Rail Improvement Project. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris and Ms. Zainey voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. LaSalle stated, due to the Holidays, there would not be a meeting in December 2017. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled January 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.

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



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.

Chairman



Patrick W. Fitzmorris

Secretary