

April 11, 2023 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

Committee Members:

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Councilmember Chris Canulette

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

DOTD:

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) Designee: Daniel W. McElmurray
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) Designee: Ronaldo R. Nodal
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett
Mayor Clay Madden (Mandeville)
Lona Hankins (RTA) Designee: Katherine Felton
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)
Ninette Barrios (JeT)
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Attendance: 38

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the March 14, 2023 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-24 Draft Document
7. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-24
8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-24 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-24 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
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15. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-24 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
16. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreements FY-24
17. Consideration: Stage 0 Feasibility Study US 190B/Fremaux Ave. Sidewalk Feasibility Study (US 11 to Town Center Blvd.) RPC Task SL-1.23; FY-23 UPWP
Amount: \$65,000
18. Consideration: Public Comment Period
19. Consideration: Other Matters
 - a. Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Approval of the March 14, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 14, 2023 minutes. Mayor Pete Panepinto made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes, seconded by Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

2. Considerations: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Julia Zuckerman and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

3. Considerations: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Mandeville-Covington TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

4. Considerations: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Mike Lorino and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-24 Draft Document

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-24 Draft Document and explained this is a draft document for the public and Board to review and provide comments. We will bring the final document back to the Board for approval.

7. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-24

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the resolution. This resolution authorized by the TPC is necessary prior to submitting applications for FTA & FHWA funds as follows:

FTA Section 5303	
New Orleans UZA	\$ 464,565.00
DOTD Human Services Transportation	\$ 15,000.00
Slidell UZA	\$ 39,816.00
Mandeville-Covington UZA	\$ 39,689.00
South Tangipahoa UZA	\$ 34,974.00
FHWA PL	
New Orleans UZA	\$2,077,698.00
Slidell UZA	\$ 235,070.00
Mandeville-Covington UZA	\$ 284,723.00
South Tangipahoa UZA	\$ 192,391.00

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Cherreen Gegenheimer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Parish President Robby Miller asked the Chairman if he could make a motion to amend the agenda and take items 8-15 in globo as they are summarized in item 7 which just passed. Parish President Guy McInnis seconded this motion.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or objections, hearing none the Chairman approved to amend the agenda and take items 8-15 in globo. It was approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

- 8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-24 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**
- 9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-24 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**
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With the change recorded in the agenda, the Chairman explained we would approve items 8-15. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 8-15. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

- 16. Resolution: LADOD Entity-State Agreement FY-24**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the resolution, LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-24 and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-24. It was so moved by Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**17. Consideration: Stage 0 Feasibility Study US 190B/Fremaux Ave. Sidewalk Feasibility Study
 (US 11 to Town Center Blvd.) RPC Task SL-1.23; FY-23 UPWP
 Amount: \$65,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 18 of the meeting packet for list of respondents and explained the purpose of this study is to review pedestrian conditions along the US 190B corridor between US 11 and Town Center Boulevard and provide concept options for upgrading existing pedestrian facilities, constructing new facilities where they currently do not exist and providing construction cost estimates for feasible alternatives.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection with RCL consultant, LLC. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

18. Public Comment Period:

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

19. Other Matters:

Mr. Roesel informed the Board pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1, each member (and any designee) of a member of a board or commission that has the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more of funds in a fiscal year, and members of the State Civil Service Commission and the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District Board of Commissioners shall file a Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Non-elected officials on the Commission must complete it each year on or before May 15th. Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management and Finance will email out a reminder as well.

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

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RPC Agenda

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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. Resolution: Support for RPC to apply for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
5. Consideration: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports at this time.

3. Consideration: Financial Report - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities** - (b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 19 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,317,508.41.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 19 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending February 28, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

4. Consideration: Support for RPC to apply for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 20 of the meeting packet for the resolution and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston seconded by Councilmember Robert Acuri and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 21 of the meeting packet and pointed out 1 travel request. Adam Tatar, to attend the Louisiana Preservation Conference, April 19-20, 2023 in Lake Charles, LA.

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

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no Contract Extensions at this time and we can move on to the next item.

7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel 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 Jose Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Charles Marsala asked to make a public comment. Mr. Marsala spoke on the West End Lakeshore Park and RPC's 2017 Feasibility Study. He mentions areas that he thinks should be included in determining feasibility and on areas that he disagrees with in the current process. To hear his public comment in full please contact Megan Leonard for an audio recording of the April 11, 2023 Commission Meeting.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Roesel informed the Board that Chris Laborde would be retiring at the end of the month and thanked him for his years of service with the RPC.

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

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.