

May 14, 2024 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

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 1st Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish **Designee:** Cherreen Gegenheimer- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 2nd Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- **Designee:** Joe Thomas-Present

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Parish President Matt Jewell, Treasurer- St. Charles Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Robert Billiot- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell **Designee:** James Baker- Present

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Ronnie Newsom- Present

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Absent

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Roxanne Adams- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels **Designee:** Charmaine Thomas- Present

Garret C. Monti-Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Present

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke **Designee:** Councilman Arthur Laughlin- Present

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present

Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- Present

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present

Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 37

Consultants:

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

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville/Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program FY25 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa Urbanized Areas
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
US 11 Corridor Study (LA 433 to Fremaux Ave)
Project Number: H. 972501.1
RPC Task: SL-1.24
9. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish
LA 445/E. Tangi North-South Corridor Analysis - Firetower Road
10. Presentation: Update from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
By Kevin Dolliole, Director of Aviation
11. Consideration: Other Matters

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: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Carlton Dufrechou and seconded by Cherreen Gegenheimer.

There being no objections, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 3 through 6 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Louis Pomes and seconded by Mayor Robert Billiot. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville/Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7 and 8 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville/Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville/Covington TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mayor Clay Madden. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 9 and 10 of the meeting packet for the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilman Arthur Laughlin and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 11 and 12 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman 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 Mayor Bob Zabbia. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program FY25 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa Urbanized Areas

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the final document of the Unified Planning Work Program FY25. He explained that all minor comments from DOTD and FHWA have been incorporated in this final draft, but there were no changes to the actual work to be undertaken or the budgets as originally presented.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program FY25 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa Urbanized areas. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
US 11 Corridor Study (LA 433 to Fremaux Ave)
Project Number: H. 972501.1
RPC Task: SL-1.24

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: US 11 Corridor Study (LA 433 to Fremaux Ave) State Project Number: H.972501.1 RPC Task: SL-1.24. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to identify conceptual improvements which can be taken along the heavily trafficked US11 between US190B and LA433.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: US 11 Corridor Study (LA 433 to Fremaux Ave) State Project Number: H.972501.1 RPC Task: SL-1.24 with J.V. Burkes & Associates. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish
LA445/E. Tangi North-South Corridor Analysis – Firetower Road

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the resolution, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish, to undertake a corridor analysis of Firetower Road and potential improvements to LA 445 in eastern Tangipahoa parish.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Joe Thomas and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

10. Presentation: Update from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
By Kevin Dolliole, Director of Aviation

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Kevin Dolliole to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard at mleonard@norpc.org

11. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

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

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2. Consideration: Approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
Budget and Personnel Committee
Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Consideration: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment.

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard welcomed St. John the Baptist Parish Citizen Member Bonnie Dinvaut to the Board.

2. Consideration: Approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie and seconded by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the

amount of \$2,483,291.48

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending March 31, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Adam Tatar to attend the Region 6 Brownfields Conference, July 23-25, 2024 in Dallas, TX, three staff members, Tom Haysley, Aspen Nero, and Joan Rupp to attend the Louisiana Clean Fuels Summit, June 12-13, 2024 in Lake Charles, LA, one staff member, Leslie Couvillion, to attend the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association GIS Leadership Academy, June 3-5, 2024 in Seattle, WA and one staff member, Joan Rupp, to attend the Green Transportation Summit and Expo, August 20-22, 2024 in Tacoma, WA.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 beginning on page 17 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Jack Stumpf with Jonathan Perret abstaining. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Chris Masingill introduced Councilman Arthur Laughlin to the board.

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

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.