

July 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:

**Officers:**

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Councilmember Robert Arcuri

Councilmember Tammy Houston

Raj Pannu

Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilmember Chris Canulette

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Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

**DOTD:**

Secretary Eric Kalivoda **Designee:** Scott Boyle

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray  
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo 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)  
Mayor Mark R. Johnson **Designee:** Callie Baker

Attendance: 42

Consultants:

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

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 13, 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. Resolution: Agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety for Safe Streets and Roads For All Program Funding
7. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany & Tangipahoa for Local Funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program
8. Update: GIS Data for Mapping: Regional Update on Geospatial Products in Coordination with LADOTD
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. 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: Approval of the June 13, 2023 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 4 and 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation. There were a few minor corrections to the page in the packet; for the highway elements, line 5 the status should read "revised cost, schedule and funding source." Line 7 the project description should read, "LA 406 Roundabout @ FE Hebert" and the goal should be "1,3."

Before proceeding further, the Board advised Mr. Roesel that he was reviewing Item 2 and to follow the agenda and address Item 1 first.

Correspondingly, Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 13, 2023 minutes. Councilmember Wanda Alcon made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes, seconded by Garret Monti 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 previously explained this item, the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements.

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 Ninette Barrios and seconded by Jack Stumpf 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 Chris Canulette and seconded by Christopher Abadie 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 Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel clarified there was a minor correction to the page in the packet; for the highway elements, line 1 the project description should read "US 190 @ Industrial Park Rd."

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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Resolution: Agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety for Safe Streets and Roads For All Program Funding.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution, Agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety for Safe Streets and Roads For All Program Funding. The resolution authorizes either the RPC Chairman or the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the RPC and Federal Highway Administration to undertake the Safe Streets for All Planning Grant for St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany Parish. Total federal funds for this will be \$656,000 with a non-federal share of \$164,000. This is an 80/20 split pursuant to program guidelines.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety for Safe Streets and Roads For All Program Funding. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany & Tangipahoa for Local Funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the resolution, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany & Tangipahoa for Local Funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained that the resolution authorizes the RPC Executive Director to sign cooperative endeavor agreements with the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parishes. Based on factors that include population, total square miles and percentage of disadvantaged populations, the proportion share amounts are St. John \$30,000, Tangipahoa \$55,000, St. Tammany \$79,000 with a total of \$164,000 which leverages \$656,000 in federal funds. Mr. Jeff Roesel clarified there was a minor correction to the resolution number in the packet; the Resolution number should read "23-2015."

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany & Tangipahoa for Local Funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program. It was so moved by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Public Comment Period:**

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

**9. Other Matters:**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the board of two public meetings. The first is a public meeting for the Reserve/I-10 Connector Road on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at River Parish Community College located at 125 Regala Park Road in Reserve, LA and the second is for the I-10 East Service Roads Corridor Safety Meeting number two on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30PM at the New Orleans East Regional Library located at 5641 Read Boulevard.

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

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 13, 2023 minutes
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: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
5. Presentation: EDA Summer Snapshot  
By: Patricia Shorter, Senior Program Specialist  
Ileana Ledet, Economic Development Representative  
Economic Development Administration, Austin Regional Office
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters

**1. Consideration: Approval of the June 13, 2023 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 13, 2023 minutes. Susan Klees made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Lloyd Newsome and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. 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.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending 05/31/2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,685,955.34

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Shannta Carter and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending May 31, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**4. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 for the resolution Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. This resolution is per state law, RPC and other governmental entities in Louisiana are required to submit an approved Compliance Questionnaire to our auditor in order for them to conduct their audits of the previous fiscal year. This essentially allows CRI to conduct their audit of the RPC and to report back to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri seconded by Councilmember Chris Canulette and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Presentation: EDA Summer Snapshot**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Patricia Shorter, Senior Program Specialist and Illeana Ledet, Economic Development Representative of the Economic Development Administration's Austin Regional Office to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Megan Leonard at [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**6. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the meeting packet for one travel request for Adam Tatar to attend the National Brownfield Conference August 8-11, 2023 in Detroit, MI.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Request. It was so moved by Councilmember Carlton LaFrance seconded by Council Chair David Vial and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the contract extensions. The three extensions are for time only.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Contract Extensions. It was so moved by Allen Hero seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 13 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 Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the board of the Urban Area update. The 2020 New Orleans Urban Area boundary was changed from the 2010 geography to remove a part of St. Charles Parish and all of St. John the Baptist parish and create a new urban area called LaPlace/Lutcher/Grammercy. The appeal of that decision was successful. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained that this is one of only three in the country, the other two being San Francisco and Atlanta. The RPC has been advised that the census will revise the geography as follows: New population for the UZA will be 963,212 with Housing Units at 441,065 and Land Area will be 270 square miles. The new urban area will include St. James Parish, but how much is uncertain. The Census Bureau will send out revised

boundary files in August. Once this new geography is received, it will be reviewed. At that time, the staff will review and advise the Commission as to how or if this will impact operations and programs and present options for review.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.