

MINUTES
Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

January 10, 2017

Committee Members:

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Mayor Mike Cooper (Covington)

Mayor Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 34

Consultants:

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeff Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the December 13, 2016 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Access Management & Complete Streets Improvements for US 90 & LA 611 from Causeway Boulevard to the Jefferson / Orleans Parish Line Jefferson, LA
RPC Project No. Ochsner1 -Amount: \$290,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase VI (2016-2017) Amount: \$41,750
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Mississippi River Trail Stage 0 Feasibility Study St. John Parish - RPC Project No. MRTStJ1 – Supplement No. 1 - Amount: \$95,200
8. Presentation: Adams & Reese
By: Jeff Brooks
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters



President Yenni led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Yenni began the meeting.

Mr. Silvey presented Chairman Brister with a plaque and thanked her for her service throughout the 2016 year.

1. Consideration: Approval of December 10, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Ponstein made a motion to approve the December 10, 2016 minutes, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by President

Brister and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Brister seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Miller seconded by Councilman Wells and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Access Management & Complete Streets Improvements for US 90 & LA 611 from Causeway Boulevard to the Jefferson / Orleans Parish Line Jefferson, LA RPC Project No. Ochsner1 Amount: \$290,000

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to identify improvements needed within the study area to facilitate expansion of the Ochsner campus. The study area is bound by Earhart to the North, River Road to the South, Causeway to the West, Montecello to the East and La 611 (River Road) between Causeway Boulevard and the Jefferson / Orleans Parish Line which includes the US 90 Corridor.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Access Management & Complete Streets Improvements for US 90 & LA 611 from Causeway Boulevard to the Jefferson / Orleans Parish Line Jefferson, LA RPC Project No. Ochsner1 with Linfeild, Hunter & Junius, inc. in the Amount: \$290,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Ms. Gegenheimer, seconded by Mr. Stumpf and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase VI (2016-2017) Amount: \$41,750

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct two workshops that are intended to provide participants with an understanding of pedestrian and bicycle planning and facility design and an understanding of how to apply the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act to pedestrian facilities.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase VI (2016-2017) with Toole Design Group, LLC in the Amount: \$41,750with Duplantis Design Group, PC in the Amount: \$41,750 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mayor Panepinto, seconded by Dr.

Lewis and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Mississippi River Trail Stage 0 Feasibility Study
St. John Parish - RPC Project No. MRTStJ1 – Supplement No. 1 - Amount: \$95,200**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct a Stage 0 Feasibility Study for further development and extension of the pedestrian and bicycle facilities of the Westbank Mississippi River Trail project in St. John Parish.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Mississippi River Trail Stage 0 Feasibility Study St. John Parish - RPC Project No. MRTStJ1 – Supplement No. 1 - Amount: \$95,200 with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Miller, seconded by Councilman Cortez and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Presentation: Adams & Reese
By: Jeff Brooks**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Jeff Brooks. For more information on this presentation please contact Megan Leonard at mleonard@norpc.org

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

10. Consideration: Other Matters

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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- 1. Consideration: Approval of the December 13, 2016 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. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
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- 10. Presentation: Delta Regional Authority
By: Quiana Brown, Economic & Regional Development Officer, Region-4
- 11. Consideration: Travel Request

- 12. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 13. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 14. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 15. Consideration: Other Matters



The Chairman called the meeting to order and noted the existence of a quorum.

1. Consideration: Approval of December 10th 2016 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on December 10, 2016 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

2. Committee Reports: Committee Reports:
a. Budget and Personnel Committee
b. Other Committee Reports

Mr. Silvey explained the Committee Reports would come under the Financial Report.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2016. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,757,006.97

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Councilman Luna and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 11 that there were no budget amendments.

- 4. **Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
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Mr. Silvey requested concurrence of items 4-9 which were already recommended for approval by the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 4-9 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

4. Presentation: Delta Regional Authority
By: Quiana Brown, Economic & Regional Development Officer, Region-4

For information on this presentation please contact Maggie Woodruff at mwoodruff@norpc.org

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 12 for a travel request. One staff member Maggie Woodruff is requesting to attend the DRA Training, January 17-19, 2017, Memphis, TN. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant and seconded by Ms. Gegenheimer, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

14. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 13 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by President Brister and seconded by President McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 14 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 Mr. Kelley and seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

21. Consideration: Public Comment Period

The Chairman asked if there was any other public comment. There was none.

22. Consideration: Other Matters

There being no other matters the meeting is adjourned.