

# ***MINUTES***

**Transportation Policy Committee  
Of the  
Regional Planning Commission  
For**

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

**January 13, 2015**

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Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young (Designee: Mark Drewes), Gordon Burgess, Mayor Landrieu (Designee: Cedric Grant), Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (Designee: Pearlina Thomas), Stacy Head, Jeff Swartz, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer (Designee: TJ Smith), Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, Davis Vial, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (Designee), Mike Lorino (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), VJ St. Pierre ( Designee: Buddy Boe) Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee: Kristi) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (Designee: Eric), Ryan Brown, Mike Cooper and Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 33

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeffrey Roesel, Megan Leonard, et al



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of the December 9, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - Jefferson Parish Traffic Signal Timing and coordination Study  
Amount \$150,000
  - New Orleans Downtown Traffic Conditions Analysis  
Amount \$350,000
6. Consideration: Approval of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the New Orleans Urbanized Area
7. Consideration: Approval of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Mandeville-Covington and Slidell Urbanized Area

8. Consideration: Approval of the RPC Public Involvement Plan
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters



**President Cormier led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**1. Consideration: Approval of December 9, 2014 Minutes**

Councilman Stefancik made a motion to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway 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 Elements. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, 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.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway 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 Elements. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman TJ Smith 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 Elements**

Mr. Brooks informed the board there was no amendment at this time..

**5. Consideration: Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**  
○ **Jefferson Parish Traffic Signal Timing and coordination Study**  
**Amount \$150,000**  
○ **New Orleans Downtown Traffic Conditions Analysis**  
**Amount \$350,000**

Mr. Brooks gave brief explanation of each amendment to the UPWP. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendments for the UPWP. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Councilman Stefancik 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: Approval of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for The New Orleans Urbanized Area**

Mr. Brooks gave brief explanation of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the New Orleans Urbanized Area. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Long Range Metropolitan Plan for the New Orleans Urbanized Area. It was so moved by Councilman Lauga, seconded by David Munn 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: Approval of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for The Mandeville-Covington and Slidell Urbanized Area**

Mr. Brooks gave brief explanation of the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Mandeville – Covington and Slidell Urbanized Area. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Long Range Metropolitan Plan for the Mandeville – Covington and Slidell Urbanized Area. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman TJ Smith and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Approval of the RPC Public Involvement Plan**

Mr. Brooks gave brief explanation of the RPC Public Involvement. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the RPC Public Involvement Plan, it was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Councilman Laugga and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**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 9, 2014 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 Elements
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10. Consideration: Approval of the RPC Public Involvement Plan
11. Consideration: Memorandum of Understanding - RPC & Nunez Community College for Fisheries Curriculum Hub of Excellence  
Amount: \$40,000 total split evenly between RPC & Nunez
12. Presentation: Adams & Reese  
By: Jeff Brooks
13. Consideration: Travel Request
14. Consideration: Contract Extensions
15. Consideration: Consultant Billings
16. Consideration: Public Comment Period

17. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of December 9, 2014 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on December 9, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley 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**

There are no Committee Reports at this time.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,614,030.68

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 Councilman Lauga, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Brooks then referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Mr. Ponstein seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Elements**
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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-10 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 4-10 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration: Memorandum of Understanding - RPC & Nunez Community College for Fisheries Curriculum Hub of Excellence  
Amount: \$40,000 total split evenly between RPC & Nunez**

Mr. Brooks gave brief explanation of the MOU – RPC & Nunez Community College for Fisheries Curriculum Hub of Excellence for the Amount of \$40,000. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the MOU – RPC & Nunez Community College for Fisheries Curriculum Hub of Excellence, it was so moved by Mr. Ponstein, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Brooks from Adams & Reese. Mr. Brooks presented to the board the an overview of the Transportation Agenda.

**13. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 9 of the packet and pointed out travel request: one commission member (Rebecca Otte) requesting to attend the 2015 EPA National Brownfield Conference & 2015 Clean Cities Coordinator Training and Vehicle Technology Development Workshop, August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 5, 2015 Chicago, IL.

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

**14. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 10 and explained the extensions at this time. There being one questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the extensions. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Giorgio, and approved unanimously by members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**15. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 11 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, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**20. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**21. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.