

MINUTES

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

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

March 10, 2015

Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young (Designee: Mark Drewes), Gordon Burgess, Michael Landrieu (Designee: Cedric Grant) Chris Roberts (Designee: Deano Bonano) Michael Yenni, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (Designee: Pearlina Thomas), Stacy Head (Designee Carla Gendusa), Ronald Carrere, Scott Morse, Mandrel Pansy, Ray Lauga, David Munn, Richie Lewis (designee Casey Hunnicutt), Steve Stefancik (Designee: TJ Smith), Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Freddy Drennan (Designee: Jim Mathis) Jeff Davis (Designee Greg), Shelby LaSalle, Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee Kristi) VJ St. Pierre (Designee: Buddy Boe) Natalie Robotom (designee Micke Coleman), Sal Longoria (Designee: Eric), Mike Cooper and Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 29

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



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Amount \$25,000

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Stage 0 Feasibility Study LA 22 Corridor Improvements
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8. Consideration: Authorization to enter into Interagency Agreement with UNO
Re: Regional Bike/Ped Safety Program (Phase V (2015-2016)
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9. Consideration: FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)
10. Presentation: Status of Transit Development and Opportunities in the New Orleans Area
By: Justin T. Augustine III,
RTA General Manager, Vice President, Transdev
11. Consideration: Public Comment Period
12. 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 February 10, 2015 Minutes

T.J. Smith made a motion to approve the February 10th 2015 minutes, seconded by President Burgess 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 4-5 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 Cedric Grant, seconded by Ray Lauga 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 6 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 T.J. Smith, seconded by Rene Soule 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 7 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 Burgess, seconded by Carla Gendousa 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:
Comprehensive Crash Analysis and Safety Study:
RPC Task A-5.15: FY-15 UPWP
Amount \$45,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to perform a comprehensive analysis of crash data provided by the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (NORPC). The project shall produce a listing of ten (10) locations with the highest crash rates (crashes per million vehicle miles).

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Comprehensive Crash Analysis and Safety Study selection for the amount of \$45,000 with Cobb, fendley. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Deano Bonano 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:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study US 190 (Gause Blvd) Sidewalk Study
(Front Street – Lindberg Drive) RPC Task SL-2.15; FY-15 UPWP
Amount \$25,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct a field evaluation and develop quantities and cost estimates for this 1.5 mile section identifying needed sidewalk repairs or replacement, including ADA compliance needs.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Stage 0 Feasibility Study – US90 (Gause BLVD.) Sidewalk Study selection for the amount of \$25,000 with JV Bukes & Associates and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by TJ Smith, seconded by Pearlina Thomas 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:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study LA 22 Corridor Improvements
RPC Task ST-3.15: FY-15 UPWP
Amount \$25,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to beautify and improve the appearance of East Pine Street and bring sidewalks up to ADA standards. Another goal is to improve the connectivity between the historic main street area with its shops and restaurants, and nearby neighborhoods.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Stage 0 Feasibility Study LA 22 Corridor Improvements selection for the amount of \$25,000 with Mathes Brierre and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by David Munn, seconded by Mayor Zabbia 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: Authorization to enter into Interagency Agreement with UNO
Re: Regional Bike/Ped Safety Program (Phase V - 2015-2016)**

**RPC Task NBP5-PBRI
Amount \$35,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this authorization to enter into Interagency agreement with UNO.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve authorization to enter into an Interagency agreement with UNO Re: Regional Bike/Ped Safety Program (Phase V - 2015-2016) for the amount of \$35,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mark Drewes, seconded by Deano Bonano 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: FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)

Mr. Brooks introduced the draft UPWP and offered it up for comments and review.

**10. Presentation: Status of Transit Development and Opportunities in the New Orleans Area
By: Justin T. Augustine III,
RTA General Manager, Vice President, Transdev**

Mr. Brooks introduced Justin T. Augustine III to the board. Mr. Augustine presented to the board the Status of Transit Development and Opportunities in the New Orleans Area.

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 February 13, 2015 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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12. Consideration: FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)
13. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Working on the Water: Strengthening Small business Opportunities
in Coastal Areas – Outreach & Coordination RPC Task SLED3SU-WOW2
Amount \$30,000
14. Consideration: Travel Request
15. Consideration: Contract Extensions
16. Consideration: Consultant Billings
17. Consideration: Public Comment Period
18. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of February 10, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on February 10, 2015 were approved upon a motion by Ronald Carrere, seconded by Ray Lauga 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. Brooks explained these items would be under the Financial Report

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,430,191.45

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 Ray Lauga, seconded by TJ Smith and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Brooks then referred the members to page 12 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 Ray Lauga seconded by TJ Smith and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Amount \$35,000

12. Consideration: FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)

Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-12 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 4-12 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Burgess seconded by Cedric Grant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of the purpose of this project is to provide continued education and outreach that supports the individuals and businesses engaged in commercial fishing, coastal restoration, eco-tourism and disaster response in Southeast Louisiana. The intent of this contract is to build on findings of the “Fisheries Moving Forward” project (see attachments). The report identified re-employment opportunities for fisherman disrupted by the BP Oil spill, and ways in which they can continue working on the water in the New Orleans region.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve Working on Water: Strengthening Small Business Opportunities in Coastal Areas selection for the amount of \$30,000 with Mumphrey Group, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Ray Lauga, seconded by President Burgess 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: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between RPC & St. Bernard Parish
Regarding GIS Needs Assessment in the Amount of \$20,000**

Mr. Roesel explained the CEA between RPC and St. Bernard. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 4-6 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Ray Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 14 of the packet and pointed out the travel request: One staff member, Maggie Woodruff, to attend the DRA Project Coordinators Training, April 7-9, 2015, Little Rock, AK. Two staff members, Maggie Woodruff & Karen Parsons, to attend the Southeast Super Region Canvas Trip 2015, April 19-21, 2015, Phoenix & Tucson, AZ.

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

19. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 14 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 Ray Lauga and seconded by President Burgess, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

19. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Brooks referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 15 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 Ray Lauga, seconded by President Burgess 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.