

MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

May 12, 2015

Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young (Designee: Mark Drewes), Gordon Burgess, Michael Landrieu (Designee: Cedric Grant) Michael Yenni (designee: Jose Gonzalez), Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Stacy Head (Designee Carla Gendusa), Jeff Schwartz, Kirk Lepine, Scott Morse, Mandrel Pansy, Ray Lauga, David Munn, Charlie Ponstein, Richard Kelley, Steve Stefancik, Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, Mitch Williams, Bonnie Lewis, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (Designee: John McCrossen), Shelby LaSalle, Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee Kristi) Brandy Christian (Designee: Andrea Fant) Natalie Robottom (designee: Laverne), Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, Mike Cooper and Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 31

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



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- 14. Presentation: GOHSEP - By: Kevin Davis
Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- 15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 16. 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 March 10, 2015 Minutes

Charlie Ponstein made a motion to approve the March 10, 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 4-6 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 Councilman Stefancik, 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.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 7-8 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 Councilman Stefancik, 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 9-10 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 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.

5. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-16

Mr. Brooks referred the members to the handout and page 11 of the meeting packet and gave a brief explanation of the UPWP and the resolution.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for authorization to submit the UPWP for FY-16. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, 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.

- 6. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-16 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**
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Mr. Brooks requested authorization for items 6-13 to be taken in globo. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 6-13 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

- 5. Presentation: GOHSEP - By: Kevin Davis
Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Davis to the board. Mr. Davis present to the board an overview of GOHSEP.

- 6. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

- 7. Consideration: Other Matters**

Mr. Brooks referred members to page 20 of the meeting packet and explained the resolution in Support for Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans Mississippi River Rail and Marine Terminal Intermodal Improvements. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve this resolution and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Mark Drewes, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

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

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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
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- 16. Resolution: RPC Local Funding Contract with New Orleans
- 17. Consideration: Travel Request
- 18. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 19. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 20. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 21. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of March 10, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on March 10, 2015 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

Mr. Silvey explained these items would be 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 21 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2015. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,154,984.70

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. Munn, seconded by Mr. Ponstein 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 & Transit Elements**
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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-15 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 4-15 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.

16. Resolution: RPC Local Funding Contract with New Orleans

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 32 and explained the resolution authorization a local funding contract with RPC and the city of New Orleans. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by my Deputy Mayor Grant and seconded by Councilman Jason Williams, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

17. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 33 of the packet and pointed out the travel request: One staff member, Jeff Roesel, to attend the EPA MOVES, April 21-22, 2015, Austin, TX. One staff member, Karen Parsons, to attend a meeting in D.C. One Commission member Ray Lauga, 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 Mr. Kelley, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

18. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 34 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 Mr. Kelley and seconded by Charlie Ponstein, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

19. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 35 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 Stefancik 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

Mr. Brooks referred members to the last page of the meeting packet and explained the MOU with the City of Kenner. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve this resolution and to

authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Mark Drewes, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

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