

**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**

**April 14, 2020**

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *Chairwoman*

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**Parish President** Mike Cooper *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman*

**Parish President** Matt Jewell *3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Mike Palamone

**Parish President** Cynthia Lee Sheng *5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairwoman*

**Parish President** Robby Miller, *Secretary*

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**Mayor** Joe Peoples **Designee:** Perry Talomo

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**Orleans Parish:**

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Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

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Christopher Masingill

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

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Attendance: 31

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Staff: Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Malissa Givhan, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the March 10, 2020 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: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-21 Final Document
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters

Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of management & Finance thanked the Board for joining in RPC's first Virtual meeting using the platform GoToWebinar. She went over how to use the GoToWebinar platform and gave instructions for questions/comments and public comment. The Officers will make the motions for the agenda items and following the motions a poll will appear on your screen for the full Board to cast their vote on the item. All items, packet, minutes, handouts etc. were emailed to the Board yesterday and posted on the RPC website for public view. All items are all listed under the handouts section on GoToWebinar.

Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, RPC's Chairwoman thanked everyone for participating in the virtual meeting as it's what we have to do to keep government moving. She discussed the impacts the coronavirus is having on the City of New Orleans and our Region.

### 1. **Consideration: Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes**

The Chairwoman asked the Board for a motion for the Approval of the March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Parish President Kirk Lepine made a motion to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller. Based on the poll this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance with a nay by Mayor Bob Zabbia, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Greg Cromer seconded by Designee Mike Palamone. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**5. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-21**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a copy of the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2021 for review and provided a brief explanation. Jeff Roesel explained how staff presented the draft to the Board last month and distributed copies on line and in public libraries for a 30 day comment period and no comments had been submitted

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-2021. It was so moved by Parish President Kirk Lepine seconded by Parish President Robby Miller. Based on the poll this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance with Ninette Barrios with JET abstaining, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**6. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**7. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there was any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairwoman 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
- 4. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 5. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 7. Consideration: Other Matters



1. **Consideration: Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2020 were approved upon a motion by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

2. **Consideration: Committee Reports:**  
**(a) Budget and Personnel Committee**  
**(b) Other Committee Reports**

Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no committee reports at this time and no motion is needed.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,073,754.84.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Parish President Miller, seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the packet to show the Board the budget as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. **Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the contract extension. This request is a time only extension.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve contract extension. It was so moved by Designee Mike Palamone, seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. **Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman

6. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairwoman asked if there was any other public comment.

Megan Leonard read aloud a question submitted, does RPC staff expect the current coven 19 to impact RPC finances for this year or next?

Jeff Roesel answered the question, at this time, we believe we're in a solvent situation, financially. It's going to depend on several variables. One being matching requirements of from our federal grantors and the financial condition of our member parishes. At this time, we are in reasonably good shape, the next fiscal year could be a different story.

There are no other public comments at this time.

7. **Consideration: Other Matters**

Malissa, Givhan, RPC's Public Outreach Coordinator and today's GoToWebinar Organizer has an attendance poll that was missed at the beginning of the meeting. The poll will now appear on your screen, please select your attendance status. Following the attendance poll staff has no other matters.

Parish President Guy McInnis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Robby Miller seconded and based on the poll the motion to adjourn the meeting is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman

Mayor Latoya Cantrell thanked everyone for all they are doing for our great state. Jeff Roesel said, if you have any other questions or comments, please follow up with us. Our contact information is on the screen, on behalf of RPC staff, we wish you Godspeed with your endeavors during this public health emergency and hopefully we'll see you in person soon.