

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

August 11, 2020

Committee Members:

Officers:

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Chairwoman*

Parish President Kirk Lepine *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell *3rd Vice Chairman*

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Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng *5th Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Robby Miller, *Secretary*

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Jefferson Parish

Mayor Joe Peoples **Designee:** Perry Talamo

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jason Williams **Designee:** Keith Lampkin

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilman At-Large Richard Lewis **Designee:** Jennifer Lemoine

Councilwoman At-Large Kerri Callais

Susan Klees

Roxanne Adams **Designee:** Jason Stopa

St. Charles Parish:

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright **Designee:** Jackie Landeche

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Chris Masingill

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

Kevin Dollioie (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Andree Fant

Mayor Donald Villere, (Mandeville)

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Bush Felton

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 34

Consultants:



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 14th, 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: Public Comment Period
6. Consideration: Other Matters

Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting using the platform GoToWebinar. She went over how to use the GoToWebinar platform and gave instructions for questions/comments and public comments. Once the motions for the agenda items are made, 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 and posted on the RPC website for public view. All items are listed under the handouts section on GoToWebinar.

Mayor Cantrell thanked everybody for being at the July Commission meeting and thanked Parish President Kirk Lepine for chairing the meeting in her absence. She shared a quote from William Shakespeare, "I am in blood so deep that to wade no further is as tedious as to go over", she further stated that if we're in the middle of the river, going back is just as hard as going forward, so keep doing what you're doing and that she is glad to be on the call.

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.

Jeff Roesel explained that there's a poll on the screen to log in your attendance.

1. Consideration: Approval of July 14, 2020 Minutes

The Chairwoman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 14th minutes. Parish President Guy McInnis made a motion to approve the July 14th 2020 minutes, seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, 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 5-8 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 Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard. 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 page 9 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item and mentioned that Natchez Drive Rehabilitation and Lindberg Drive @ US 190 was inadvertently transposed and should read

Natchez Drive Rehabilitation for \$798,000 and Lindberg Drive @ US 190 for \$277,000 and that it will be corrected prior to submitting to the state.

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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik. 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 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. **Consideration; Public Comment Period**

Jeff Roesel asked if there was any public comments. There was none.

6. **Consideration: Other Matters**

Jeff Roesel 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 and to proceed to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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

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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



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(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 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,519,096.36.

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 Councilmember Benny Rousselle, seconded by Mr. Ronald Carrere. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 12 of the packet to show the Board the budget as of June 30, 2020. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no extensions at this time.

5. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 13-17 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 Mr. Lee Giorgio, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Jeff Roesel asked if there was any public comments. There was none.

7. Consideration: Other Matters

Jeff Roesel asked if there was any other matters. Mayor Cantrell wanted to thank everyone again for being on the call and she is there for support. Parish President Robby Miller commented on her leadership and wanted to let Mayor Cantrell know that on behalf of the Parish Presidents and members, they wanted her to know that her dealings with the Hard Rock Hotel and Covid 19 is very difficult and that they appreciate her for letting people know what's going on and that she is doing a really good job.

Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Guy McInnis seconded and the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting.