

## 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 9, 2022

Committee Members:

#### Officers:

**Parish President** Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

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**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *Secretary* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

**Parish President** Kirk Lepine, *Treasurer*

#### Jefferson Parish:

**Mayor** Belinda C. Constant (Gretna) **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin

Jack Stumpf

#### Orleans Parish:

**Councilmember At-Large** JP Morrell **Designee:** Keith Lampkin

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

#### Plaquemines Parish:

Allen Hero

#### St. Bernard Parish:

**Councilmember** Wanda Alcon

**Councilmember At-Large** Kerri Callais

Ray Lauga, Jr.

Susan Klees

#### St. Charles Parish:

**Councilmember** Dick Gibbs **Designee:** Mary Clulee

Pastor Thomas Hines

#### St. John the Baptist Parish:

**Councilmember** Robert Arcuri

**Councilmember** Tammy Houston

Johnathan Perret

#### St. Tammany Parish:

**Councilmember** T. J. Smith, Jr.

**Councilmember** Mike Lorino

Christopher Abadie

#### Tangipahoa Parish:

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

#### DOTD:

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

#### TPC Members:

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Tony Evett

Mayor Clay Madden

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Colethia Kent, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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: Approval of New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052
6. Consideration: Approval of Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052
7. Consideration: Approval of Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052
8. Consideration: Approval of South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052
9. Consideration: New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Plan (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft
10. Consideration: St. Tammany UZAs Transportation Improvement Plan (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft
11. Consideration: South Tangipahoa UZA Transportation Improvement Plan (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft
12. Consideration: Public Comment Period
13. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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

**1. Consideration: Approval of July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Kerri Callais made a motion to approve the July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements (FFY 2019-2022)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements for FFY 2019-2022 and provided a brief explanation of each item and noted that the TIP is currently in effect through Federal fiscal year 2022 and ends September 30, 2022. Mr. Roesel also noted for the record that the Highway Amendment for the LA 23 Raising @ LaReussite Levee had a typo and the corrected Fund Source is STCASH.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements FFY 2019-2022. It was so moved by Mr. Dan Jatres and seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements (FFY 2019-2022)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements for FFY 2019-2022 and noted that this is for the TIP that is currently in effect through Federal fiscal year 2022 and ends September 30, 2022.

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 Councilmember Mike Lorino and seconded by Councilmember T. J. Smith and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements (FFY 2019-2022)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements for FFY 2019-2022.

**5. Consideration: Approval of New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a final revision for the approval of the New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 and stated that the RPC staff submitted the draft MTP for the New Orleans Urbanized area (Southshore) in July. Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, described last month, the MTP is essentially the policy document that provides the basis for transportation investments in our region and reflects required federal guidelines and mandates and we have received comments and suggestions that are incorporated into the document.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052. It was so moved by Mr. Jack Stumpf and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Approval of Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a final revision for the approval of the Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 and stated that the RPC staff submitted the draft MTP for the Mandeville-Covington Urbanized area in July. Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, described last month, the MTP is essentially the policy document that provides the basis for transportation investments in our region and reflects required federal guidelines and mandates and we have received comments and suggestions that are incorporated into the document.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052. It was so moved by Councilmember Mike Lorino and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Approval of Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a final revision for the approval of the Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 and stated that the RPC staff submitted the draft MTP for the Slidell Metropolitan area in July. Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, described last month, the MTP is essentially the policy document that provides the basis for transportation investments in our region and reflects required federal guidelines and mandates and we have received comments and suggestions that are incorporated into the document.

Parish President Mike Cooper wanted to thank Mr. Roesel for providing the forums for the public to respond on all of these plans.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052. It was so moved by Mr. Chris Abadie and seconded by Mr. T.J. Smith and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Approval of South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a final revision for the approval of the South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 and stated that the RPC staff submitted the draft MTP for the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan area in July. Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, described last month, the MTP is essentially the policy document that provides the basis for transportation investments in our region and reflects required federal guidelines and mandates and we have received comments and suggestions that are incorporated into the document.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. **Consideration: New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Plan (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Draft Plan to the Board for review and comments and stated that we are submitting the draft Transportation Improvement Program for the New Orleans Urbanized Area for Board review. The TIP is the programming document for FHWA and FTA funds over the next four fiscal years as required by federal law. The TIP is essentially Tier 1 of the MTP, so you will see the same projects in the TIP for each of the urbanized areas. This document was reviewed by DOTD and is consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program or STIP. Pending the Board's review and comments, we will seek a final adoption of this document at our September Commission meeting.

10. **Consideration: St. Tammany UZAs Transportation Improvement Plan (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the St. Tammany UZAs Transportation Improvement Draft Plan to the Board for review and comments and stated that we are submitting the draft Transportation Improvement Program for the St. Tammany Urbanized Areas for Board review. The St. Tammany TIP is for both Slidell and Mandeville-Covington Urbanized Areas. The TIP is the programming document for FHWA and FTA funds over the next four fiscal years as required by federal law. The TIP is essentially Tier 1 of the MTP, so you will see the same projects in the TIP for each of the urbanized areas. This document was reviewed by DOTD and is consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program or STIP. Pending the Board's review and comments, we will seek a final adoption of this document at our September Commission meeting.

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12. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

13. **Consideration: Other Matters**

Parish President Mike Cooper acknowledged that Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and Mayor Clay Madden are in attendance and will be in attendance for the RPC meeting.

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board that the Federal Transit Administration concluded a Triennial review of RPC and our use of FTA funds over the past three years that ended in July. FTA's review focused on 23 areas of compliance with grant award requirements. While not technically an audit, it is an in-depth review of our grants management practices and federal compliance review, again conducted routinely every 3 years. Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that he was happy to report that FTA found no deficiencies in any of the areas of review. Those of you who are familiar with FTA Triennials will know that this is rare and reflects the hard work and education of our staff who made this possible. Thank you all.

Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman 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. Presentation: H2 The Future  
By: Michael Hecht  
GNO, Inc.  
*and*  
Gulf Coast Health Science Corridor  
By: Kris Khalil  
New Orleans Bio Innovation Center
- 5. Consideration: Renewal of U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Cities Support Contract for RPC's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding
- 6. Consideration: Travel Request
- 7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 10. Consideration: Other Matters



**1. Consideration: Approval of July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes. Councilmember Wanda Alcon made a motion to approve the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports at this time.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2022. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$3,109,707.18

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mr. Mike Palamome and seconded by Parish President Mike Lepine and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the budget versus actual and asked Ms. Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management & Finance to explain the need for 2 budget amendments.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget amendments. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mr. Dan Jatres and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mrs. Maggie Woodruff, RPC Director of Economic Development to the Board to provide a brief introduction and overview of the two initiatives and our guest speakers. For a copy of the presentation please contact Ms. Maggie Woodruff at [mwoodruff@norpc.org](mailto:mwoodruff@norpc.org) or 504-483-8502

**5. Consideration: Renewal / Extension of U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Cities Support Contract for RPC's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the Renewal / Extension of U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Cities Support Contract for RPC's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding for the approval and renewal for a series of one-year contracts over three fiscal years.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Renewal / Extension of U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Cities Support Contract for RPC's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet and pointed out 2 travel requests. One for Ms. Melissa Guilbeau and Ms. April Higgins, to attend the Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting, September 17-21, 2022 Louisville, KY and one for Ms. Lynn Dupont, to attend the GIS-Pro 2022 Conference, October 2-6, 2022 Boise, ID.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilmember T.J. Smith seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no contract extensions.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 9 of 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 Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, seconded by Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr. and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

Parish President Mike Cooper thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for handling these important matters for each of their jurisdictions.

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Chris Masingill, Mr. Chris Abadie seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.