

*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**

**February 12, 2019**

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Guy McInnis, *Chairman*

**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *1st Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Ramsey Green

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Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

**Councilmember** Steve Stefancik

**Councilmember** Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Bill Newton

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia

Dr. Bonnie Lewis

**DOTD:**

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

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromier (Slidell) **Designee:** Eric Lundin

(Greater N.O. Expwy. Comm.) **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

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

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

Sharon Leader (JeT)

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 32

Consultants:

Staff: Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Colethia Kent, et al





## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the January 8, 2019 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: Amendment to the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan 209-2048
6. Presentation: Volkswagen Settlement Update for Louisiana Government Fleets  
By: Ms. Courtney Young, PRC's Clean Fuel Partnership Director
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters



Parish President Guy McInnis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of January 8, 2019 Minutes**

Ms. Chereen Gegenheimer made a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Bill Newton and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred the members to page 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 Councilmember Wanda Alcon seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine 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**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino 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**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel 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 Mayor Bob Zabbia seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2048**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan and provided a brief explanation. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2048. It was so moved by Parish President Natalie Robottom seconded by Ms. Sharon Leader and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Presentation: Volkswagen Settlement Update for Louisiana Government Fleets By: Ms. Courtney Young, RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership Director**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel introduced RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership Director, Ms. Courtney Young to the Board to give an update on the Volkswagen settlement.

Ms. Courtney Young explained that the state is opening the second round of applications for the Volkswagen Settlement on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and it will remain open until Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This round will feature a new, online application portal. The State will be considering projects for electric vehicle charging stations owned by government entities, so all are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this presentation please contact Courtney Young at 504-483-8519 or cyoung@norcp.org

**7. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**8. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, 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. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
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7. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 2019-2048
8. Resolution: Authorization to Execute Local Funding Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2019
9. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2019
10. Presentation: Spirit of Charity  
By: Mr. Andrew Kopplin  
Greater New Orleans Foundation
11. Presentation: Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC  
By: Mr. Philip Rebow & Ms. Becky Hammond
12. Consideration: Travel Request
13. Consideration: Contract Extensions
14. Consideration: Consultant Billings
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of January 8, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on January 8, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Joseph Montalbano seconded by Dr. Bonnie Lewis 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**

There are no Committee Reports at this time and No motion needed.

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

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2018. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,964,354.64

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. Ramsey Green, seconded by President Parish Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

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

**7. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2048**

Mr. Jeffery Roesel requested concurrence of items 4-7 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 4-7 in globo as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Parish President Michael Yenni and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Resolution: Authorization to Execute Local Funding Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2019**

Mr. Jeffery Roesel referred the members to page 10 and explained the need for the resolution for Authorization to Execute Local Funding Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2019.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the resolution for Authorization to Execute Local Funding Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2019. It was so moved by Mr. Ramsey Green and seconded by Parish President Michael Yenni and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2019**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel explained the need for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2019. Mr. Chris Masingill asked about the services provided by Adams & Reese, Mr. Jeffrey Roesel explained the need and services provided by Adams & Reese.

There being no other questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2019. It was so moved by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and seconded by Parish President Natalie Robottom and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Presentation: Spirit of Charity  
By: Mr. Andrew Kopplin  
Greater New Orleans Foundation**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel introduced Mr. Andrew Kopplin to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**11. Presentation: Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC  
By: Mr. Philip Rebow & Ms. Becky Hammond**

Mr. Jeffery Roesel introduced Mr. Philip Rebow and Ms. Becky Hammond to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**12. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred members to page 11 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel requests for 3 staff members, Alison Maulhardt, Leslie Couvillion & Lynn Dupont to attend the LA Remote Sensing and GIS Annual workshop in Lafayette, March 18-20.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Ms. Debbie Vial seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred the members to a list of time only contract extension on page 11 and explained each item. Mr. Jonathan Perret asked about the contract extension for Consultant, Urban Systems, Inc. the percent complete listed was for 55% percent however their invoice under agenda item #14 is listed at 90% complete. RPC's Director of Management and Finance, Ms. Megan Leonard explained the percent complete listed on page 11 was in error and that should be listed at 90%. Ms. Megan Leonard explained this doesn't change the action of extending the contract and the percent complete would be updated, and ask that the Board still approve the contract extension.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Councilmember Mike Lorino and seconded by Mr. Joseph Montalbano and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeffrey Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 12 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 Parish President Michael Yenni and seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**15. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any other public comment.

**16. Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. Parish President Kirk Lepine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Jonathan Perret seconded and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.