

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 8, 2022

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Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 37

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the January 11, 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: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets
6. Consideration: Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets
7. Consideration: St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
City of Mandeville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
Mandeville-Covington Urbanized Area
RPC Task MC-1.22; FY 22 UPWP Amount \$72,000
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters

Ms. Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting using the 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.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Jeff Roesel welcomed new members to the board and thanked them for their participation, the new members included:

Councilmember At-Large Ricky Templet – Jefferson Parish
Mayor Belinda C. Constant – Gretna
Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell – Orleans Parish
Council Chair Mark Cognevich – Plaquemines Parish
Citizen Member Allen Hero – Plaquemines Parish
Citizen Member Ray Lauga, Jr. – St. Bernard Parish
Councilmember T.J. Smith, Jr. – St. Tammany Parish

1. Consideration: Approval of January 11, 2022 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 11, 2022 minutes. Parish President Guy McInnis made a motion to approve the January 11th minutes, seconded by Mr. Mike Palamone 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

Mr. Jeff 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 Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and seconded by Mr. Dan Jatres 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. Jeff 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 Mr. Christopher Abadie and seconded by Ms. Melissa Guilbeau 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. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

5. Consideration: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7-10 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He stated that the Legislature and the Fast Act Infrastructure Law carried on by the new Bipartisan Act requires that all MPO's amend their Metropolitan Transportation Plan to update their safety goals in coordination with the State's DOTD updating theirs annually. Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC. Mr. Tom Haysley provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets and stated that on the next in person meeting, he will explain more in detail with a presentation on what the trends look like.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Mr. Dan Jatres seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7-9 & 11 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He stated that the Legislature and the Fast Act Infrastructure Law carried on by the new Bipartisan Act requires that all MPO's amend their Metropolitan Transportation Plan to update their safety goals in coordination with the State's DOTD updating theirs annually. Mr. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets and stated that on the next in person meeting, he will explain more in detail with a presentation on what the trends look like.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7-9 & 12 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He stated that the Legislature and the Fast Act Infrastructure Law carried on by the new Bipartisan Act requires that all MPO's amend their Metropolitan Transportation Plan to update their safety goals in coordination with the State's DOTD updating theirs annually. Mr. Tom Haysley, Principal Planner, RPC provided a brief explanation and explained the updated targets and stated that on the next in person meeting, he will explain more in detail with a presentation on what the trends look like.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment for the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. It was so moved by Councilmember T. J. Smith, Jr., seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
City of Mandeville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
Mandeville-Covington Urbanized Area
RPC Task MC-1.22 UPWP Amount \$72,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of developing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan for the City of Mandeville. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection City of Mandeville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Mandeville-Covington Urbanized Area with Arcadis U.S., Inc. in the amount of \$72,000. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden seconded by Ms. Erin Bovina and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

10. Consideration: Other Matters

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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: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Consultant Billings
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters:



1. Consideration: Approval of January 11, 2022 Minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 11, 2022 minutes. Councilmember Dick Gibbs made a motion to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes, seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Lee Giorgio informed Mr. Jeff Roesel that he had checked in and was having computer issues.

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 14 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2021. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,673,459.83. 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 Councilmember Benny Rousselle, seconded by Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

4. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated there are no contract extensions this month.

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 15 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests for staff members, Mr. Nelson Hollings and Ms. Elizabeth Morris to attend the Lifesavers Conference, March 13-15, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 16-18 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 Council Chair Mark Cognevich seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel announced a Special (virtual) Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Partnership with Mr. Gene Seroka, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles, will be the guest presenter, and will highlight existing conditions at the Port, as well as strategies being implemented to improve the Supply Chain. Mr. Jeff Roesel said that Mrs. Colethia Kent of our RPC team will be sending out more information on how to join the meeting. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Chris Laborde at claborde@norpc.org or 504-483-8540.

Parish President Mike Cooper wanted to thank everyone for attending the virtual meeting and hope that our next meeting will move to an in-person meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Chris Masingill, Mayor Belinda Constant seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Parish President Mike Cooper wished everyone a safe and happy Mardi Gras.