

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

January 11, 2022

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewel, *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, *3rd Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Gregory Giagrosso

Parish President Guy Mcinnis, *5th Vice Chairman*

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

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Council Chair Mark Cognevich

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Michelle Impastato

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Tammy Houston

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember T.J. Smith, Jr.

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond) **Designee:** Lacy Landrum)

Council Chair Brigette Hyde

Michael Showers

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Garrick A. Rose

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)

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

GNOEC (Designee: Carlton Dufrechou)

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

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

Attendance: 35

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the December 14, 2021 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: Consultant Selection:
Comprehensive Operations Analysis
Paratransit Study
FTA Grant No. LA-2018-013-00
RPC Task PARA21
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters

Ms. Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting and stated that most are familiar with the instructions but wanted to go over the instructions for a few of the new members. 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.

1. Consideration: Approval of December 14, 2021 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 14, 2021 minutes. Parish President Kirk Lepine made a motion to approve the December 14th minutes, 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 Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 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 and seconded by Mr. Michael Showers. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Comprehensive Operations Analysis
Paratransit Study
FTA Grant No.: LA-2018-013-00
RPC Task PARA21**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to provide a detailed assessment of existing paratransit operations in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection Comprehensive Operations Analysis Paratransit Study FTA Grant No.: LA-2018-013-00 RPC Task PARA21.

Parish President Mike Cooper asked Mr. Jeff Roesel what jurisdiction does this project covers? Mr. Jeff Roesel replied, the South Shore, Orleans and Jefferson parishes.

It was so moved by Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell, seconded by Mr. Lee Giorgio. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

7. Consideration: Other Matters

Parish President Mike Cooper of St. Tammany Parish wanted to take the opportunity to introduce himself and stated that he is honored to serve as Chairman in the RPC rotation and look forward to working with the Board throughout the year, he also welcomed Councilmember T.J. Smith, Jr. who replaced the late Councilmember Steve Stefancik, who passed away last year, Councilmember T.J. Smith was also on the call.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

**MINUTES
Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and
Tangipahoa Parishes**

January 11, 2022

Officers:

Parish President Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewel, *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, *3rd Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Gregory Giagrosso

Parish President Guy Mcinnis, *5th Vice Chairman*

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

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Lee Giorgio
Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell
Sophie Harris Vorhoff

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle
Council Chair Mark Cognevich

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon
Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Michelle Impastato
Councilmember Dick Gibbs

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Tammy Houston
Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember T.J. Smith, Jr.
Chris Masingill
Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond) **Designee:** Lacy Landrum)
Council Chair Brigette Hyde
Michael Showers

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

Attendance: 26

Consultants:

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


AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the December 14, 2021 minutes
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: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2022
5. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2022
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Travel Request

- 8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 10. Consideration: Other Matters:



1. Consideration: Approval of December 14, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 14, 2021 minutes. Parish President Matt Jewell made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes, seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll, this item is 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 also 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 November 30, 2021 and the Monthly Budget Report. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,763,023.92 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 Dick Gibbs. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of November 30, 2021. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2022

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the City of New Orleans Funding Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2022. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the City of New Orleans Funding Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2022. It was so moved by Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell, seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2022

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that this Agreement is an update for services provided by Adams & Reese and explained the need for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2022. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2022. It was so moved by Councilmember T. J. Smith, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there is no travel requests at this time.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 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 Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine. Based on the poll, this item is 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

Mr. Jeff Roesel wanted to inform the Board of the Southeast Louisiana Electric Vehicle Readiness Guide, also available on the RPC website. For more information contact Mr. Jeff Roesel, Executive Director at jroesel@norpc.org or Ms. Marin Stephens RPC Transportation Planner at mstephens@norpc.org

Parish President Guy McInnis wanted to thank the Chairman for his comments and to congratulate and welcome his friend Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell of New Orleans to the Board. Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell replied, looking forward to working with you and board too.

Mr. Chris Masingill, Citizen Member of St. Tammany parish asked Mr. Jeff Roesel were there any updates or briefing materials compiled from the Federal Infrastructure bill? Where do we stand with implementation, timeline, and the state coordinator? Mr. Jeff Roesel replied, we're monitoring it very closely, we have had several briefings since the legislation passed with NADO (National Association of Development Officials), NACO (National Association of Counties), AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) and NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) which are all regional council types of advocacy groups in the US. Mr. Jeff Roesel also said that as for the rulemaking for the FHWA docket, we will put out information as we get it. There will be a briefing on the 26th of Jan., we will give a status update and will send out emails by the end of the week into next week.

Mr. Lee Giorgio, Citizen Member of Jefferson parish stated that if anyone wanted more information on the Infrastructure Bill to look on the GNO website and contact Ms. Ileana Ledet.

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Tammy Houston, Mr. Chris Masingill seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.