

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

October 8, 2019

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Chairman*

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

Parish President Patricia Brister *3rd Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Natalie Robottom

Parish President Michael Yenni, *Secretary*

Parish President Robby Miller, *Treasurer*

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Councilwoman At-Large Cynthia Lee Sheng **Designee:** Greg Giangrosso

Mayor E. “Ben” Zahn III, **Designee:** Christine Calamari

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Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno **Designee:** Andrew Tuozzolo

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Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

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Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Councilwoman Mary Clulee

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St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Bill Newton

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

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

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

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Sharon Leader (JeT) **Designee:** Ben Francois

Mayor Mark R. Johnson **Designee:** Bob Moeiniar

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the September 10, 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: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
City of Gretna Westbank Expressway (US 90)
Access Roads and Primary Intersection Improvements
(RPC Task A-2.20WBE; FY-20 UPWP)
Amount: \$75,000.00
6. Consideration: South Carrollton Avenue Non-Motorized Transportation Enhancements
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
(RPC Task A-2.20SC; FY 20 UPWP)
Amount: \$75,000.00
7. Consideration: Public Comment
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 September 10, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Bill Newton made a motion to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes, seconded by Ms. Debbie Dufresne Vial and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 5-7 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 Mr. Ramsey Green seconded by Parish President Natalie Robottom 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. Roesel referred the members to page 8 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 Parish President Patricia Brister seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik 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. Roesel referred the members to page 9 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 Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
City of Gretna Westbank Expressway (US 90)
Access Roads and Primary Intersection Improvements
(RPC Task A-2.20WBE; FY-20 UPWP)
Amount: \$75,000.00

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to conduct a Stage 0 Feasibility Study along the Westbank Expressway (US 90) access roads and primary intersections between General De Gualle Drive and the western boundary of the City of Gretna.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Stage 0 Feasibility Study City of Gretna Westbank Expressway (US 90) Access Roads and Primary Intersection Improvements (RPC Task A-2.20WBE; FY-20 UPWP) in the amount: \$75,000.00 with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. It was so moved by Parish President Michael Yenni, seconded by Mr. Keith Espradon and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
South Carrollton Avenue Non-Motorized Transportation Enhancements
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
(RPC Task A-2.20SC; FY 20 UPWP)
Amount: \$75,000.00

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to develop and evaluate conceptual alternatives to enhance the safety, level of comfort, and accessibility of the Carrollton underpass for non-motorized users, while improving vehicular safety and efficiency where possibly in the corridor.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the South Carrollton Avenue Non-Motorized Transportation Enhancements Stage 0 Feasibility Study (RPC Task A-2.20SC; FY 20 UPWP) in the amount of \$75,000.00 with Asakura Robinson. It was so moved by Mr. Andrew Tuozzolo, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. Consideration: Other Matters

RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership Director Courtney Young invited fleet personnel to attend the statewide Clean Fuels Summit at NOLA Motorsports Park on Thursday, October 10th featuring a full-day of educational sessions on cleaner transportation. Visit CleanFuelsSummit.com for the full agenda and to register online in advance at a discounted rate.

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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: Gulf Coast Resilience Effort
By: Gary Cecchine, Ph.D.
Director, RAND Gulf States Policy Institute; Senior Policy Researcher
5. Consideration: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters

1. **Consideration: Approval of September 10, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on September 10, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Ms. Susan Klees seconded by Mr. Bill Newton and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. 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**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2019. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,342,408.68

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

Mr. Roesel informed the members there were no budget amendments at this time.

4. **Presentation: Gulf Coast Resilience Effort**
By: Gary Cecchine, Ph.D.
Director, RAND Gulf States Policy Institute; Senior Policy Researcher

Mr. Roesel introduced Dr. Gary Cecchine to the Board. For more information or a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard -504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

5. **Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Roesel referred members to page 13 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel request: one staff member (Courtney Young) requesting to attend the 2019 Clean Cities Regional meeting, November 5-6, 2019, Little Rock, AR.

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

6. **Consideration: Contract Extensions**

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

7. **Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 13-19 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik and seconded by Councilwoman Mary Clulee and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

9. **Consideration: Other Matters**

Maggie Woodruff, RPC's Director of Economic Development announced 3 federal grants awarded in the past two weeks. First, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration awarded Hurricane Harvey Disaster Supplemental funds to Plaquemines Parish. Usual EDA construction grants are \$1-1.5 million, however the large number of jobs retained and potential for many new jobs increased the amount awarded. St. Bernard Port was awarded \$200,000 for a new modern sewerage treatment plant on the Port's property. It will replace a plant built in the 1950's by Kaiser Aluminum to serve their Chalmette facility. And lastly, Nunez Community College was awarded \$150,000 to assist with renovation of a building to house Aerospace Technology labs and a Science Technology Engineering Art & Math makerspace. Students and local businesses will benefit directly.

Parish representative, Guy McInnis, and Councilmember Benny Rousselle in the absence of Parish President Kirk Lepine thanked RPC staff for help in making these grants possible.

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