

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018, 10:30 A.M., VOA
BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Vice Chairman;
Joy Zainey, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Tim Coulon, Member; and
Donald Sharp; Member.

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick
Congemi; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Cristina Call; Georgie Bagnetto;
Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary
Bourgeois and Philip Meyers, GEC; Rene Chopin III, Burk Kleinpeter; Jan
Evans, Volkert and Associates; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Kathy
Gambino and Matt Byrd, Arthur J. Gallagher; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty
and Hanover; Kazem Alikhani, ECM; Thad Guidry, Boh Bros.; Michael
Weinstein, Sisung; Heath Allen and Dolly Naehi, WDSU; Jim Martin, DEI
Engineering; Bob Schmidt Huval and Associates

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and welcomed new commissioner, Mr.
Donald Sharp.

**On the motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the
regular meeting held on January 24, 2018 were accepted as written. Mr. LaSalle,
Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the
motion.**

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the
Commission. There were no comments or questions.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in January the Drawbridge operations included 3 vessel openings, 5 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 234 breakdown responses in January on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 164 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 70 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 43 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 37 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 6 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 277 breakdown responses for both bridges in January.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of January there were a total of 30 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 7 occurred Northbound, 17 Southbound and 6 in Crossovers/TP. Mr. Dufrechou reported 8 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of January, 13 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 9 Eastbound, 4 Westbound and 1 breakdown.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in February the Drawbridge operations included 4 vessel openings, 2 test opening and no incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 242 breakdown responses in February on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 172 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 70 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 51 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 39 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 12 were caused by debris on the

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Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 293 breakdown responses for both bridges in February.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of February there were a total of 9 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 2 occurred Northbound, 7 Southbound and none in the Crossovers. He also stated in the month of February, 8 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 3 Eastbound, 5 Westbound and 1 breakdown.

Mr. Dufrechou reported nine fog days since the last Commission meeting; February 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 21st, and 22nd.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint summarizing significant events that occurred since the last Commission meeting (Please see attached for the PowerPoint).

On the Replacing the Dynamic Message signs, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 5. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, Plan Change No. 5 provides for the addition of three items to the contract and the revision of one item at total cost of \$18,815.81 and 8 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. Bore on Mandeville High Boulevard, 2. Fiber Conduit Sweep at Maintenance Building, and 3. Additional GNOEC Pullbox Covers. Item PC-004-00100 Extension of Cables to Northbound DMS at Crossovers is deleted and replaced with item PC-005-00400 Extension of Cables to Northbound DMS at Crossovers – Revised. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 5. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

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On the Relocation of Generator and Fuel Station, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 4. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Plan Change No. 4 provides for the replacement of generator circuit boards and a new annunciator panel in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 and 60 calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and Consultants, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 4. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Safety Bay Improvement Project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selection of a Construction Manager at Risk. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Sharp, On December 20, 2017, the GNOEC issued a Request for Qualifications for a Construction Manager at Risk Contractor for preconstruction and possible construction of the Safety Bay Improvement Project for the GNOEC in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Two firms submitted Statements of Qualifications in response to the Request for Qualifications. After evaluation and interviews, Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C., was determined to be the higher ranked firm. Accordingly, after evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the CMAR Selection Review Committee, GNOEC staff, and legal from counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C., the higher ranked firm, to act as the Construction Manager at Risk Contractor for the Safety Bay Improvement Project. The GNOEC further authorizes the General Manager to enter into a preconstruction and possibly construction contact with Boh. Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. for the project. Mr.**

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LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Rail Improvement Project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for bids for construction services. **On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the GNOEC is seeking bids from qualified contractors interested in providing construction services for the GNOEC Safety Rail Improvement Project. The Safety Rail Improvement Project is being bid utilizing the traditional design-bid-build delivery method as set forth in La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq. Accordingly the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise for bids for construction services, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq., for the Safety Rail Improvement Project, upon the completion of the plans and specifications. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Coulon commended and thanked the GNOEC staff for a tour of the GNOEC North Shore facilities given to him in February. He stated the word 'teamwork' is sometimes overused or understated but it's obvious that the GNOEC has assembled a good group of personnel that look at the Causeway as their second home.

Mr. Sharp stated also took a tour of the GNOEC North Shore facilities. He agreed with Mr. Coulon stating he met some very knowledgeable and polite GNOEC staff. Mr. Sharp reported that his tour was also an enjoyable experience.

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Mr. LaSalle reported Louisiana has a State statute that mandates all loads must be secured. He requested the GNOEC law enforcement intensify efforts to make sure all loads are secured before entering the bridge.

Mrs. Zainey stated the multi vehicle accident that occurred on March 7, 2018 was a result of orange cones that had fallen in the roadway from another vehicle. She inquired if that would be considered an unsecure load. Mr. LaSalle reported, that the orange cones that caused the last incident, would not had be considered an unsecured load. He reported that making specifications about anything attached to the exterior of a vehicle are needed.

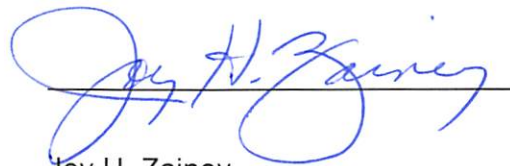
Chief Congemi stated sometimes reporting to the public that GNOEC Police will take drastic enforcement actions improve these violations. He also reported that educating the commuters, through media and the bridge signs, helps make sure they secure the loads before getting on the bridge.

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled April 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. **REVISION – The next Commission meeting was changed to Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00 am in the VOA building on the South Shore.**

There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.
Chairman



Joy H. Zainey
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer