

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939
NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Vice Chairman; Stephen Romig, Treasurer; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Secretary; P. Lindsey Williams, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick Congemi; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Sgt. Roy Jacob; Cpl. Mike Bernard; Georgie Bagnetto; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois and Kent Schexnayder, GEC; Steve Bowes, Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; Rene Chopin, Burk Kleinpeter; Jan Evans, Juba Diez and Stephen Cali, Volkert and Associates; Hugh Martin, Meredith Hathorn, Foley and Judell LLP

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2017 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris 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.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in August the Drawbridge operations included 8 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents. He reported in September the Drawbridge operations included 13 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 2 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no fog operations to report for August or September.

Mr. Dufrechou reported breakdown responses in August were 346 on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 248 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 98 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 38 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated

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36 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 2 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 384 breakdown responses for both bridges in August.

Mr. Dufrechou reported breakdown responses in September were 307 on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 218 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 89 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 39 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 36 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 3 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 346 breakdown responses for both bridges in September.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of August there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 3 occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound and 1 in a crossover. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of August, 18 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 9 Eastbound, and 9 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 2 accidents were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge in August.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of September there were a total of 18 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. 4 occurred Northbound, 10 Southbound and 3 in crossovers. Mr. Dufrechou reported 5 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of September, 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 8 Eastbound, and 3 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 1 accident was caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge in August.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint regarding events that occurred on the Causeway Bridge in August and September. (Please see attached for the PowerPoint).

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On the replacement of the Dynamic Message Signs project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 4. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Ligi, Plan Change Number 4 provides for the addition of three items to the contract at total cost of \$41,675.62 and 20 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. Extension of cables to Northbound DMS at Crossovers 2. Vanguard professional software, developers kit and training 3. North approach DMS Fiber extension. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change number 4. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien Bonds Series 2017, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for delegating signing authority. **On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, a resolution delegating certain signing authority to the General Manager with respect to the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien Bonds, Series 2017; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

On the GNOEC Budget, Mr. Dufrechou recommended to accept and approve the amendment and Toll Covenant calculations. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Commission accepts and approves the amended approved budget for fiscal year November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018. The debt service for 2017 was finalized after budget approval on August 15, 2017 with an adjustment of \$422,749. The Commission also accepts and approves the toll covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

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On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Construction Inspection services. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ligi, the GNOEC is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified engineering firms interested in providing Construction Inspection Services for the GNOEC Safety Bay Improvement project. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for Construction Inspection Services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Construction Inspection services. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, the GNOEC is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified engineering firms interested in providing Construction Inspection Services for the GNOEC Safety Rail Improvement Project.**

Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for Construction Inspection Services for the Safety Rail Improvement project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into a contract for Project Manager Services. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Romig, the GNOEC intends to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMAR”) procurement method for the Safety Bay Improvement project in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Project Manager Services are needed to facilitate the CMAR process. The Project Manager will be responsible for conducting the initial delivery method review and coordinating the procurement and oversight of the designer, the independent cost estimator, and the CMAR contractor during the preconstruction phase and will continue to participate in the project through the construction phase. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel,**

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the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager negotiate and enter into a contract with Huval and Associates, Inc. for Project Manager Services for the Safety Bay Improvement project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into a contract for Project Manager Services. On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, Project Manager Services are needed to facilitate the Safety Rail Improvement project. The Project Manager will be responsible for the preconstruction and construction phase activities as directed by the GNOEC on an as needed basis. The Project Manager will also be responsible for coordinating the activities of the owner, designer, and contractor on the project. Accordingly, upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager negotiate and enter into a contract with Huval and Associates Inc. for Project Manager Services for the Safety Rail Improvement project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into a contract for an Independent Cost Estimator services. On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, the GNOEC intends to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMAR”) procurement method for the Safety Bay Improvement Project in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Independent Cost Estimator Services are needed to facilitate the CMAR process. The Independent Cost Estimator will be responsible for providing a detailed independent cost estimate for the contract items and also reviewing the CMAR Contractor’s schedule and cost model at selected stages throughout the process. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager negotiate

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and enter into a contract with C.E.C, Inc. for Independent Cost Estimator services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Construction Manager at Risk services. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Williams, the GNOEC is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing Construction Manager at Risk services for preconstruction and possibly construction of the Safety Bay Improvement Project for the GNOEC. The RFQ process will be in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for Construction Manager at Risk services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project for the Greater New Orleans Expressway. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to amend the Consulting Engineering contract to allow for final design and preparation of construction documents. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Williams, On December 12, 2013, the GNOEC issued a RFQ for qualifications for testing of rails for the Safety Rail Improvement project. Texas Traffic Institute (TTI) was selected and conducted the design and testing. In accordance with GEC, Inc.'s competitively procured contract for consulting engineering services, GEC, Inc. was involved with the testing and initial design. Pursuant to Louisiana law, the design for the Safety Rail Improvement project must be prepared by a Louisiana licensed engineer. Considering GEC Inc.'s participation in the design and testing to date, it is in the best interest of the GNOEC for GEC, Inc. to complete the final design and prepare the construction documents for the Rail project. After completion of the final design for the Rail Project, the**

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GNOEC will proceed with the design-bid-build procurement method under Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes an amendment to the December 12, 2013 GEC, Inc. contract for GEC, Inc. to proceed with final design and preparation of construction documents for the Safety Rail Improvement project. The GNOEC further authorizes the General Manager and legal counsel to negotiate said amendment and for the General Manger to execute any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution. Mr. LaSalle recused himself from this item due to pending legal items. Mr. Ligi, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint of the concepts that were submitted to the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission by the four engineering firms participating in the Safety Improvement project design competition for the Safety Bays on the Causeway Bridge.

On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to select a firm for Design Engineering services. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, on April 7, 2017, the GNOEC issued RFQ No. 2017-432-01 for Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing design engineering services for the GNOEC Safety Bay Improvements. The purpose of RFQ No. 2017-432-01 was to 1) establish a list of qualified firms or individuals to design the Safety Bay Improvements; 2) obtain initial competitive design/development proposals from qualified firms; and 3) select the qualified firm with the most advantageous design/development proposal to perform the services. On May 1, 2017, four responses were received by the GNOEC to provide initial competitive design/development proposals. After evaluation and consideration by the Evaluation Committee, all four firms were found to be qualified and were selected to provide initial**

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design/development proposals for the Safety Bay Improvements for the Causeway. Based upon the initial designs submitted and after evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Volkert Inc. as having the most advantageous design proposal to provide design engineering services for the GNOEC Safety Bay Improvements. The GNOEC further authorizes the General Manager to begin negotiations with Volkert Inc. and to execute any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution. Mr. Ligi recused himself from this item. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a video of the construction sequence from Volkert and Associates regarding the Safety Improvement project for the Safety Bays on the Causeway Bridge.

On the GNOEC General Manager's contract, Mr. LaSalle recommended approval to execute an extension. On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, GNOEC is desirous of ensuring its continued sound operations and the efficient and cost-effective administration of its financial, maintenance, safety, training, traffic management, long-term planning, and staffing. Pursuant to the 2015 Extension of Employment agreement by and between the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and Carlton Dufrechou effective as of August 1, 2015, Carlton Dufrechou's term as GNOEC's General Manager extends through October 31, 2020. Due to the Safety Bay and Safety Rail Improvement projects, GNOEC desires to assure itself of the continued professional and administrative services of Carlton Dufrechou as GNOEC's General Manager through the life of the project. Carlton Dufrechou is willing to continue General Manager's professional and administrative services to GNOEC. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes its Chairman, Shelby LaSalle, with the assistance of legal counsel, to negotiate and execute a 2017 Extension of Employment agreement by and

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**between Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and Carlton Dufrechou to extend
Carlton Dufrechou's term as GNOEC's General Manager through and including October 31,
2025. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle stated this was Mr. Romig's last meeting. He explained Mr. Romig was instrumental in helping with many projects for the Causeway Bridge. Mr. LaSalle presented Mr. Romig with a brick from the GNOEC 1956 original administration building that was torn down and an American flag that flew over the Causeway Bridge. He stated that Mr. Romig will be missed on the Commission. Mr. Romig stated the GNOEC is a great organization and he is sad to leave. He also stated whoever takes his place will be lucky serve on this Commission.

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled November 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.

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



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.

Chairman



Patrick W. Fitzmorris

Secretary