

June 13, 2023 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

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

Parish President Matt Jewel, Chairman- St. Charles Parish

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish

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Parish President Guy McInnis, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman – St. Bernard Parish

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish

Parish President Keith Hinkley, Secretary- Plaquemines Parish

**Jefferson Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker **Designee:** Mark Burmaster

Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large JP Morell **Designee:** Julia Zuckerman

**Plaquemines Parish:**

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

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**St. Bernard Parish:**

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais

Susan Klees

**St. Charles Parish:**

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

Garret C. Monti

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Councilmember Robert Arcuri

Councilmember Tammy Houston

Raj Pannu

Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilmember Chris Canulette

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

**DOTD:**

Secretary Eric Kalivoda **Designee:** Scott Boyle

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray  
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal  
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett  
Mayor Clay Madden (Mandeville)  
Lona Hankins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton  
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)  
Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Attendance: 35

Consultants:

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

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program FY24 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell and South Tangipahoa Urbanized areas
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Lower St. Bernard/ Louisiana International Terminal Road Network Study  
State Project Number: H.015428  
RPC Task: STBLIT
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes. Jack Stumpf made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Raj Pannu and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Considerations: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor LaToya Cantrell and seconded by Councilmember Robert Acuri and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Considerations: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Mandeville-Covington TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**4. Considerations: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Slidell TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**5. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**6. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program FY24 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell and South Tangipahoa Urbanized areas**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the final document of the Unified Planning Work Program FY24. Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that this document is inclusive of all four urbanized areas in our region, including New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell and South Tangipahoa Urbanized Area. This includes the work tasks and budgets for each task, by urbanize area, four in total. He also mentioned that we submitted a draft of this document in March.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program FY24 for New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell and South Tangipahoa Urbanized areas. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Lower St. Bernard/ Louisiana International Terminal Road Network Study  
State Project Number: H.015428  
RPC Task: STBLIT**

Prior to bringing item #7 to the Board the Chairman informed the Board, Jonathan Perret would be abstaining from this item.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Consultant Selection: Lower St. Bernard/ Louisiana International Terminal Road Network Study State Project Number: H.015428 RPC Task: STBLIT. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to evaluate impacts and assess potential improvements to the surface transportation network in St. Bernard Parish relating primarily to the implementation of the proposed Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) project, in Violet, Louisiana, as well as other downriver developments to be identified and reviewed.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Lower St. Bernard/ Louisiana International Terminal Road Network Study State Project Number: H.015428 RPC Task: STBLIT with GIS Engineers. It was so moved by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Public Comment Period:**

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**9. Other Matters:**

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.

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RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the May 9, 2023 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: IT Management Service for the management, monitoring and administration of all RPC core IT components
5. Consideration: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters

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**2. Consideration: Committee Reports:**

- (a) Budget and Personnel Committee**
- (b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no budget and personnel committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

**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 April 30, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,733,345.66

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending April 30, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**4. Consideration: IT Management Services for the management, monitoring and administration of all RPC core IT components.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this task is to provide IT Management Services for the management, monitoring and administration of all RPC core IT components.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 which listed respondents to the Request for Proposals. Following RPC staff review, Commtech was recommended.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie seconded by Council Chair David Vial and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no travel requests, and we could proceed to the next item.

**6. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no Contract Extensions at this time and we can move on to the next item.

**7. 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 Jonathan Perret and seconded by Councilmember Mark Cognevich and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**9. Consideration: Other Matters**

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

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Councilmember Dick Gibbs and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.