

**MINUTES**  
**Transportation Policy Committee**  
**Of the**  
**Regional Planning Commission**  
**For**

**Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

**April 12, 2016**

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Committee Members:

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Attendance: 31

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15. **Resolution: Support for Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans Port NOLA Container Terminal Expansion**
16. **Presentation: The Ochsner Health System Expansion Plan 2016-2018  
By: William Ward, Ochsner Health System,  
System VP of Facilities, Real Estate and Support Services**
17. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**
18. **Consideration: Other Matters**



President Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairwoman Brister began the meeting.

1. **Consideration: Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes**

Councilman Stefanick made a motion to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6-9 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Cedric Grant, seconded by President Miller and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 10-11 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman Mike Lorino and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 12-13 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Miller, seconded by Mayor Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**5. Consideration:                   Consultant Selection:  
Greater NO Clean Air Coalition Coordinator  
Project No. H.011625  
Amount \$30,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this work effort is to serve as the coordinator for the Greater New Orleans Clean Air Coalition.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve the Greater NO Clean Air Coalition Coordinator Program with Clear Skies Environmental in the Amount: \$ 30,000 and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Lee Gorgio and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**6. Consideration:                   Authorization to Submit FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of authorizing to Submit FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve FY-16 Unified Planning Work Program and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President McInnis, seconded by Councilman McCloskey and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks explained the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**

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**9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks explained the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Lorino, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-17 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

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**11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-17 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

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Transportation Planning Area and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Susan Klees seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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**15. Resolution: Support for Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans Port NOLA Container Terminal Expansion**

Mr. Brook explained the support resolution for the Port of NO Port NOLA Container Terminal Expansion. There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution and to authorize the Chairwoman and or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Head and seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant.

**7. Presentation: The Ochsner Health System Expansion Plan 2016-2018  
By: William Ward**

Mr. Ward spoke to the board the regarding Ochsner's Expansion Plan.

**8. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

9. **Consideration:**                      **Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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  - (b) Other Committee Reports
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  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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22. **Consideration:** Other Matters



The Chairwoman called the meeting to order and noted the existence of a quorum.

**1. Consideration: Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on March 8, 2016 were approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Lee-Sheng, seconded by Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Silvey explained the Committee Reports would come under the Financial Report.

- 3. Consideration: Financial Report**  
**(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities**  
**(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 25 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,509,454.23

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by President McInnis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 26 that there were no budget amendments.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-17 which were already recommended for approval by the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve items 4-17 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and



seconded by President Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**18. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 37 for a travel request. One staff member Maggie Woodruff is requesting to attend the DRA Conference, April 13-15, 2016 in Memphis, TN. Two staff members, Alison Maulhardt and Lynn Dupont, to attend the RGIS Workshop, April 25-28, 2016, Lafayette, LA. And one staff member, Clare Brown, to attend Urban and Regional Information Systems Association Conference. Oct. 31-Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, Toronto, Canada. There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mayor Shaddinger and seconded by Susan Klees, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**19. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 38 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by President Miller and seconded by President McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**20. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 39 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Councilman McCloskey seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**21. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**22. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters. The Chairwoman adjourned the meeting.