

MINUTES

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

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

December 9, 2014

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee Cedric Grant); Billy Nungesser, John Young (designee Kazem Alikhani), Gordon Burgess, Patricia Brister, Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams, Stacy Head, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis, Mike Lorino (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), V.J. St. Pierre (designee: Buddy Boe), Iftikhar Ahmad (designee) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Sal Longoria, Ryan Brown, Mike Cooper and Mayson Foster

Attendance: 31

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeffrey Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the November 18, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
LA 23 Railway Relocation PE/NEPA Project Jefferson & Plaquemines Parish
RPC Task LA23RR1
Amount: \$740,000
6. Presentation: Lake Pontchartrain Causeway
By: Carlton Dufrechou, General Manager
Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters



President Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Silvey took a moment to thank President Billy Nungesser for his service over the years and Mayor Landrieu for being the Chairman for 2014.

1. Consideration: Approval of November 18, 2014 Minutes

President Burgess made a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mayor Cooper and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4-5 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 Deputy Mayor Cedric Grant, seconded by Councilman Head and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 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 Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilmember Falconer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection
LA 23 Railway Relocation PE/NEPA Project Jefferson &
Plaquemines Parish – RPC Task LA23RR1
Amount: \$740,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct an Environmental Review and prepare an environmental document for the relocation of the New Orleans Gulf Coast Railway (NOGC) that serves Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes in the New Orleans region of Southeast Louisiana.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the LA 23 Railway Relocation PE/NEPZ Project selection for the amount of \$740,000 with HGR Engineering, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilmember Marinovich, seconded by Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Presentation: Lake Pontchartrain Causeway
By: Carlton Dufrechou, General Manager
Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission**

Walter Brooks introduced Mr. Dufrechou who presented on the safety of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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1. Consideration: Approval of the November 18, 2014 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: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
LA 23 Railway Relocation PE/NEPA Project Jefferson & Plaquemines Parish
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7. Consideration: Election of RPC Officers for 2015
8. Consideration: Travel Request
9. Consideration: Contract Extensions
10. Consideration: Consultant Billings
11. Consideration: Public Comment Period
12. Consideration: Other Matters



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

Councilmember Stefancik asked to make a motions to amend the agenda to include the Approval of the Adams & Reese Contract for 2015. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Adams & Reese Contract for 2015 in the amount of \$50,000. It was so moved by Councilmember Stefancik, seconded by Councilmember Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

1. Consideration: Approval of November 18, 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on November 18, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

2. Committee Reports: Committee Reports:
(b) Budget and Personnel Committee
(c) Other Committee Reports

Mr. Brooks explained the reorganization of the Staff Organizational Plan. Councilmember Stefancik made a motion that a resolution be passed accepting the new staff organizational plan. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Staff Organizational Plan resolution. It was so moved by Councilmember Stefancik, seconded by Councilmember Williams and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,657,247.92

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 John Stumpf, seconded by Mayor Constant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by John Stumpf seconded by Mayor Contsant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

4. **Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-6 which were already recommended for approval by the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 4-6 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. **Consideration: Election of RPC Officers for 2015**

Mr. Brooks explained the rotation of officers. Plaquemines Parish – *Chairman*. St. Tammany Parish - *1st Vice Chairman*, Jefferson Parish - *2nd Vice Chairman*, Tangipahoa Parish - *3rd Vice Chairman*, St. Bernard Parish – *Secretary*, Orleans Parish – *Treasurer*.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Election of RPC Officers for 2015. It was so moved by David Munn seconded by Councilmember Williams and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. **Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 11 of the packet and pointed out travel request: one commission member (David Munn) requesting to attend the NARC Conference, February 7-10, 2015, Washington, D.C.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Richard Kelley, seconded by Mr. Charles Ponstein, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

19. **Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 12 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Councilmember Falconer and seconded by President Burgess, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

19. **Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 13 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 Mr. Kelley, seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

20. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

21. Consideration: Other Matters

. There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.