

# ***MINUTES***

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

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

## **January 8, 2013**

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Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Billy Nungesser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Patricia Brister, Secretary, John Young, Treasurer, Chris Roberts, Vinny Mosca, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Byron Marinovch, Mike Ford, Darren Barrois, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Maureen Clary, Sherri LeBas (designee: Mike Stack), Freddy Drennan, Jeff Davis, Larry Katz, Cathy Gautreaux, V.J. St. Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke), Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Barbara Major (designee: Stefan Marks) Ryan Brown, and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 34

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



### **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of December 11, 2012 Minutes
2. Introduction: Tangipahoa Parish: Prospective Membership
  - Gordon Burgess, President, Tangipahoa Parish
  - Mayson Foster, Mayor, City of Hammond
  - Bob Zabbia, Mayor, City of Ponchatoula
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element
4. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element
5. Consideration: Amendment to FY-13 Unified Planning Work Program
6. Consideration: Resolution:  
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)  
Regional Architecture
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Roadway Management System

- 8. Consideration: Conditions Inventory & Evaluation  
(RPC Task No. C-1.13; FY-13 UPWP)  
Amount \$50,000  
Consultant Selection:  
Public Participation Guide  
(RPC Task No. D-2.13; FY-13 UPWP)  
Amount \$25,000
- 9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
US 190 (LA 433 to US 11)  
Interim Capacity/Widening Improvements  
Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
(RPC Task No. LA433)  
Amount \$266,500
- 10. Consideration: RPC Traffic Surveillance  
Supplemental No.1 (Task B-2.13)  
Amount: \$22,500
- 11. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 12. Consideration: Other Matters



**Mr. Peralta led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Following the roll call, a quorum was established and the Chairman called the Transportation Policy Committee meeting to order.

**1. Consideration: Approval of December 11, 2012 Minutes**

Mr. Stefancik made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Tangipahoa Parish:  
Prospective Membership**

Mr. Brooks introduced to the board, Parish President, Gordon Burgess of Tangipahoa Parish, Mayor Mayson Foster, City of Hammond, and Mayor Bob Zabbia, City of Ponchatoula.

**3. Consideration: Amendments to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway Element, 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 Element. It was so moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Amendments to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway Element, 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 Element. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Amendment to FY-13 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the FY-13 UPWP provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY-13 UPWP. It was so moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Resolution:  
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)  
Regional Architecture**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Regional Architecture and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Roadway Management System  
Conditions Inventory & Evaluation  
RPC Task No. C-1.13; FY-13 UPWP)  
Amount \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to update the RPC's database on Pavement Conditions for the federal-aid network (excluding interstate and state-maintained routes) within the New Orleans Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Approximately 180 miles of roadway will be surveyed as part of this initial work effort.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 8 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, G.E.C. was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Public Participation Guide  
RPC Task No. D-2.13; FY-13 UPWP  
Amount \$25,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to produce a new informational booklet about RPC's role and responsibilities as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the New Orleans

region. The booklet will serve as a citizen and local official's guide to RPC as a transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 9 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, The Estopinal Group, was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Ponstein, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration:**                      **Consultant Selection:**  
**US 190 (LA 433 to US 11)**  
**Interim Capacity/Widening Improvements**  
**Stage 0 Feasibility Study**  
**RPC Task No. LA433**  
**Amount \$266,500**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to identify interim improvements to increase capacity and enhance traffic safety in the US Highway 190 corridor between LA 433 and US 11 in St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 10 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Neel-Schaffer, was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Stefancik, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration:**                      **Consultant Selection:**  
**RPC Traffic Surveillance**  
**Supplemental No. 1**  
**RPC Task No. B-2.13**  
**Amount \$22,500**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to assist the RPC in the collection of Average Daily Traffic Counts (ADT), Turning Movement Counts (TMC), Travel Speed Study information and Vehicle Classification Study information on the New Orleans Congestion Management System network. This data will be used by the RPC to document system performance and provide input into the region's Transportation Demand Model and Congestion Management System Plan. This data also will be used by the RPC and LA DOTD for evaluating existing traffic conditions and identifying system preservation and transportation improvement needs.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Supplement and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lauga, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration:**                      **Public Comment Period**

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

**12. 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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- 5. Consideration:** Approval of December 11, 2012 Minutes
- 6. Committee Reports:** (a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports
- 7. Consideration:** Financial Report  
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities  
(b) Monthly Budget Report
- 8. Presentation:** Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association  
By: Richard Metcalf, Director, Environmental Affairs
- 9. Consideration:** Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element
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- 16. Consideration: RPC Traffic Surveillance  
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- 17. Consideration: Authorization to Execute Local Funding Contract with  
City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2013
- 18. Consideration: Travel Authorization
- 19. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 20. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of December 11, 2012 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of December 11, 2012 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Lauga, seconded by Mr. Giorgio and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Silvey explained that the committee reports would come under regular agenda items.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2012. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,983,547.44

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the budget compared to actual expenditures dated November 30, 2012.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Mr. Lauga, seconded by Mrs. Clarkson and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**4. Presentation: Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association  
By: Richard Metcalf, Director, Environmental Affairs**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Metcalf, who began his presentation with an overview of US Energy Production. He discussed the role of hydraulic fracturing and the benefits of “cost-competitive” natural gas. He further discussed the potential for Louisiana industrial investment and the challenges we face.

There being no questions or comments the Chairman thanked Mr. Metcalf for his presentation.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 5-12 which were 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 5-12 in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Authorization to Execute Local Funding Contract with the City of New Orleans for Calendar Year 2013**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for local funding. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Contract with the City of New Orleans. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mrs. Clarkson and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**14. Consideration: Travel Authorizations**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 14 of the packet and pointed out that two staff members (Lynn Dupont & John King) and one commission member (David Munn) are requesting to attend the National Conference of Regions (NARC) Workshop, February 10-12, 2013, 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. Hunnicutt seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**15. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 15 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 Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Lauga and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**16. Consideration: Other Matters**

Mr. Brooks reminded the board the February Commission meeting had been moved to the third Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2013.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.