

MINUTES

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

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

June 10th 2014

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee Cedric Grant); 1st Vice Chairman John Young, 2nd Vice Chairman Patricia Brister, Secretary Gordon Burgess, Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Steve Stefancik, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Scott Boyle), Jeff Davis (designee: Scott Richoux), V.J. St.Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, Ryan Brown, Mayson Foster and Mike Cooper

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 May 13, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Adoption of New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program for FFY-15-18. Effective October 1, 2014.
6. Consideration: Amendment to FY-15 Planning Work Program:
 - RTA transit Economic Impact Study (FTA Section5307) Amount \$50,000
 - Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation Regional Coalition Coordinators
7. Consideration: Federal Transit Administration New Freedom Grant & Awards FFY-14
8. Consideration: Annual renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LADOTD And RPC – Use of Crescent City Transition Fund for Enhanced Maintenance and Services not covered by the Transportation Trust Fund

- 9. Consideration: Proposed revision to the membership of the Transportation Policy Committee to reflect all current representation.
- 10. Presentation: Federal Highway Administration
New Orleans Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
- 11. Presentation: LA Highway 23/Belle Chasse Bridge & Tunnel Replacement
- 12. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 13. Consideration: Other Matters



Mrs. Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Consideration: Approval of May 13, 2014 Minutes

Councilmember Steve Stefancik made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Ray Lauga 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 Grant, seconded by President John Young 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

There is no amendment at this time. Jeff Roesel provided a brief update.

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

There is no amendment at this time. Jeff Roesel provided a brief update.

5. Consideration: Adoption of New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program for FFY-15-18. Effective October 1, 2014.

Mr. Brooks introduced the TIP for FY 15-18 for the board's approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP for FFY 15-18. It was so moved by Councilmember Jason Williams, 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 Chairman.

6. Resolution: Amendment to FY-15 Planning Work Program:

- RTA transit Economic Impact Study (FTA Section 5307)
Amount \$50,000

Mr. Brooks introduced the amendment for RTA transit economic impact study (FTA section 5307) for the amount of 50,000 for the board's approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman

called for a motion to approve RTA transit economic impact study (FTA section 5307). It was so moved by Councilmember Ronald Carrere, 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 Chairman.

- **Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan
Implementation Regional Coalition Coordinators**

Mr. Brooks introduced the amendment for Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation for the Regional Coalition Coordinators for the board's approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation for the Regional Coalition Coordinators. It was so moved by Councilmember Steve Stefancik, seconded by President St. Pierre and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman

7. Consideration: Federal Transit Administration New Freedom Grant & Awards FFY-14

Mr. Brooks introduced the new freedom grant and awards FFY-14 to the board. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the new freedom grant and award for FFY-14 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by President Young, seconded by David Munn, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

8. Consideration: Annual renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LADOTD And RPC – Use of Crescent City Transition Fund for Enhanced Maintenance and Services not covered by the Transportation Trust Fund

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 12 of the meeting packet for resolution “Annual renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LADOTD And RPC – Use of Crescent City Transition Fund for Enhanced Maintenance and Services not covered by the Transportation Trust Fund” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 8. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 8 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by President Young, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

9. Consideration: Proposed revision to the membership of the Transportation Policy Committee to reflect all current representation.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 13 of the meeting packet for resolution “Proposed revision to the membership of the Transportation Policy Committee to reflect all current representation” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 9. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 9 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Villere, seconded by Mayor Cooper, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**10. Presentation: Federal Highway Administration
New Orleans Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Brooks introduced Karen Parson of the RPC staff for the Federal Highway Administration New Orleans Pedestrian Safety Action Plan presentation.

11. Presentation: LA Highway 23/Belle Chasse Bridge & Tunnel Replacement

Mr. Brooks introduced Paul Waidhas for the LA Highway 23/Belle Chasse Bridge & Tunnel Replacement presentation.

12. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

13. 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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2. 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
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11. Consideration: Travel Request
12. Consideration: Contract Extensions
13. Consideration: Consultant Billings
14. Consideration: Public Comment Period
15. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of May 13, 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Silvey explained these items would be 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 14 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,608,583.27

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 President Young, seconded by Richard Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 15 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 Lee Giorgio, seconded by Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-11 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 4-11 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Young seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

12. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey informed the board there were no travel requests at this time.

19. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 19 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 President Burgess and seconded by Richard Kelley, 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 20 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 Reid Falconer, seconded by Richard Kelley 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.