

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

June 9, 2015

Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young (Designee: Mark Drewes), Gordon Burgess, Patricia Brister, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (Designee: Pearlina Thomas), Jeff Schwartz, Mandrel Pansy, Ray Lauga, David Munn, Richie Lewis (Designee Casey Hunnicutt) Richard Kelley, Steve Stefancik, Rene Soule, Reid Falconer, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis, Shelby LaSalle (Designee: Carlton Dufrechou), Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee Kristi) Brandy Christian (Designee: Andrea Fant) Natalie Robottom (Designee: Laverne), Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (Designee: Eric), Mike Cooper, Pete Panepinto, Ryan Brown, Freddy Drennan (Designee: Tim Mathius) VJ St. Pierre (Designee: Buddy Boe)

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

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



Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the May 12, 2015 minutes
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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: Consultant Selection:
Infrastructure Inventory and Conditions Assessment
Veterans Boulevard Corridor (Virginia Street-Belleview Boulevard)
RPC Task: SLE3Su-Kenner
Amount: \$ 60,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Complete Streets Workshop Series
New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase V (2015-2016)
RPC Task: NBP5-CS
Amount: \$34,000
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Pedestrian and Bicycle Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops

New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase V (2015-2016)

RPC Task: Project NBP5-Design

Amount \$42,800

8. Consideration: Transportation Alternatives Evaluation Stage 0 Feasibility Study

Supplemental No. 1

RPC Task: A-2.15

Amount \$17,000

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

10. Consideration: Other Matters



President Cormier led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Consideration: Approval of May 12, 2015 Minutes

Councilman Stefancik made a motion to approve the May 12, 2015 minutes, seconded by Richard Kelley 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 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 Designee Pearlina Thomas, seconded by President Brister 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 5 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 President Brister, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6-7 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa 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 Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Burgess, 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 Chairman.

5. Consideration: Consideration: Consultant Selection: Infrastructure Inventory and Conditions Assessment

Veterans Boulevard Corridor (Virginia Street-Belleview Boulevard)
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Amount: \$ 60,000

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to assess current and anticipated infrastructure needs along the Veterans Boulevard commercial corridor extending between Virginia Street to the east and Belleview Boulevard to the west, located immediately to the north of the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Infrastructure Inventory and Conditions Assessment Veterans Blvd. Corridor (Virginia Street-Belleview Blvd) selection for the amount of \$60,000 with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Lee Giorgio, seconded by Richard Kelly and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Complete Streets Workshop Series
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Phase V (2015-2016)
RPC Task: NBP5-CS
Amount: \$34,000

Mr. Brooks explained this workshop is intended to provide participants with an understanding to effectively balance the needs of all roadway users by designing, constructing, operating and maintaining rights-of-ways as Complete Streets for all users.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Complete Streets Workshop Series New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase V (2015-2016) selection for the amount of \$34,000 with Moffatt & Nichol, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by councilman Stefancik, seconded by Designee Mark Drewes 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: Consultant Selection:
Pedestrian and Bicycle Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops
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Phase V (2015-2016)
RPC Task: Project NBP5-Design
Amount \$42,800

Mr. Brooks explained this workshop is intended to provide participants with an understanding of pedestrian and bicycle planning and design and an understanding of how to apply the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act to pedestrian facilities.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design and Pedestrian Accessibility Workshops New Orleans Regional Bike/Pedestrian Safety and Community Education Program, Phase V (2015-2016) selection for the amount of \$42,800 with Alta Planning + Design and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Transportation Alternatives Evaluation Stage 0 Feasibility Study
Supplemental No. 1

RPC Task: A-2.15
Amount \$17,000

Mr. Brooks explained the need for a Supplement for the RPC Task A-2.15 There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Supplement No. 1 – Transportation Alternatives Evaluation Stage 0 Feasibility Study for the Amount of 17,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Richard Kelley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

10. 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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AGENDA

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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
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10. Consideration: Transportation Alternatives Evaluation Stage 0 Feasibility Study Supplemental No. 1
 - RPC Task: A-2.15
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11. Presentation: Youth Empowerment Project
 - By: Jerome Jupiter, Deputy Director
12. Consideration: Travel Request
13. Consideration: Contract Extensions
14. Consideration: Consultant Billings
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of May 12, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on May 12, 2015 were approved upon a motion by President Brister, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

2. Committee Reports: 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 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2015. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,603,085.40

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

Mr. Silvey explained on page 12 the budget amendments. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget adjustments. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and seconded by Councilman Lauga.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-10 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 4-10 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 11. Presentation: Youth Empowerment Program
By: Jerome Jupiter, Deputy Director**

Mr. Brooks introduced Jerome Jupiter, deputy director of the Youth Empowerment Project, an organization that works to connect underserved youth with community-based education, mentoring, and employment readiness programs.

- 12. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 13 of the packet and pointed out the travel request: One staff member, Lynn Dupont, to attend the 2015 LA Hurricane Season Geospatial Workshop, June 4, 2015, Lafayette, LA

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

18. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 14 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 Cormier and seconded by David Munn, 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 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 President Brister, seconded by Councilman Lauga 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.