

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission For Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

December 14, 2021

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper, *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell, *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, *3rd Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Michael Sanders

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, *4th Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Gregory Giagrosso

Parish President Robby Miller, *5th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Secretary*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Mary Clulee

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Robert Acauri

Councilmember Tammy Houston

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Ennis Johnson

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Melissa Guilbeau

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Garrick A. Rose

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Tony Evett

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 33

Consultants:



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the November 9, 2021 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: Public Comment Period
6. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Approval of November 9, 2021 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 9, 2021 minutes. Ms. Tammy Houston made a motion to approve the November 9th minutes, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 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 Mr. Dan Jatres and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 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 Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

6. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

MINUTES
Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and
Tangipahoa Parishes

December 14, 2021

Officers:

Parish President Kirk Lepine, *Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper, *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell, *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, *3rd Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Michael Sanders

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, *4th Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Gregory Giagrosso

Parish President Robby Miller, *5th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Secretary*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Mary Clulee

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember At- Large Robert Acauri

Councilmember Tammy Houston

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Ennis Johnson

Attendance: 24

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeffrey Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Colethia Kent, et al

§
AGENDA

- 1. Consideration: Approval of the November 9, 2021 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: Election of Officers for 2022
- 5. Presentation: The Louisiana Film Industry-A Growing Economy
Jason Waggenpack, Head of Possibilities, CEO
Jimmy Hornbeak, Director of Amazement, CMO
- 6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 7. Consideration: Travel Request
- 8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 10. Consideration: Other Matters:



1. Consideration: Approval of November 9, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 9, 2021 minutes. Mayor Tim Baudier made a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel also explained there were no committee reports at this time.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2021 and the Monthly Budget Report. He indicated that the RPC’s Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,801,05.99 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 Councilmember Benny Rousselle, seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

4. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2022

MIKE COOPER, Chairman ST. TAMMANY PARISH	ROBBY MILLER, 4 th Vice Chairman TANGIPARHOA PARISH
MATT JEWELL, 1st Vice Chairman ST. CHARLES PARISH	GUY McINNIS, 5 TH VICE CHAIRMAN ST. BERNARD PARISH
JACLYN HOTARD, 2nd Vice Chairwoman ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	LaTOYA CANTRELL, Secretary ORLEANS PARISH
CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, 3rd Vice Chairwoman JEFFERSON PARISH	KIRK LEPINE, Treasurer PLAQUEMINE PARISH

Mr. Jeff Roesel presented to the Board the Officers for 2022. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Election of RPC Officers for 2022. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel presented RPC Chairman Kirk Lepine with the 2021 Plaque for his service as Chairman.

**5. Presentation: The Louisiana Film Industry – A Growing Economy
Jason Waggenpack, Head of Possibilities, CEO
Jimmy Hornbeak, Director of Amazement, CMO**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Waggenpack and Mr. Hornbeak to the Board. For more information on this presentation and comments from St. Bernard’s Parish President Guy McInnis, please contact Ms. Megan Leonard at 504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated there are no contract extensions this month.

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there is no travel requests at this time.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 9 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 Parish President Matt Jewell seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

10. Consideration: Other Matters

Maggie Woodruff, RPC’s Director of Economic Development informed the members that the U.S. Economic Development Administration announced winners of its American Rescue Plan funding opportunity call Build Back Better, Phase 1, which included 529 applications around the country, 13 in Louisiana with 60 finalists selected and Louisiana had 2.

Parish President Kirk Lepine wanted to thank everyone for their leadership and friendship throughout the year and that 2021 has been very challenging in many ways, with Hurricane Ida and Covid and we still persevered. He also gave a shout out to the next incoming Chairman, Parish President Mike Cooper. Parish President Kirk Lepine presented some satsumas to all and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Parish President Mike Cooper, Parish President Guy McInnis seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.