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**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**

**June 11th 2019**

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Guy McInnis, *Chairman* **Designee:** William McCarthy  
**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *1st Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Laura Bryan  
**Parish President** Kirk Lepine, *2nd Vice Chairman*  
**Parish President** Larry Cochran, *4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Billy Raymond  
**Parish President** Natalie Robotom, *5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Robert Figuero  
**Parish President** Michael Yenni, Secretary  
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**Jefferson Parish:**

**Councilwoman At-Large** Cynthia Lee Sheng **Designee:** Greg Giangrosso  
Mayor E. "Ben" Zahn III **Designee:** Candice Watkins  
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Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Jeff Schwartz  
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**Plaquemines Parish:**

**Councilmember** Benny Rousselle  
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**St. Bernard Parish:**

**Councilmember** Wanda Alcon  
Susan Klees

**St. Charles Parish:**

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

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Jonathan Perret  
Raj Pannu

**St. Tammany Parish:**

**Councilmember** Steve Stefancik  
Chris Masingill  
Bill Newton

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia  
Dr. Bonnie Lewis

**DOTD:**

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Eric Lundin  
M. D. "Mike" Stolzman (Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Scott Richoux  
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)  
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Charlie Ponstein  
Sharon Leader (JET)  
GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou  
**Mayor** Mike Cooper  
**Mayor** Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 36

Consultants:

Staff: Jeffrey Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Colethia Kent, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the May 14, 2019 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



Parish President Kirk Lepine led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Parish President Guy McInnis, Parish President Lepine will be Chairman for the meeting.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of May 14, 2019 Minutes**

Mr. Charlie Ponstien made a motion to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. 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 Ms. Susan Klees 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. Roesel 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 Mayor Mike Cooper, seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik 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. Roesel informed the board there are no Tangipahoa amendments at this time.

**5. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**6. Consideration: Other Matters**

Staff member Courtney Young, Clean Fuel Partnership Director informed the board that the RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership has two XL Fleet Electrification hybrid-electric pickup trucks available for viewing after the meeting. Also, on June 26<sup>th</sup> RPC's Clean Air Coalition will be hosting an information session on Valero St. Charles' Diamond Green Diesel facility, the largest renewable diesel plant in the country. For more information or to RSVP, contact [cleanairneworleans@norpc.org](mailto:cleanairneworleans@norpc.org).

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  - (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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5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2020 Local Activities Budget
8. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget
9. Presentation: Traffic Management Center and Motorist Assistance Patrol  
By: Christopher Dodt & Richard Ardis
10. Presentation: Jefferson Transit Strategic Plan Update  
By: Burk Kleinpeter, JET
11. Consideration: Travel Request
12. Consideration: Contract Extensions
13. Consideration: Consultant Billings
14. Consideration: Public Comment Period
13. Consideration: Other Matters

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

**1. Consideration: Approval of May 14, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Jonathan Perret seconded by Mr. Robert Hopkins 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. Roesel informed the members there were no committee reports at this time and no motion is needed.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2019. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,988,567.14.

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 Council Chair Beau Black, seconded by Mr. Robert Figuero and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending April 30, 2019. Megan Leonard, Director of Management and Finance explained to the Board the need for a budget amendment. She indicated the need to move \$142,000 from line item, Grant Contingency to line item, Computer Software/Support. RPC will be replacing the outdated SANS that is necessary for our extensive GIS mapping programming and data management. This purchase will be 100% grant funded through our planning grants and FTA 5303 funds.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the Monthly Budget Report. It was so moved by Mr. Jack Stumpf, seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Roesel 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 in globo as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Mayor Bob Zabbia and seconded by Council Chair Beau Black and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2020 Local Activities Budget**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 7 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Activities Budget and explained the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Roesel also stated there is a typo in the Expenditures, Automobile purchases should be \$30,000.00, and the Local Match available for Grants \$601,859.00.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Activities Budget. It was so moved by Parish President Michael Yenni, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 8 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget and explained the line items. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget. It was so moved by Mr. Billy Raymond, seconded by Mr. Robert Figuero and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Presentation: Traffic Management Center and Motorist Assistance Patrol  
By: Christopher Dodt & Richard Ardis  
New Orleans & Houma Statewide Operations Manager  
Traffic Management Center–  
Supervisor**

Mr. Roesel introduced Mr. Christopher Dodt and Mr. Richard Ardis to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**10. Presentation: Jefferson Transit Strategic Plan Update  
By: Burk Kleinpeter, JET**

Mr. Roesel introduced Ed Elam and Sharon Leader to the board. For more information on this presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard – 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**11. Consideration: Travel Request**

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

**12. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to one contract extension on page 9. He explained the extension is a time only extension.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik and seconded by Parish President Michael Yenni and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**15. Other Matters**

Staff member Chris Laborde, Senior Transportation & Incident Management Planner, reminded the members that it is Hurricane season and this month the Regional Planning Commission has scheduled its Annual Emergency Preparedness Partnership at the Regional Planning Commission on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. For more information on this topic, please contact Chris Laborde at 504-483-8540 or [claborde@norpc.org](mailto:claborde@norpc.org).

Also, Mr. Roesel stated that this is Mayor Mike Cooper's last Commission Meeting. Mr. Roesel thanked Mayor Cooper for his years of service to the yCommission.

The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.