

## 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

June 14, 2022

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

**Parish President** Matt Jewel, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman*

**Parish President** Jaclyn Hotard, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairwoman* **Designee:** Dr. Deshanda Firmin

**Parish President** Cynthia Lee Sheng, *3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairwoman*

**Parish President** Robby Miller, *4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman*

**Parish President** Guy Mcinnis, *5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman*

**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *Secretary* **Designee:** Laura Bryan

**Parish President** Kirk Lepine, *Treasurer*

**Jefferson Parish:**

**Mayor** Belinda C. Constant (Gretna)

Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

**Plaquemines Parish:**

**Councilmember** Benny Rousselle

**St. Bernard Parish:**

**Councilmember** Wanda Alcon

Ray Lauga, Jr.

Susan Klees

**St. Charles Parish:**

**Councilmember** Dick Gibbs

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

**Councilmember** Robert Arcuri

**Councilmember** Tammy Houston

Raj Pannu

**St. Tammany Parish:**

**Councilmember** T.J. Smith, Jr.

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

**Council Chair** Bridgette Hyde

**DOTD:**

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

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromer

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

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

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

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

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



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the May 10, 2022 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 Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of May 10, 2022 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Benny Roussele made a motion to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon 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 5-6 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. Laura Bryan and seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff 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 page 7 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 Councilmember T. J. Smith, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie 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 8 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**

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

**6. Consideration: Other Matters**

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.

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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
4. Consideration: Renewal of IT Management Services Agreement with Commtech for 2022 with two annual options.
5. Presentation: H2 The Future  
By: Michael Hecht  
President & CEO, Greater New Orleans, Inc.
6. Resolution: City of Gretna Brownfield Redevelopment Program and RPC
7. Consideration: Travel Request
8. Consideration: Contract Extensions
9. Consideration: Consultant Billings
10. Consideration: Public Comment Period
11. Consideration: Other Matters



### **1. Consideration: Approval of May 10, 2022 minutes.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes. Councilmember T.J. Smith, Jr. made a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes, seconded by Council Chair Brigette Hyde 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 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2022. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,973,097.02

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Ms. Tammy Houston and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for a monthly budget report ending April 30, 2022. Mr. Roesel explained to the Board the need for a budget amendment for line items to be moved with no net increase of the overall budget.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Renewal of IT Management Services Agreement with Commtech for 2022 with two annual options.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet and explained the renewal of IT Management Services Agreement with Commtech for year 2022 with two annual options and that this is the last year option.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the renewal of IT Management Services Agreement with Commtech for 2022. It was so moved by Mayor Belinda Constant seconded by \*Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

\*Mayor Bob Zabbia is a member of the Transportation Policy Committee, there was no objections to him making the motion.

**5. Presentation: H2 The Future  
By: Michael Hecht  
President & CEO, Greater New Orleans, Inc.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that Mr. Michael Hecht was not able to make it for the presentation and that Ms. Maggie Woodruff will give a description and an overview of the participation with RPC.

For more information on this presentation please contact Ms. Maggie Woodruff at 504-483-8502 or [mwoodruff@norpc.org](mailto:mwoodruff@norpc.org)

At this time, the Chairman recognized Mr. Lee Giorgio and Mayor Cantrell's attendance.

**6. Resolution: City of Gretna Brownfield Redevelopment Program and RPC**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the packet and explained the need for the resolution for the City of Gretna Brownfield Redevelopment Program and RPC.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the City of Gretna Brownfield Redevelopment Program and RPC. It was so moved by Mayor Belinda Constant, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel request for 1 staff member to attend Wind of Change: Block Island Wind Farm Trip, Providence, Rhode Island, June 20-22, 2022.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Jack Stumpf seconded by Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr. and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a list of contract extensions on page 12. He explained the extensions are 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 Parish President Kirk Lepine and seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 13 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 Wanda Alcon, seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**11. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman thanked everyone who attended the meeting and announced that St. Tammany Parish will have a member of FEMA from Region 6 presenting a program tomorrow (June 15, 2022) at the St.

Tammany Council Chambers in Mandeville with regard to Flood Insurance and Risk Rating 2.0. Many of their citizens are experiencing higher flood insurance premiums and have called for a seminar to provide information to provide explanation. It's an in-house meeting at Koop Drive in St. Tammany at the Council Chambers at 3:00p.m. and will be on their public information channel 710 and will be livestreamed on the website at [stpgov.org](http://stpgov.org) and on their Facebook page and have opened the website for questions to be posed in advance and open to all, he also provided a flyer.

Secondly, the Chairman and members of the Parish Presidents delegation and other stakeholders went to Washington, D.C. for a one day fly in to meet with their local congressional delegation as well as members of the Congress in other parts of the country regarding the RISE Act and how it affects the funding that we received from GOMESA and possibly funding in the future. He asked President Robby Miller to expound on their visit last week.

President Robby Miller explained the GOMESA and how coastal parishes in the state of Louisiana receive revenue sharing of offshore oil and gas leases. Local Elected officials were requesting an expansion of GOMESA and to raise the cap and increase the percentage share of revenues from 37.5% to 50%, consistent with inland production revenue splits. He stated that the second part of the RISE Act modification request was to include revenues from Offshore Wind Energy as part of the revenue sharing agreement. Had wind energy leases been included in revenue sharing agreements where there are leases sold for wind energy offshore or which was done recently on the east coast, and if the RISE Act would have been in place, New Jersey and New York would've shared 2.3 billion of dollars of shared revenue.

For more information, contact the Office of the Parish President at 985-898-2362 or [president@stpgov.org](mailto:president@stpgov.org)

Mr. Jeff Roesel also stated that Mr. Chris Laborde who runs the RPC Emergency Preparedness Partnership monthly meetings was able to get Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Mr. Jim Donelon to come to the Regional Planning Commission to talk about the issues that are going on in Louisiana, he will be at RPC Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Mr. Chris Laborde at 504-483-8540 or [claborde@norpc.org](mailto:claborde@norpc.org).

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Parish President Guy McInnis, Ms. Raj Pannu seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.