

December 12, 2023 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

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Matt Jewell, Chairman- St. Charles Parish **Designee:** Michael Palamone- Present

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, 1st Vice Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 3rd Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Guy McInnis, 4th Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 5th Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Daniel Jatres- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, Secretary- Plaquemines Parish- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, Treasurer- St Tammany Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.- Present

Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon- Present

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais- Absent

Susan Klees- Present

Ray Lauga, Jr.- Present

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier- Absent

Councilmember Dick Gibbs- Absent

Garret C. Monti **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Raj Pannu- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Absent

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Chris Canulette- Absent

Councilmember Mike Lorino- Absent

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Present
Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Absent
Mike Showers- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Eric Kalivoda- Present

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal- Present
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Absent
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Callie Baker
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Amendment to FY24 Unified Planning Work Program St Tammany Urbanized Areas
8. Presentation: Department of Transportation and Development
By: Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Secretary
9. 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.

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng began the meeting as chairwoman.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Allen Hero.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard arrived and continued as chairwoman for the meeting.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no New Orleans TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville-Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville-Covington TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mayor Clay Madden. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Danny McElmurray. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

7. Consideration: Amendment to FY24 Unified Planning Work Program St Tammany Urbanized Areas

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to page 4 of the meeting packet, for the amendment to FY24 Unified Planning Work Program for St Tammany Urbanized Areas. He explained the request to amend the UPWP for St. Tammany urbanized areas to accommodate the transit study that would be funded per the TIP amendment approved under the Mandeville-Covington TIP amendment.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve Amendment to FY24 UPWP for St Tammany Urbanized Areas. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard introduced staff members Baileigh Rebowe Helm, Director of Communications Kali Price, Director of Community Services, and Michelle Jenkins Miller, Director of Economic Development to the board.

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board members of the Regional Urban Imagery Update and referenced the handout.

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

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RPC Agenda

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2. Consideration: Approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2024
6. Consideration: 2024 Meeting Dates
7. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Years 2024- 2028
8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar year 2024
9. Consideration: Travel Request
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Allen Hero.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

3. Consideration: Committee Reports:

(a) Budget and Personnel Committee

(b) Other Committee Reports

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,258,535.31

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Mayor Michael Glaser. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending October 31, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Consideration Election of Officers for 2024

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Election of Officers for 2024 and listed the officers for the 2024 RPC Board. There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Regional Planning Commission Election of Officers for 2024. It was so moved by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: 2024 Meeting Dates

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the 2024 Meeting Dates and listed the dates for the 2024 TPC/RPC meetings. There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Years 2024- 2028

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 8 of the meeting packet for Resolution for the City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Years 2024-2028.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Resolution. It was so moved by Robert Arcuri seconded by Susan Klees. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2024

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2024.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2024. It was so moved by Mike Palamone seconded by Robert

Hopkins. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Travel Requests, and we could proceed to the next item.

10. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no contract extensions, and we could proceed to the next item.

11. 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, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Guy McInnis and seconded by Pastor Thomas Hines. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

12. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel extended his sincere gratitude to St. Bernard Councilmember Wanda Alcon and Parish President Guy McInnis for their service to the RPC and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.