MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Committee**

**Of the**

Regional Planning Commission

**For**

**Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

**April 8th 2014**

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee: Cedric S. Grant) 1st Vice Chairman John Young (designee Mark Drewes), 2nd Vice Chairman Patricia Brister (Designee: Steve Stefancik) Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (designee), Larry Rase (designee:Carlton Dufrechou) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Sal Longoria, Mayson Foster and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 27

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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

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14. Presentation: Update - Baton Rouge to New Orleans Inter-City Rail Service Proposal

By: John Basilica, Jr.

Vice President, Gulf Coast District Leader

HNTB Companies

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2. Consideration: Other Matters

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## Mrs. Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Mr. Silvey requested Councilman Steve Stefancik chair the April 8th 2014 meeting in Chairman Landrieu’s absence. Mr. Stefancik called the Transportation Policy Committee meeting to order.

1. Consideration: Approval of March 10, 2014 Minutes

# Deputy Mayor Grant made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes, seconded by Charles Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation**

**Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 5, 7-8 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 Jack Stumpf, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation**

**Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks 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 Element. It was so moved by Councilman Falconer, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation**

**Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Roesel gave an update on the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program. There were no questions.

1. **Consideration: Transportation Improvement Program: FFY15- FFY18 (Review Draft)**

Mr. Brooks introduced the TIP for FY 15-18 for the boards review.

1. **Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-15**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization to submit the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-15.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the authorization to submit the unified planning work program for FY-15 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this UPWP. It was so moved by Councilman Hunnicutt, seconded by Councilmember Clarkson, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-15**

**Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 7. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 7 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-15**

**Planning Grant St. Tammany Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 8. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 8 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. Resolution: Contractual Authority for Federal Transit Administration FY-15 Planning Grant – Slidell Transportation Planning Area was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Falconer, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman. Resolution: Contractual Authority for Federal Transit Administration FY-15 Planning Grant – Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area was so moved by Mayor Cooper, seconded by President Robottom, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-15**

**Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 9. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 9 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Foster, seconded by Dr. Bonnie Lewis, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-15**

**Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 10. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 10 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-15**

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Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 11. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 11 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. Resolution: Contractual Authority for Federal Highway Administration FY-15 Planning Grant – Slidell Transportation Planning Area was so moved by Councilmember Falconer, seconded by Chairman Stefancik, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman. Resolution: Contractual Authority for Federal Highway Administration FY-15 Planning Grant – Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area was so moved by Mayor Cooper, seconded by President Robottom, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

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**Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 12. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 12 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Foster, seconded by Dr. bonnie Lewis, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**13. Resolution: TIGER 2014 Planning Grant Application**

* **Support for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport I-10 Interchange Study**

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

* **Support for Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District**

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilmember Marinovich, seconded by Councilmember Lepine, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

* **Support for Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans Mississippi River Marine Terminal Improvements**

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

* **Support for New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal Track Improvements**

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**14. Presentation: Update - Baton Rouge to New Orleans Inter-City Rail Service Proposal**

**By: John Basilica, Jr.**

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Mr. Brooks introduced John Basilica, Vice President, Gulf Coast District Leader for HNTB Companies. Gen. John Basilica, Gulf Coast District Leader for HNTB Corporation, presented an overview of the recently-completed Baton Rouge to New Orleans Intercity Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. The report, released in March, outlines capital and operating costs associated with instituting passenger rail service along the 80-mile corridor. Assisting HNTB with the study were Manning Architects and Darrel Saizan & Associates.

Mr. Brooks thanked Gen. Basilica for his presentation.

1. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

1. **Consideration: Other Matters**

Councilmember Clarkson asked the RPC to introduce Resolutions in the May 13th meeting regarding: The Algiers Transit Study and Restriping the CCC Corridor to Improve Capacity and Increase Safety.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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(b) Other Committee Reports

1. Consideration: Financial Report
2. Balance Sheet of Local Activities
3. Monthly Budget Report

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1. Consideration: Authorization to enter into RPC’s IT Management Services

Agreement with COMMTECH for management, monitoring and administration of all RPC core IT components - Amount $66,000

1. Consideration: Travel Request
2. Consideration: Contract Extensions
3. Consideration: Consultant Billings
4. Consideration: Public Comment Period
5. Consideration: Other Matters

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

**1. Consideration: Approval of March 10, 2014 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Hunnicutt, seconded by Charles Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. 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**

1. **Balance Sheet of Local Activities**

**(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 22 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2014. He indicated that the RPC’s total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of $1,559,599.03

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 Mr. Kelley, seconded by David Munn and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 23 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by David Munn and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-15 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 4-15 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilmember Clarkson seconded by Ronald Carrere and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**16. Consideration: Authorization to enter into RPC’s IT Management Services**

**Agreement with COMMTECH for management, monitoring and administration of all RPC core IT components - Amount $66,000**

Mr. Brooks explained to the board the agreement with COMMTECH for management, monitoring, and administration of all RPC core IT components and asked for the Board’s favorable approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the agreement with COMMTECH. It was so moved by Charles Ponstein, seconded by Councilmember Hunnicuttand approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

1. **Consideration: Travel Request**

There is no travel at this time.

**18. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 38 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 my Deputy Mayor Grant and seconded by Jack Stumpf, 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 39 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 Mr. Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Falconer, 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**

Councilmember Clarkson took a moment to thank the board for everything over the years. Ronald Carrere also asked the board if anyone was interested in any information on NORLI to contact him.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.