

**MINUTES**  
**Transportation Policy Committee**  
**Of the**  
**Regional Planning Commission**  
**For**

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

**August 9, 2016**

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Committee Members:

**Officers:**

MICHAEL YENNI - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman

ROBBY MILLER – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman

GUY McINNIS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU – Secretary Designee: Cedric Grant

**Jefferson Parish:**

Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr.

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large Jason Williams Designee: Matthew Lindsey

**Plaquemines Parish:**

Mandrel Pansy

**St. Bernard Parish:**

Councilman Howard Luna Designee: Wanda Alcon

Charles Ponstein

Susan Klees

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilman Steve Stefancik

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Mayor Pete Panepinto

Dr. Bonnie Lewis

**DOTD**

Secretary Shawn Wilson (designee: Chris Morvant)

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Freddy Drennan Designee: Eric Lundon

Jeff Davis

Shelby LaSalle

President Larry Cochran Designee: Billy Raymond

Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee: Ronaldo R. Nodal)

Brandy Christian designee: Andree Fant

President Natalie Robottom

Sal Longoria (Designee: Anthony Mumphrey III)

Sharon Leader

Mayor Mike Cooper

Mayor Bob Zabbia

Attendance: 29

Consultants:

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



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the July 12, 2016 minutes
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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. Resolution: Amend the Tangipahoa Parish Metropolitan Transportation Plan to expand the Metropolitan Planning Area to include Robert area
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan Update  
St. Bernard Parish, LA  
RPC Task A-2.17: FY-17 UPWP  
Amount: \$40,000
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Plaquemines Land Use and Transportation Sub-Area Analysis  
Plaquemines Parish, LA  
RPC Task A-3.17: FY-17 UPWP  
Amount: \$50,000
8. Presentation: Real Estate Trends for the Metro Area  
By: Dr. Robert C. Penick, Director of the Institute of Economic Development and Real Estate Research
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters  
(a) Regional Traffic Safety Coalition: Bicycle Safety Bumper Stickers



President Yenni led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Yenni began the meeting.

**Councilman Lepine thanked the Commission for the continued support for Plaquemines Parish.**

**1. Consideration: Approval of June 14, 2016 Minutes**

Councilman Stefancik made a motion to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes, seconded by Mr. Lindsey and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 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 Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Mr. Lindsey

and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

There is no amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program at this time.

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

Mr. Brooks 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 President Miller, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Amend the Tangipahoa Parish Metropolitan Transportation Plan to Expand the Metropoliatation Planning Area to include Robert Area.**

Mr. Brooks referred to the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the Resolution showing the Tangipahoa Parish Metropolitan Transportation Plan to Expand the Metropoliatation Planning Area to include Robert Area.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution. It was so moved by President Miller, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan Update  
St. Bernard Parish, LA  
RPC Task A-2.17: FY-17 UPWP  
Amount: \$40,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this study is to supplement previous planning efforts to create a complete bikeway plan and an inventory of sidewalks within the urbanized area of St. Bernard Parish.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan Update with Soll Planning LLC in the Amount: \$ 40,000 and to authorize the Chairwoman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Head and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Plaquemines Land Use and Transportation Sub-Area Analysis  
Plaquemines Parish, LA  
RPC Task A-3.17: FY-17 UPWP  
Amount: \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this study will be to evaluate and make recommendations for development scenarios in areas immediately surrounding the Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base (NAS/JRB) in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Plaquemines Land Use and Transportation Sub-Area Analysis with Mumphrey Group Inc. in the Amount: \$ 50,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by

President Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Head and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Presentation: Real Estate Trends for the Metro Area**  
**By: Dr. Robert C. Penick, Director of the Institute of Economic Development and Real Estate Research**

Mr. Brooks introduced Dr. Penick to the board. For a copy of this presentation please contact [Mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:Mleonard@norpc.org)

**9. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

(a) Regional Traffic Safety Coalition: Bicycle Safety Bumper Stickers

Dan Jatres showed the board the bumper stickers the Safety Coalition has worked on and asked if any Parishes would like to participate.

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

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**Officers:**

PATRICIA BRISTER - Chairman

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Richard Kelley Designee: Reid Falconer

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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: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2017 Local Activities Budget
5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget
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12. Consideration: Travel Request
13. Consideration: Contract Extensions
14. Consideration: Consultant Billings
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. 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 July 12, 2016 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on July 12, 2016 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Mr. Ponstein 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. Silvey explained the Committee Reports would come under the Financial Report.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2016. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,006,732.13

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 Charles Ponstein, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 10 that there were no budget amendments.

- 4. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2017 Local Activities Budget**

Nick Silvey presented the local activities Regional Planning Commission budget for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the local activities budget. It was so moved by President McInnis seconded by Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget**

Nick Silvey presented the Regional Planning Commission operating budget for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the operating budget. It was so moved by President McInnis seconded by Mr. Ponstein 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 6-11 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 6-11 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and seconded by President McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration:                      Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 14 for a travel request. Two staff members Lynn Dupont and Clare Brown are requesting to attend the GISPRO Conference, Oct.30-Nov. 4, 2016 in Toronto, Canada There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Mr. Ponstein and seconded by Councilman Stefancik, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration:                      Contract Extensions**

Mr.Silvey referred the members to page 15 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 Councilman Stefancik and seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration:                      Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 16 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 my Councilman Stefancik and seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**21. Consideration:                      Public Comment Period**

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

**22. Consideration:                      Other Matters**

There being no other matters the meeting is adjourned.