

# ***MINUTES***

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

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

**July 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**

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Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee Cedric Grant); John Young, Patricia Brister, Gordon Burgess, Elton Lagasse (designee) Belinda Constant, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (designee Pearlina Thomas), Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Mike Ford, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Steve Stefancik (designee TJ Smith), Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, David Vial, Sherri LeBas (designee: Ennis Johnson), Jeff Davis (designee: Scott Richoux), Carlton Dufrechou, V.J. St.Pierre (designee Buddy Boe), Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, Ryan Brown, Mayson Foster and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 33

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



## **AGENDA**

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6. Consideration: US 11 Widening, Stage 1 EA - Supplemental Agreement No. 2  
G.E.C. Inc.  
Amount \$ 58,596
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
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Stage 0 Feasibility Study (Task A-1.15; FY-15 UPWP)  
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RPC Traffic Counting Program Update Transportation System Surveillance  
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9. Presentation: 2013 Clean Fleet Leader Awards
10. Consideration: Public Comment Period
11. Consideration: Other Matters



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

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

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

President Brister made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ponstein 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 Councilman Carrere, seconded by Mayor Constant 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 Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

This item has been deferred.

**4. Consideration: Adoption of St. Tammany Urbanized Areas Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 15-18. Effective October 1, 2014.**

Jeff Roesel introduced the Final St. Tammany Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 15-18. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of St. Tammany Urbanized Areas Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 15-18. Effective October 1, 2014. It was so moved by President Brister, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt 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: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with LADOTD: US 51 (LA 22 to Club Deluxe Rd.) Environmental Assessment**

Mr. Brooks introduced to the board the agreement with LADOTD: US 51 (LA 22- to Club Deluxe Rd.) Environmental Assessment. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the LADOTD: US 51 (LA 22- to Club Deluxe Rd.) Environmental Assessment. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mayor Foster 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: US 11 Widening, Stage 1 EA - Supplemental Agreement No. 2  
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this supplement. DOTD and RPC have agreed that based on updated traffic data, two new alternatives need to be evaluated: 1. A two lane median divided roadway with access management features (J turns and roundabouts) at select locations with a shared use path on the northbound shoulder, and 2. A two lane median divided roadway with access management features (J-turns and roundabouts) at select locations with a shared use path separated from the northbound travel lane. Both alternatives will account for the pending flood protection levee and will accommodate design exigencies necessary for the expedited completion of the levee design.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the US 11 Widening, Stage 1 EA - Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with G.E.C. Inc. for the amount of \$58,596 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Brister, 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.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this study is to support the continued revitalization of Broad Street as a vibrant commercial and mixed-use corridor of regional significance. This project will support and enhance public and private-sector investments taking place within a quarter-mile of Broad Street by providing connectivity and synergy in the area.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. He reported that, following RPC staff review and ranking, Perez was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Broad Street Corridor Streetscaping US 61 (Tulane Ave.) to Bayou Rd. Stage 0 Feasibility Study and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Brister, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this study is to support the Regional Planning Commission in updating their traffic count database. The updated traffic count database will improve the efficiency of future traffic data collection and help to more fully integrate traffic count data with the overall planning and analysis process. In addition, the additional traffic counts will help close informational gaps on the regional roadway network.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 7 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. He reported that, following RPC staff review and ranking, ITS Regional was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the RPC Traffic Counting Program Update Transportation System Surveillance and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Young, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Presentation: 2013 Clean Fleet Leader Awards**

Rebecca Otte of the RPC staff introduced and awarded the 2013 Clean Fleet Leaders.

**10. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**11. Consideration: Other Matters**

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and 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
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11. Presentation: Dr. William Wainwright, Chancellor, Northshore Technical  
Community College
12. Consideration: Travel Request
13. Consideration: Contract Extensions
14. Consideration: Consultant Billings
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters



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

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

The minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Councilmember Hunnicutt 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  
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities**

## **(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,931,225.04

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 President Young, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 9 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 President Young, seconded by President Brister 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 4-10 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 4-10 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Young seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 11. Presentation: Dr. William Wainwright, Chancellor,  
Northshore Technical Community College**

Amber Seely, RPC's Director of Economic Development introduced Dr. William Wainwright, Chancellor and Dr. Tina Tinney, Dean of Academics and STEM. Dr. Wainwright and Dr. Tinney provided a detailed presentation on Northshore Technical Community College focused on the knowledge economy, Jump Start, STEM Science, Technology, Engineering & Math and workforce development initiatives supporting high demand high wage occupations. Signature programs were highlighted supportive of advanced manufacturing and the maritime industry. The presentation concluded with a schematic design of the proposed Advanced Technology Center to be constructed in Lacombe as well as the construction of a STEM Campus and second Advanced Technology Center in Livingston parish.

**12. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 10 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel requests: one staff member (Rebecca Otte) requesting to attend the Clean Cities Coordinator Meeting, August 7-8, 2014, Mammoth Cave, KY.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by President Young, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**19. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 11 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 by Mr. Munn and seconded by President Young, 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 12 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 Mr. Ponstein 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**

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