

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

December 10, 2019

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Chairman*

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *1st Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Kirk Lepine *2nd Vice Chairman*

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Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno **Designee:** Andrew Tuozzolo

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon

Councilmember Howard Luna

Joseph Montalbano **Designee:** John Lane

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Wendy Benedetto

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright

Raj Pannu

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Council Chair Lionell Wells

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Trish Haver

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Charlie Ponstein

Mayor Donald Villere (Mandeville)

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Sharon Leader (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto **Designee:** Lacy Landrum

Mayor Mark R. Johnson

Attendance: 37

Consultants:

Staff: Jeffrey Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Colethia Kent, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the November 12, 2019 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: Consultant Selection: Agency Website Redesign D-1.20; FY 20 UPWP Request for Proposal
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection: LA 39: W. Judge Perez Drive Vehicular, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enhancements
Stage 0 Feasibility Study – A-2.20 LA39
Amount: \$50,000
7. Consideration: Public Comment
8. Consideration: Other Matters



Parish President Guy McInnis, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Approval of November 12, 2019 Minutes

Mayor Donald Villere made a motion to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to pages 5 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 Mayor LaToya Cantrell seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle 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. Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet of 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 Mayor Greg Cromer seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino 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. Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet of 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 Mayor Bob Zabbia seconded by Council Chair Lionell Wells and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. **Consideration: Consultant Selection: Agency Website Redesign D-1.20; FY 20 UPWP Request for Proposal**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to provide the public with user-friendly, easily assessable, interactive, and intuitively navigable source of information.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Agency Website Redesign D-1.20; FY 20 UPWP with Online Optimism. It was so moved by Mayor Mark Johnson, seconded by Mayor Donald Villere 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: Vehicular, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enhancements Stage 0 Feasibility Study – A-2.20 LA 39**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of the study is to identify conceptual improvements along the LA 39 corridor that would enhance the safety and operations of all roadway users of said corridor.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Vehicular, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enhancements Stage 0 Feasibility Study-A-2.20 LA 39 with Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees, seconded by Councilmember Howard Luna and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

7. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

8. **Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none.

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2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2020
4. Consideration: Financial Report
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2020
6. Consideration: RTMC Janitorial Selection
7. Presentation: Update: St. Bernard Parish
By: Parish President Guy McInnis
8. Consideration: Travel Request
9. Consideration: Contract Extensions

- 10. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 11. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 12. Consideration: Other Matters



1. Consideration: Approval of November 12, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on November 12, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Ms. Raj Pannu and seconded by Councilmember Howard Luna and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee
(b) Other Committee Reports

Mr. Roesel informed the members there were no committee reports at this time and no motion is needed.

3. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2020

Mr. Roesel explained the annual rotation of officers and presented to the board the Officers for 2020.

LATOYA CANTRELL, Chairwoman ORLEANS PARISH	CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, 5 th Vice Chairwoman JEFFERSON PARISH
KIRK LEPINE, 1 st Vice Chairman PLAQUEMINES PARISH	ROBBY MILLER, Secretary TANGIPARHOA PARISH
MIKE COOPER, 2 nd Vice Chairman ST. TAMMANY PARISH	GUY McINNIS, Treasurer ST. BERNARD PARISH
MATT JEWELL, 3 rd Vice Chairman ST. TAMMANY PARISH	
JACLYN HOTARD, 4 th Chairwoman ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	

5. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding- Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2020

Mr. Roesel explained the resolution for the City of New Orleans Funding- Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2020.

There being no questions or objections, the chairman call for a motion to approve the City of New Orleans Funding- Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2020. It was so moved by Councilmember Wanda Alcon, seconded by Councilmember at Large Wendy Benedetto and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

(It was noted by Ms. Megan Leonard that item #5 was taken before item #4)

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

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2019. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,060,721.78.

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 Councilmember Wanda Alcon, seconded by Councilmember At-Large Wendy Benedetto and approved unanimously by the embers of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for 4 budget amendments.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget amendments. It was so moved by Parish President Kirk Lepine, seconded by Councilmember Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: RTMC Janitorial Selection

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet for the RTMC Janitorial Selection. There were 3 bids for the Janitorial Service for the RTMC Building. Bywater was the lowest bid.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the RTMC Janitorial selection. It was so moved by Councilmember Mr. Jack Stumpf and seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Presentation: Update: St. Bernard Parish
By: Parish President Guy McInnis**

Mr. Roesel introduced Parish President Guy McInnis to the board. For more information on this presentation please contact Megan Leonard at 504-483-8525 or mleonard@norpc.org

8. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Roesel informed the Board there is no travel at this time.

9. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet and pointed out 1 contract extension. He explained the extension is a time only extension.

There being no questions or objections the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Parish President Natalie Robottom and seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine.

10. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 11 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 Steve Stefancik and seconded by Parish President Patricia Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

11. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

12. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Roesel and RPC staff wanted to recognize a few members of the board for their work with the Regional Planning Commission. Parish President Guy McInnis was presented a plaque for being RPC Chairman for 2019. Parish President Larry Cochran (who was not present at the meeting), Parish President Michael Yenni, Parish President Patricia Brister, and Parish President Natalie Robottom all received plaques for their years of service to the organization.

Mr. Roesel wished all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

The Chairman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. Parish President Michael Yenni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Natalie Robottom seconded and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.