

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 13, 2022

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

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Councilmember Tammy Houston

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St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember T. J. Smith, Jr.

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

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

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Tony Evett

Mayor Clay Madden

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Colethia Kent, et al



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 11th 2022 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. Presentation: Administrative Changes to the TIPs
6. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington UZA Transportation Improvement Plan/ (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft
7. Consideration: Slidell UZA Transportation Improvement Plan/ (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Travel Demand Support Services
Regional Planning Commission
RPC Task C-1.23; FY-23 UPWP
Amount: \$50,000
9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Active Transportation Improvements- New Orleans East I-10 Service Roads
Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
RPC Task A-1.23: UPWP
Amount \$145,000
10. Consideration: Public Comment Period
11. 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.

1. Consideration: Approval of October 11th 2022 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 11th minutes. Councilmember Benny Rousselle made a motion to approve the October 11th minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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 Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Dan Jatres 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. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany Transportation TIP, Highway & Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany Transportation TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember T. J Smith Jr. and seconded by Mayor Greg Cromer 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. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa Transportation TIP, Highway & Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa Transportation TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Presentation: Administrative Changes to the TIPs

Mr. Jeff Roesel updated the Board on the Administrative changes to the TIP. These changes are applicable to all of RPC's urbanized areas following comments received from FHWA on October 20th 2022.

- I. Added meeting minutes as evidence of adoption of the document.
- II. Expanded description of the federal performance measures
- III. Added description of the congestion management process and strategies howe they are related to the TIP, (south shore only)
- IV. Expanded description o fiscal constraint and coordination with DOTD and a list of STP funds per UZA
- V. Expanded description of project selection process
- VI. Added a list of projects obligated under the previous TIP
- VII. On October 20th (after the start of the fiscal year) FHWA requested the St. Tammany TIPs be separated into two separate documents

There is no action required for this item. We are just updating the Board of the changes.

6 Consideration: Mandeville-Covington UZA Transportation Improvement Plan/ (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft

Mr. Roesel informed the Board on October 20th (after the start of the fiscal year) FHWA requested the St. Tammany TIPs be separated into two separate documents. This is the draft of the Mandeville Covington UZA. RPC has conditional approval of the TIP so this action will not delay any project implementation. No action is needed at this time. Please review the draft and let us know if you have any questions. RPC will ask the board to adopt the plan at the January 10th meeting.

7. Consideration: Slidell UZA Transportation Improvement Plan/ (FFY 2023-2026) Review Draft

Mr. Roesel informed the Board on October 20th (after the start of the fiscal year) FHWA requested the St. Tammany TIPs be separated into two separate documents. This is the draft of the Slidell UZA. RPC has conditional approval of the TIP so this action will not delay any project implementation. No action is needed at this time. Please review the draft and let us know if you have any questions. RPC will ask the board to adopt the plan at the January 10th meeting.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Travel Demand Support Services
Regional Planning Commission
RPC Task C-1.23; FY-23 UPWP
Amount: \$50,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to provide technical services to the RPC as needed in the maintenance, update, and use of the transportation demand model and associated analytical software used for long-range strategic planning, and other transportation and land use related tasks.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Travel Demand Model Support Services (Task C-1.23; FY-23 UPWP) in the amount \$50,000 with Alliance Transportation Group LLC. It was so moved by Mr. Christopher Abadie, seconded by Mr. Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Active Transportation Improvements- New Orleans East I-10 Service Roads
Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
RPC Task A-1.23: UPWP**

Amount \$145,000

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to develop a Stage 0 Feasibility Study that will identify alternatives for the creation of shared-use (biking and walking) facilities on or adjacent to the north and south I-10 service roads in New Orleans East.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Active Transportation Improvements- New Orleans East I-10 Service Roads Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis Stage 0 Feasibility Study RPC Task A-1.23: UPWP amount \$145,000 with HNTB Corporation. It was so moved by Parish President Kirk Lepine, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Alonzo and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

10. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

11. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel announced the Louisiana APA conference was held recently and wanted to note a few of the awards. Please congratulate our hard- working winners.

- RPC staff member Sam Buckley won Chapter Volunteer of the Year.
- The New Links study won the Planning Excellence Award for a Process
- St. Bernard Parish won the Planning Excellence Award for Plan Implementation for projects identified in the St. Bernard Parish Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan Update.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman 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
4. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2023
5. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2023
6. Resolution: Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program
7. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar year 2023
8. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment
9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Brownfield Environmental Services Hazardous Sites:
RPC Project BF Envir Serv 2022
Amount: \$347,000
10. Presentation: Reclaiming Our Past, Reconnecting to Our Lakefront — Bucktown Harbor Master Plan
By: Jennifer Van Vrancken, Jefferson Parish Council
11. Presentation: EDA and DRA Grant Announcements
By: Maggie Woodruff, RPC's Director of Economic Development
12. Presentation: Brownfield Grant Opportunities
By: Adam Tatar, RPC's Brownfields Coordinator
13. Consideration: Travel Request
14. Consideration: Contract Extensions
15. Consideration: Consultant Billings

- 16. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 17. Consideration: Other Matters



1. Consideration: Approval of October 11th 2022 minutes.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 11th 2022 minutes. Councilmember Wanda Alcon made a motion to approve the October 11th 2022, minutes, seconded by Mr. Allen Hero 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 Report

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports at this time.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2022. He indicated that the RPC’s Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,783,278.20.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

4. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2023

Matt Jewell, Chairman St. CHARLES PARISH	Guy McInnis ST. BERNARD PARISH
Jaclyn Hotard ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	LaToya Cantrell ORLEANS PARISH
Cynthia Lee Sheng JEFFERSON PARISH	Parish President PLAQUEMINES PARISH
Robby Miller TANGIPAHOA PARISH	Mike Cooper ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Mr. Jeff Roesel presented to the Board the Officers for 2023. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Election of RPC Officers for 2023. It was so moved by Pastor Thomas Hines seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel presented RPC Chairman Mike Cooper with the 2022 Plaque for his service as Chairman.

5. Resolution: City of New Orleans Funding-Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2023

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the City of New Orleans Funding Membership to the Regional Planning Commission for Calendar Year 2023.

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 2023. It was so moved by Councilmember Ricky Templet, seconded by Mayor Belinda Constant approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Resolution: Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri, seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine, approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar year 2023

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2023.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Adams & Reese and RPC for Calendar Year 2023. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment. It was so moved by Mr. Ronnie Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Brownfield Environmental Services Hazardous Sites:
RPC Project BF Envir Serv 2022
Amount: \$347,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to perform environmental assessments and prepare cleanup plans under the RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Brownfield Environmental Services Hazardous Sites: RPC Project BF Envir Serv 2022 in the amount of \$347,000 Leaff Environmental, LLC.

It was so moved by Mr. Ray Lauga, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller, and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

10. Presentation: Reclaiming Our Past, Reconnecting to Our Lakefront — Bucktown Harbor Master Plan By: Jennifer Van Vrancken, Jefferson Parish Council

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Jennifer Van Vrancken to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Ms. Jennifer Van Vrancken at JenniferVanVrancken@JeffParish.net.

**11. Presentation: EDA and DRA Grant Announcements
By: Maggie Woodruff, RPC's Director of Economic Development**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Maggie Woodruff to the Board. Ms. Woodruff gave a presentation of all of the economic development grants in the New Orleans region (five parishes) in 2022 from EDA and DRA. It was a record year, in part due to the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan additional funds for Economic Development. For a copy of the presentation please contact Ms. Maggie Woodruff at mwoodruff@norpc.org

**12. Presentation: Brownfield Grant Opportunities
By: Adam Tatar, RPC's Brownfields Coordinator**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Adam Tatar to the Board. RPC Brownfield Coordinator Adam Tatar made the Commission aware of planning grants available from the State of Louisiana Brownfield Program. These funds could be used for market studies, site reuse planning, community health surveys, or other planning projects which can support the redevelopment of brownfield properties. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Adam Tatar at atatar@norpc.org.

13. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 16 of the meeting packet and pointed out 1 travel requests. One for Mr. Adam Tatar, to attend the review of the final Statewide Coordinated Human Services Plan, December 13-15, 2022 in Lake Charles, LA.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Councilmember Kerri Callais seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

14. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a contract extension on page 16. He explained the extension is a time only extension.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret.

15. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 17 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. Chris Masingill and seconded by Mayor Belinda Constant and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

16. Consideration: Public Comment Period

The Chairman asked if there was any other public comment. There are no other public comments at this time.

17. Consideration: Other Matters

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

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees and seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.