

**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**

March 9, 2021

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Kirk Lepine, *Chairman*

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**Orleans Parish:**

**Councilmember At-Large** Donna M. Glapion

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**Councilmember** Wanda Alcon

Roxanne Adams

**St. Charles Parish:**

**Councilmember** Julia Fisher-Perrier **Designee:** Michelle Impastato

**Councilmember** Dick Gibbs

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

**Councilmember** Michael Wright **Designee:** Jackie Landeche

Raj Pannu

Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

**Council Chair** Brigette Hyde

**DOTD:**

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell)

Kevin Doliolle (Aviation Director)

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

**Mayor** Clay Madden (Mandeville)

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton

GNOEC **Designee:** Stacie Heffker

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond) **Designee:** Lacy Landrum

**Mayor** Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 36

Consultants:

Staff: Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Malissa Givhan, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 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: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-22 Draft Document
6. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-22
7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters

Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting using the platform GoToWebinar. She went over how to use the GoToWebinar platform and gave instructions for questions/comments and public comments. Once the motions for the agenda items are made, a poll will appear on your screen for the full Board to cast their vote on the item. All items, packet, minutes, handouts etc. were emailed to the Board and posted on the RPC website for public view. All items are listed under the handouts section on GoToWebinar.

Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. **Consideration: Approval of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 minutes**

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Parish President Robby Miller made a motion to approve the February 9<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret. Based on the poll, this item is approved 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**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 5-8 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 Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle. Based on the poll, this item is 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**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 9-10 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 Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie. Based on the poll, this item is 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**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for 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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. **Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-22 Draft Document**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a draft copy of the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2022 for review and provided a brief explanation. Jeff stated that the FY-22 draft was emailed as well as placed on the RPC website. The final Unified Planning Work Program for FY-22 will be presented to the Board at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting for approval. At this time no motion is needed.

6. **Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-22**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-2022. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden seconded by Ms. Roxanne Adams. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. **Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for New Orleans Transportation Planning Areas. Mr. Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning. The Chairman asked if the following resolutions 7 – 14 can be taken in globo, Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Finance and Management stated that the resolutions would have to be taken individually. It was so moved by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and seconded by Councilmember Benny

Rousselle. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard wanted to thank Mr. Jonathan Perret for making the motion on her behalf as she was having problems with the mute button.

**8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Slidell Transportation Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for the Slidell Transportation Planning . It was so moved by Mr. Keith Espadron and seconded by Mayor Tim Baudier. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning. It was so moved by Councilmember Dick Gibbs and seconded by Mayor Clay Madden and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for New Orleans Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mr. Jonathan Perret and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 18 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Slidell Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Slidell Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mayor Greg Cromer and seconded by Mr. Kevin Dolliole and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 19 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolutions for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 20 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Planning Areas. Jeff explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-22 Planning Grant for South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**15. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**16. Consideration: Other Matters**

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, 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: Contract Extensions
5. Consideration: Consultant Billings
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters:



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

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

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 21 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2021. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,477,617.15. 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. Mike Palamone, seconded by Ms. Raj Pannu and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 22 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of January 31, 2021. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. **Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no extensions at this time.

5. **Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 23 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 Mayor Tim Baudier, seconded by Ms. Roxanne Adams. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

7. **Consideration: Other Matters**

There were no other matters. Megan Leonard, Director of Finance and Management wanted to wish the Chairman a Happy Birthday.

The Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Mike Cooper seconded and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.