

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

September 8, 2020

Committee Members:

Officers:

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Chairwoman*

Parish President Kirk Lepine *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell *3rd Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Michael Palamone

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard *4th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng *5th Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Robby Miller, *Secretary*

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Jefferson Parish

Mayor Joe Peoples **Designee:** Perry Talamo

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Roxanne Adams **Designee:** Jason Stopa

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Kevin Dollioie (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville) **Designee:** Trilby Lenfant

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

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the August 11th, 2020 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: Public Comment Period
6. Consideration: Other Matters

Mayor Cantrell is running a few minutes late and will join us momentarily. Until then she does have two members of her staff, Dan Jatres and Laura Bryan online.

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 August 11, 2020 Minutes**

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the August 11th minutes. Parish President Kirk Lepine made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Jeff Roesel.

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

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 of each item.

There being no questions or objections, Jeff Roesel called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Jeff Roesel.

Mayor Cantrell announced her presence and asked Jeff Roesel to proceed to item 3.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 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 Chairwoman 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 Parish President Robby Miller. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration; Public Comment Period

Jeff Roesel asked if there was any public comments.

Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management & Finance pointed out there were numerous Board members that used the chat feature to confirm their attendance and all are accounted for as the record reflects.

6. Consideration: Other Matters

Jeff Roesel informed the Board that the new RPC website is live. It is much more user friendly and streamlined. We invite all to use it and welcome all feedback.

Mayor Cantrell commented on how great the website looks and commented on a job well done.

There being no other matters to discuss, Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established and to proceed 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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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 pages 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending July 31, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,460,787.66

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Councilmember Benny Rousselle, seconded by Mr. Jason Stopa. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of July 31, 2020, he explained that it's just the beginning of the fiscal year and you will notice a number of zeros in the columns only because we have just started the fiscal year. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a contract extension on page 9. 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik and seconded by Councilmember Michael Wright.

5. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10-13 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

7. Consideration: Other Matters

Jeff Roesel asked if there was any other matters. Mr. Lee Giorgio asked about the completion date regarding Hwy. 11 and 5 Mile Bridge from Orleans to St. Tammany. Jeff Roesel referred the question to DOTD's Chris Morvant, Chris was on the line in listen only mode and was unable to respond. Jeff Roesel will follow up with DOTD and report back to the full Board DOTD's response.

Mayor Cantrell wanted to thank everyone for being on board and participating and coming together.

Councilmember Steve Stefancik made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Guy McInnis seconded and the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting.