

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015, 10:00 A.M., GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Stephen G. Romig, Chairman; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Vice Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Treasurer; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Secretary; Joseph A. Jaeger, Jr., Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Stacie Heffker; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Cary Bourgeois, GEC, Inc.; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Kathy Gambino and Jim Lynch, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Polly Greene, St. Tammany Farmer; Faimon Roberts III, The Advocate; Ashley Rodrigue, WWL; Dean DuPlantier, Broadmoor Design Group; Bruce Badon, Burk-Kleinpeter; Byron Poydras, Bank of New York; Gen. John Basillica, HNTB; Chris Coulon, Adams and Reese; Ben Frank, Securian Financial Services, Inc.; Terry Dupre, Meyer Engineer, Patrice McNeal, JP Morgan Chase

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 4, 2015 were accepted as written. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Stephen Romig addressed the audience to see if anyone had any comments or questions for the commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Romig then asked about the Causeway Charitable Foundation. Gavin Gillen stated Drew's Tunes and Poise in St. Tammany Parish are the two charitable organizations that received the donations from the Skeet Shoot. Mr. Gillen also stated because

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Southeast Louisiana Hospital was always the primary recipient and it no longer exist, the Causeway Charitable Foundation's primary goal is accomplished and is considering dissolving in 2016.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported in October there were 22 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 162 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 20 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 182. He reported 13 accidents, 3 were associated with breakdowns, on the Causeway Bridge and 13 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video of an 18 wheeler that hit an attenuator on November 11, 2015 at approximately 11:19 am. Mr. Dufrechou stated the 18 wheeler was exiting Crossover 2 when it struck the attenuator.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture that was taken as they shot a movie (Strange Weather). The picture depicted Holly Hunter and two of the GNOEC Police officers. Mr. Dufrechou explained it was well orchestrated and it did not affect traffic.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures of an incident that occurred on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the 6.8 Northbound span at 12:34 pm. He explained a MAP responder was rear ended as he was stopped to pick up debris in the roadway. Mr. Dufrechou stated the MAP responder was able to jump onto the curb to avoid being struck. He reported the MAP vehicle was totaled but no one was injured.

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Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture from the Causeway Bridge of the full moon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. He stated the picture was taken by Mr. Jay Vise works at Second Harvest Food Bank and is formerly from WWL.

Mr. Dufrechou showed four pictures from a four car accident that happened on Monday, November 30, 2015. He reported there were minor injuries associated with this accident.

Mr. Dufrechou showed video of an incident on December 3, 2015 that occurred at approximately 10:02 am. He stated the Causeway MAP wrecker backed into a commuter's vehicle in Crossover 2. Mr. Dufrechou reported that the MAP employee has been counseled and will be reviewing safety videos.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a time lapse video of the girder installation for the expansion of Crossover 5. He stated 26 pilings and 15 girders have been installed. Mr. Dufrechou reported that the barge was located on the west side of the bridge therefore the convoy was done on Northbound span. He also stated all of the girders are in place.

Mr. Dufrechou then showed a spreadsheet that explained the different options for improving rail safety and the estimated cost and construction period. To improved rails on the Northbound Bridge, Option A, is estimated at \$31 million and take around 1 year. To improve rails on the Southbound Bridge, Option B-1, \$40 million and take around 1 year. To add safety bays and segmented shoulders is \$63 million and take around 1 and a half years. To improve rails on both spans is \$71 million and 2 years. To improve the rails Southbound and add safety bays/segmented shoulders is \$104 million and 2 years. To improve rails on both bridges and add safety bays/segmented shoulders is

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\$134 million and 2 and a half years. To add continuous shoulders on both Bridges is \$1.8 billion and 4 years. The option that seems most beneficial for the Causeway's needs is the segmented shoulders and rails for the Southbound Bridge. In the next two months Stantec will complete their traffic analysis and PFM will complete their financial analysis. Mr. Dufrechou stated we should have all data by February 2016.

On the issuance of Request for Qualifications for professional Engineering Services, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mr. Lorino, seconded by Mr. Jaeger, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms or individuals interested in providing general engineering services on as needed basis for the GNOEC. Based on the recommendations of the staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to issue a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion. Mr. LaSalle abstained from this vote.**

On the bids on the North Toll Plaza Police Building, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Ligi, the GNOEC previously authorized Broadmoor Design Group to advertise and receive bids to construct the replacement GNOEC Headquarters building. Based on the recommendations of staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to reject the bids received due to a substantial redesign in the plans, and authorizes Broadmoor Design Group to advertise and receive bids with the incorporated redesigned plans for the construction of the replacement GNOEC**

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**Police Headquarters building. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and
Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Romig reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 7,
2016 at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Anthony V. Ligi, Jr.

Chairman



Stephen G. Romig

Secretary