

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016, 10:00 A.M., GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

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

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Stacie Heffker; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Cary Bourgeois, GEC, Inc.; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Kathy Gambino and Jim Lynch, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Bruce Badon, Burk-Kleinpeter; Dean DuPlantier, Broadmoor Design Group; Juba Diez; Joy Dillard; Steve Phillippi; Al Weysham; John Weres

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mr. Jaeger, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 7, 2016 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Jaeger and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou stated the Causeway Charitable Foundation has been a great asset to many organizations including Southeast Hospital. Mr. Ligi stated because of the hard work of the Foundation, many organizations benefited. He recognized and presented the following Causeway Police Charitable Foundations members with certificates: Al Weysham, Don Phillips, Joy Dillard, Bob Casse, John Potter, Eric Spangenberg, Nicholas Cavalier, Steve Phillippi, Willie Paretti, Gavin Gillen, Bill Murhammer, Chief Congemi and Carlton Dufrechou. Mr. Ligi stated for those members that could not attend the meeting, their certificates will be mailed to them. Mr. Dufrechou thanked

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everyone for the hard work and dedication to a worthy cause. Chief Congemi echoed and stated it was a pleasure to serve on a worthy board with dedicated members.

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

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported in January there were 19 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported fog operations took place on January 8th, January 20th, February 1st and February 2nd.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 172 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 17 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 189. He reported 25 accidents, 2 were associated with breakdowns, on the Causeway Bridge and 9 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures from an accident on January 20, 2016. He stated the Southbound span was closed from 3:02 PM to 4:58 PM. A truck broke down and was rear ended. Mr. Dufrechou reported there were injuries associated with this accident.

Mr. Dufrechou showed video of that happened on January 30, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures of the Boh Bros concrete pour in Crossover 5 that occurred on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture of some wildlife that landed at the Bascule on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

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Mr. Dufrechou gave the Commission an update of the engineering companies that submitted proposals responding to RFQs along with the schedule.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a map and video of the Atlanterhavsveien (Atlantic Highway) that is located in Norway.

Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no items that need a vote from the Commission this meeting.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a second PowerPoint regarding safety and a traffic and revenue study.

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Slide 2:

A picture of a vehicle going overboard in September 2013

Slide 3:

A picture of a vehicle being pulled from the lake onto the bridge in May 2014

Slide 4:

A line diagram that gives the number of vehicles that cross the bridge in each year with a red arrow indicating when the second span was created

Slide 5:

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A chart that shows by year the number of accidents, amount of vehicles overboard, number of overboard fatalities and the types of vehicle that went overboard

Slide 6:

A chart that breaks down the 2015 accidents by month, number of accidents and number associated with breakdowns

Slide 7:

One diagram of Northbound Rail Option A and one of Southbound Rail Option B-1

Slide 8:

A view of the Causeway Bridge from Google Earth showing locations of crossovers and proposed safety shoulders

Slide 9:

A drawing of Northbound and Southbound span showing length of proposed safety shoulders

Slide 10 and 11:

A spreadsheet of safety improvements with a description, estimated construction cost and estimated construction period

Slide 12 and 13:

Introduction and description of the Causeway Bridge operations

Slide 14:

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Figure 1-1: Ariel map of the Causeway Bridge

Slide 15:

Table 1-1: Causeway history and milestones

Slide 16:

Description of non-toll roadways in Louisiana

Slide 17:

Study, Purpose and Methodology of this study by Stantec

Slide 18:

Existing travel patterns and traffic volumes

Slide 19:

Figure 3-1: Project area screenline map

Slide 20:

Table 3-1: Average daily traffic volume and screenline distribution

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Figure 3-2: Total daily volume by lane

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Figure 3-3: Northbound hourly weekday volume by roadway

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Figure 3-4: Southbound Hourly weekday volume by roadway

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Origin-destination traffic patterns

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Figure 3-5: Origin-destination survey district definitions

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Table 3-5: Average daily travel time and speed comparison

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Figure 4-1: CPI and income vs. average one-way toll rate, normalized to 1969

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Table 4-2: Causeway cash toll fare schedule

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Figure 4-2: Toll bridge rate comparison

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4.3 Future toll policy and Table 4-3: Historical and projected CPI growth

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Figure 5-1: Southbound Traffic for the Causeway Bridge

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5.2 Vehicle class distribution and Figure 5-4: Historical truck percent of traffic

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Table 5-1: Vehicle classification distribution by payment type

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Table 5-2: Causeway Average Weekday Volume by Time period

Slide 35:

Payment method distribution and Figure 5-7: Causeway average weekday AVI percentage

Slide 36:

Transaction collection efficiency

Slide 37:

Regional trends and Table 6-1: Toll Tags by Parish

Slide 38:

Regional population and Figure 6-1: Population trend, normalized to 1990

Slide 39:

Table 6-2: Population trend, 2014 & 2040 and Regional employment

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Table 6-3: Employment trend, 2014 & 2040

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Income, CPI and Costs

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Figure 6-7: CPI and income vs. average one-way toll rate, normalized to 1969

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Modeling methodology

Slide 44:

Travel time estimate and Table 7-5: Travel time comparison (minutes)

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Table 7-6 Travel speed comparison (MPH)

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Mr. Ligi reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled in late April in Covington.

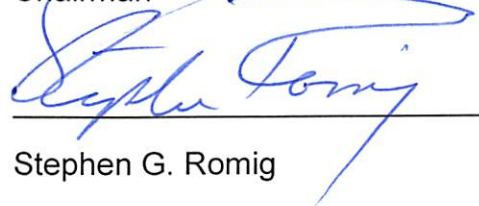
There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



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Chairman



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