

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 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; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Stacie Heffker; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick Congemi; 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; Byron Poydras, Bank of New York; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; Hugh Martin, Foley & Judell, LLP.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Capt. Lorino, seconded by Mr. Romig, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 9, 2015 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Romig and Capt. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.

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

Mr. Ligi then asked about the Causeway Charitable Foundation. Mr. Dufrechou stated the last fundraiser was very successful. He said there is some discussion of dissolving the Charitable Foundation. Mr. Dufrechou explained the original mission was to assist with Southeast Hospital. He explained that now the hospital has been closed for several

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years and although the foundation was helping other charities, the board is discussing the foundation's closure.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported in December there were 10 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported fog operations took place on December 22nd, 23rd and 25th.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 192 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 29 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 221. He reported 20 accidents, 6 were associated with breakdowns, on the Causeway Bridge and 9 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the Southbound Bridge was closed on December 20th for approximately thirty five minutes at 3:30 PM due to an accident with injuries.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the Southbound Bridge was closed again on December 23rd because of a problem with the drawbridge from 9:44 AM to 10:22 AM.

On December 30th Mr. Dufrechou stated the Northbound Bridge was closed from 3:43 PM to 4:43 AM due to a truck breakdown and oil leak. He stated a video of the incident will be shown later this meeting.

Mr. Dufrechou stated in the early morning of January 5th a vehicle rode on the curb of the Southbound Bridge and damaged two railings. He stated two pictures from this incident will be shown in the presentation later this meeting.

Also on January 5th, Mr. Dufrechou reported there was a thirty five minute delay to set up for the construction.

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Mr. Dufrechou showed video of a three vehicle accident that happened on December 10th on the Southbound Bridge at the 8.7 mile marker. He stated this was just morning traffic that was slightly heavier before the Christmas holiday. Mr. Dufrechou reminded everyone it is critical to pay attention while driving.

Mr. Dufrechou showed another video from a three car accident that resulted in attenuator damage on the Northbound span. This accident occurred on December 30th while a vehicle was trying to go into Crossover 7. Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no injuries reported.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture from an accident on December 30, 2015 involving a moving van that broke down and blew the engine which resulted in spilled oil on the roadway six miles from the Northshore. He reported the van had to be towed and absorbent was put out. Mr. Dufrechou stated the Northbound span was closed from 3:43 PM to 4:43 PM.

Mr. Dufrechou showed two pictures of rail damage that occurred on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. He reported between 1:00 AM and 1:30 AM our Officers noticed some rails missing. After inspection, our Police Department called the U.S. Coast Guard and Jefferson Parish Laser water rescue. Mr. Dufrechou stated that although they did not think anyone went over, but in an abundance of caution, they did perform a search. Mr. Dufrechou reported there were scars on the side and apparently a vehicle had ridden up on the curb but did come back down in the roadway. He also reported the rails have been replaced.

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Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures from traffic back up on January 5, 2016. He stated the delay was caused by a lane closure from the 9 mile to Crossover 5 for construction activities. He reported the contractors took a bit longer than expected to put the cones out. It delayed the traffic almost three miles on the Bridge.

On the approval to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement regarding cell towers, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mr. Lorino, seconded by Mr. Romig, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and Global Signal Acquisitions IV, LLC (“Crown”) are parties to a Limited Assignment of Rights and Lease Agreement that governs the operation of communications facilities, including cell towers on the Causeway Bridge. To address recurring hurricane storm damages, the GNOEC and Crown have entered into an Agreement to Relocate Cell Towers (“Agreement”) that addresses the removal, upgrade, and construction of new communications facilities. Based on the recommendations of staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to proceed with implementing the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Romig and Capt. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.**

On the notice of intention to introduce local bill, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Capt. Lorino, a notice is hereby given, as provided by Article III, Section 13 of Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana to be convened on March 14, 2016 one or more bills relative to the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, to grant additional powers to the**

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Commission; to provide for the issuance of bonds, toll bonds, and other obligations of the Commission to finance the cost of construction of safety improvements and betterments the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission; to provide with respect to surplus funds; and to provide for related matters. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Romig and Capt. Lorino voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ligi reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Ligi stated that Capt. Lorino ran unopposed for St. Tammany Council and would unfortunately have to resign as a Commissioner. He stated Capt. Lorino will be missed.

Mr. Ligi reported that it is effective January 11, 2016. He made a motion to reluctantly accept Capt. Lorino's resignation. The motion was reluctantly seconded by Mr. Romig.
Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Jaeger and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.

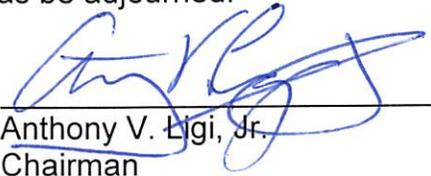
Mr. Ligi stated that Capt. Lorino brought his expertise and wisdom to the Commission. He stated it is our loss but St. Tammany Parish's gain. Mr. Ligi presented Capt. Lorino with an American Flag that was flown on the Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou thanked Capt. Lorino for his leadership as a Commissioner and former Chairman. Capt. Lorino thanked the Commission and GNOEC staff. He stated it was a pleasure to serve and during his tenure he learned a lot about the Bridge and its operations. Capt. Lorino stated that if the state or our new Governor needed to look at a model operation, this is one they should look at. He stated that although he is going to St. Tammany, he will always be a strong proponent for the rails and safety improvements. Capt. Lorino said

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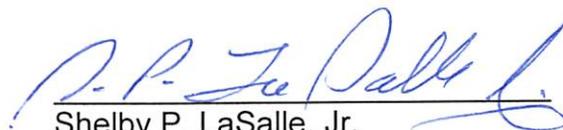
the improved rails are needed because we know a vehicle can go over the Bridge and there are many families with children that travel it daily. He thanked everyone once more and stated it was a great ride.

Mr. Ligi also thanked his colleagues for giving him the opportunity to chair the Commission. He stated the organization is one of the best in the state. He thanked Carlton Dufrechou, Chief Congemi and the GNOEC staff for doing a wonderful job. Mr. Ligi stated it will be hard to follow in Steve Romig's shoes. Mr. Ligi stated that a lot was accomplished under the leadership of Mr. Romig. He stated such examples of Mr. Romig's accomplishments are the Bridge Railing Improvement Study, the crash testing, updating the Drawbridge Control System, restriping of the Bridge and repairing the cable support trays after hurricane damage. Mr. Ligi stated these are all examples of how Mr. Romig improved the safety on the Bridge for the commuters. He thanked Mr. Romig for doing such a great job. He then presented Mr. Romig with an inscribed gavel from the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and staff. Mr. Romig thanked the Commission and GNOEC staff.

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



Anthony V. Ligi, Jr.
Chairman



Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr.
Vice Chairman