

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Vice Chairman; Stephen Romig, Treasurer; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Secretary; P. Lindsey Williams, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Eileen Barthe; Stacie Heffker; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Georgie Bagnetto; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, Philip Meyer, GEC; Nick Reimann, the Advocate; David Miller, PFM; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Matt Berstein, Chris Hicks, CITI Municipal Securities Division; Jim Martin, Design Engineering Inc.; Hugh Martin, Meredith Hathorn, Foley and Judell LLP

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 7, 2017 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in July the Drawbridge operations included 9 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no fog operations to report.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 324 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 38 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 362. He reported 20 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated 9 occurred Northbound, 7 Southbound 1 at the North Toll Plaza, 1 at the South Toll Plaza and 2 in Crossovers. Mr. Dufrechou also stated 7 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 3 Eastbound, 2 Westbound and 2 at Clearview.

Mr. Dufrechou showed an accelerated video of the new DMS signs that are being installed in the Crossovers on the Causeway Bridge. He confirmed with Mr. Cary Bourgeois that three are completed and they will all be operational by August.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures of a truck fire that occurred on the Huey P. Long on Thursday, June 8, 2017. He reported our Officers arrived on the scene promptly.

Mr. Dufrechou showed four pictures of a disabled vehicle that was rear-ended at the 10.3 mile marker on the Southbound span of the Causeway Bridge on Monday, June 12, 2017. He confirmed with Lt. Kelly there were no injuries in this accident. Lt. Kelly also stated the vehicle knocked out 63 feet of railings.

Mr. Carlton Dufrechou read the following excerpt from a report about an incident that occurred at the Huey P. long Bridge with Sgt. Roy Jacob and his team: *On the 7th of July at 0750 hours Jacob was stationed in the lane closure from west to east upslope. Jacob observed what appeared to be a crash in the far left lane of traffic. The vehicle seemed to be pinned up against the retainer wall approximately 1000 feet from his location. The vehicle appeared to free itself and began slowly (idle speed) cross all lanes of the east bound upslope. A commuter hollered to Jacob that the driver was*

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passed out behind the wheel. Jacob ran to the location of the vehicle (still moving) and observed a female behind the wheel having convulsions, and passed out. Jacob opened the driver's door and had to sit on the drivers lap to stop the vehicle. The engine was turned off and ambulance was requested. Bridge city fire and rescue arrived assisted by West Jefferson ambulance. The victim began regaining some motor functions, but was transported to Ochsner. The vehicle was moved from the scene to the east traffic circle. Officers Sloan and Coyle assisted. Mr. Dufrechou stated if Chief Nick Congemi was at the meeting, he would recommend Sgt. Jacob for a lifesaving award. He stated if the Commission concurs, he would like to pass that along to the Chief via the lieutenants. Chairman LaSalle moved to present a lifesaving award to Sgt. Jacob. Mr. Ligi, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

On the Replace the Dynamic Message Signs project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 1. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Romig, Plan Change Number 1 provides for the addition of four items to the contract at total cost of \$5,887.56 and 11 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. Exploratory drilling, 2. Epoxy for bridge footings, 3. Adjustments to sub-contractor insurance requirements, and 4. Additional warning gate wiring. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change Number 1. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

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On the Replace the Dynamic Message Signs project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 2. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, Plan Change Number 2 provides for the addition of three CCTV System Repair items to the contract at total cost of \$13,878.80 and 7 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. Repair of CCTV Camera at Crossover #3, 2. Repair of CCTV Camera at Crossover #6, and 3. Installation Assistance of CCTV Cameras on the Cell Phone Tower at Crossover #5. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change Number 2. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

PFM and Citigroup each presented a PowerPoint. Those presentations can be viewed at the GNOEC Administration office.

On the amending and restating general bond, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for the following resolution. **On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Romig, to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance from time to time of bonds of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission for the purpose of refunding, refinancing, restructuring, extending or unifying the whole or any part of said Commission's bonded indebtedness and/or for the purpose of financing the cost of the construction of improvements and betterments to the Greater New Orleans Expressway, including construction of approaches and access roads, bridges, overpasses, and any other structures including traffic safety and capacity improvements related to said Expressway and the costs of issuance of said bonds; providing for the general terms, forms,**

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manner of payment and security for payment of said bonds to be issued; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Series 2017 Bond, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for the following resolution. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, To consider and take action with respect to adopting a Series Resolution authorizing the issuance of not exceeding One Hundred Thirty-Three Million Dollars (\$133,000,000) aggregate principal amount of Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien Bonds, in one or more series; providing for the terms, provisions and conditions of such Bonds; authorizing and approving the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement relating to the Bonds; authorizing the execution of a Certificate of Determination containing terms and details of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Due to the delay in schedule for the July 2017 meeting, Mr. Dufrechou requested to move the next Commission meeting to August 9, 2017 at the 10:00 a.m. in the VOA building on the South Shore. Mr. LaSalle stated as long as the other Commissioners schedules permit, this later date should not be a problem. **REVISION – The next Commission meeting is tentatively Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Location and time to be announced.**

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

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Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.
Chairman



Patrick W. Fitzmorris
Secretary