

PRESENTATION BY THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF MANDEVILLE CITY HALL, 3101 EAST CAUSEWAY APPROACH, MANDEVILLE, LA

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Katz, Chairman; Lawrence M. Rase, Vice Chairman; Peter F. Egan, Secretary; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Assistant Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Cheryl H. Lambert; Chief Nick Congemi; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Stacie Heffker; Perry Daigrepoint; Robert Brocato; Cary Bourgeois, Shelby LaSalle, Jr. & Gavin Gillen, GEC, Inc.; Burgess McCranie, McCranie, Campbell, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch; Bill Becknell & Brian Meissner, The Becknell Law Firm; Bill Murhammer; Steve Bowes, Sisung Investment Management Services; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Steve Phillippi; Mandeville Mayor Donald Villere; Mandeville Councilman David Ellis; Mandeville Councilman Clay Madden; Justin Smith, Corps of Engineers; Polly Greene, St. Tammany Farmer; Bob Warren, The Times-Picayune

ABSENT: Stephen G. Romig, Treasurer

Mr. Katz introduced himself and other Commission members and welcomed everyone to the public presentation. Mr. Romig is out of town.

Mr. Katz recognized Mandeville Councilmen Clay Madden and David Ellis and Mayor Donald Villere, thanking them again for their hospitality.

Mayor Villere thanked the Commission for coming to Mandeville and extended an open invitation to have more meetings in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Katz introduced Justin Smith, Project Manager with the Corps of Engineers, stating he will give the presentation and update on the stages of the Corps project at the south end of the Causeway. Mr. Smith made an overall power point presentation of the Corps project and its current status. The contractor is Boh Brothers Construction Co., Inc. Mayor Villere stated a year ago they were talking about the construction and the anticipated delays it would cause, adding that during the construction there have been moments but he thinks all in all the construction has gone extremely well. Mayor Villere stated he thinks the traffic has been accommodated very nicely and working with the

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Causeway Commission and Jefferson Parish as to extending the signal light on the south end has helped out a great deal. Mayor Villere reiterated the project has accommodated traffic. Mr. Dufrechou stated the project is ahead of schedule and everyone is looking forward to its completion. Mr. Dufrechou stated he would be remiss not to thank Chief Congemi, the police officers and MAP folks who religiously work the traffic light at 6<sup>th</sup> Street for seven or eight months now.

Mr. Katz stated at the 5:00 p.m. meeting the Commission voted to approve the purchase of a new toll system. Mr. Bourgeois of GEC, Inc. gave a power point presentation on the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> Lane at the North Toll Plaza. He stated three or four lanes will be open at all times during the work. Mr. Bourgeois pointed out the existing toll system is more than twenty years old and replacement parts are not available. He stated work begins on the 5<sup>th</sup> Lane on Monday, July 16. Mr. Dufrechou stated the toll plaza work should be completed the spring of 2013 and will last many years.

The two citizens, husband and wife, who attended the presentation for the public voiced complaints and questions pertaining to drivers and issues on the bridge, not ones related to the toll plaza work. Mr. Dufrechou responded to their questions and comments.

Mr. Katz thanked everyone for attending.



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PETER F. EGAN  
SECRETARY



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LAWRENCE K. KATZ  
CHAIRMAN