

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

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

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Cheryl H. Lambert; Chief Nick Congemi; Melissa M. Phillipott; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe'; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Stacie Heffker; Perry Daigrepoint; Cary Bourgeois, Jim Martin & Bob Boagni, GEC, Inc.; Burgess McCranie, McCranie, Campbell, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch; Bill Becknell & John Becknell, The Becknell Law Firm; Denis Milliner, Bank of New York; Patrice McNeal, Chase Bank; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Bennett Powell, Kathy Gambino & Jim Lynch, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr.; Steve Bowes & Kent Schexnayder, Sisung Investment Management Services; Robert Rhoden, The Times-Picayune

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On motion by Romig, seconded by Katz, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 9, 2013 were accepted as written. Mr. Rase, Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Egan and Mr. Katz voted in favor of the motion.

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Mr. Dufrechou reported for January, of the forty-four water quality samples taken, thirty-four samples (77%) met primary contact recreation standards. There were eight exceeding on the South Shore and two on the North Shore. With regard to the New Canal Lighthouse, Mr. Dufrechou reported the exterior is complete and will have the final fire marshal inspection this Friday. The exhibits are going in now and it should be open to the public as a museum officially in April 2013.

For the month of January, Mr. Dufrechou reported ten vessel openings, one pin motor incident, one drive fault incident and three test openings at the drawbridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported MAP and Police responded to 251 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and

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30 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge during January.

Mr. Dufrechou stated in 2012 there were a total of 150 crashes on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated this is with conservatively 11.5 million transits, which is about one accident for every 76,000 trips across the bridge, and he is still very proud of that. Mr. Dufrechou stated while overall it is extremely safe, Chief Congemi is already working with the officers to try to keep an eye on it. Mr. Dufrechou stated the accidents did go up last year about 10%, but much of that was early in the year because of the flood protection work on the South Shore - there were a bunch of rear-ends in the morning. He stated nevertheless they are trying keep all of the commuters safety conscious all the time.

Mr. Dufrechou stated during the week of January 8, all police officers completed re-certification in First Aid and CPR.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on January 25, there was a drawbridge failure to open and maintenance responded very rapidly. He explained one of the pins on the southbound bridge did not retract and had to be retracted manually. Mr. Dufrechou stated operations were restored in about two hours.

Mr. Dufrechou showed slides of a vehicle fire on the northbound bridge on January 28 at about 12:30 p.m. He stated the bridge was closed for about twenty-five minutes. He stated the good news is no one was harmed and the bridge was opened right away after. Mr. Dufrechou stated this is testimony to the rapid response of not only Causeway forces but the fire departments on both sides.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on January 30, five of the Police Corporals completed a three-day Law Enforcement Supervision class. He added they will continue to enhance the training for all of the officers.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on January 31, the Eve floats were convoyed north between 11 p.m. and 1

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a.m. by both Police and MAP folks. He stated they came back on Super Bowl Sunday during pre-dawn hours with no incidents or problems.

Mr. Dufrechou showed the video of a five-car accident on January 31 at about 6:45 p.m. He stated the good news is no one was injured and the roadway was cleared rapidly, nevertheless, it was a five-car accident. Mr. Dufrechou stated the guys responded immediately as they just happened to be in the crossover. He stated Chief Congemi and the Sergeants strategically locate our officers in crossovers during the morning and evening commutes so they can get to incidents rapidly and is another instance of trying to keep people on their toes all the time.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on February 3, the Super Bowl, right about the time there was a blackout in the dome, the Causeway got a call of a critter on the bridge. He showed the slide of a pot-bellied pig that the Chief's officers and some of the MAP people corralled, adding he is not quite sure how he got out of his vehicle. Chief Congemi stated the pig was taken to a veterinarian and had a broken leg. Mr. Dufrechou stated he is glad the pig made it; this is the first pig of record to be saved on the bridge.

With respect to the southbound commute, Mr. Dufrechou reported the commuters are back to about thirty minutes average in the morning, which is where it was before the storm protection project.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the property insurance has been renewed recently. Mr. Dufrechou stated he is pleased with the efforts of the staff and Kathy Gambino and Jim Lynch of Gallagher, adding he appreciates the work they put into it.

On the storm protection work, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Corps of Engineers completed its preliminary review of the credit package on January 18 and estimates the full financial review will be completed in May. He stated Boh Brothers has already begun demobilizing and should be out

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soon. He stated the truss for the variable message board is the last item they are waiting for and according to Mr. Bourgeois it is still probably about two months out on it.

On the Discretionary Bridge Program, Piling Encapsulation project, Mr. Dufrechou stated the LA DOTD received four bids on January 9, 2013. Mr. Dufrechou stated the low bidder is C.E.C., Inc. with a proposal of \$2,070,560.00 and DOTD is recommending awarding to C.E.C, Inc. He stated the staff and engineers are concurring.

Mr. Dufrechou stated also on the Discretionary Bridge Program, the Bascule Control System project was to be bid in February but has been rescheduled to be bid on March 13, 2013.

On motion by Katz, seconded by Romig, based upon the recommendation of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the Commission concurs with recommendation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to award State Project No. H.009322, Piling Restoration Transformer Platforms, to the low bidder C.E.C, Inc. in the amount of \$2,070,560.00. The Commission authorized General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the award of this contract on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Rase, Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Egan and Mr. Katz voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou showed slides on the status of the construction at the North Toll Plaza area and gave the following updates: A section of the canopy to the east side has been completed. The road work should be finished within the next month. On the pull-out bay, the railing is going up this week and the striping should be in next week so the pull-out bay northbound should be complete within the next ten days. The barrier at one of the columns was poured last week, the striping should be in next week and should be complete by the middle of the month.

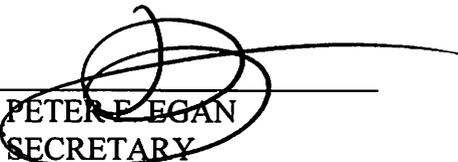
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Mr. Dufrechou presented Mr. Rase with a new Causeway jacket.

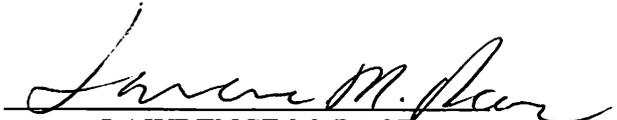
Mr. Rase announced the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m.

With respect to the property insurance renewal, Mr. Katz voiced a special thanks on behalf of the Commission to Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Lopreore on the inside and to Bennett Powell, Jim Lynch and Kathy Gambino with Arthur J. Gallagher for their help with the renewal. Mr. Katz stated the Commission is very pleased with their great job in keeping the rates like they did and the deductible is fantastic. Mr. Katz stated it was a great team effort and on behalf of the Commission thanked them again.

There being no further business, on motion by Katz, seconded by Romig, the meeting was adjourned.



PETER EGAN
SECRETARY



LAWRENCE M. RASE
CHAIRMAN