

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Pat Brister, Chairman; Lawrence K. Katz, Vice Chairman; James E. Ravannack, Treasurer; Frank L. Levy, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Cheryl H. Lambert; Chief Nick Congemi; Melissa M. Phillpott; Eileen Barthe'; Georgie Bagnetto; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Perry Daigrepoint; Stacie Heffker; Sgt. Roy Jacob; Phil Meyers, Cary Bourgeois & Gavin Gillen, GEC, Inc.; Bill Becknell & John Becknell, The Becknell Law Firm; Bill Murhammer; Burgess McCranie, McCranie, Campbell, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch; Denis Milliner, Bank of New York; Steve Bowes, Sisung Investment Services, Inc.; James Lynch, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management; Steve Fall, NY Associates; Kelly McHugh, Kelly McHugh & Associates, Inc.; John Shires, Professional Engineering Consultants Corp.; Bill Fornea, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Bob Warren, The Times-Picayune

ABSENT: Lawrence M. Rase, Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On motion by Ravannack, seconded by Levy, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 7, 2011 were accepted as written. Mrs. Brister, Mr. Katz, Mr. Ravannack and Mr. Levy voted in favor of the motion.

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Mr. Dufrechou reported the water quality data for June and July. Of the eighty samples taken, 80% met primary recreation criteria. There were nine exceeds on the South Shore and seven on the North Shore. In response to Mr. Katz's inquiry as to when the lake will return to normal, Mr. Dufrechou stated probably this fall.

On behalf of the Causeway Police Charitable Foundation, Mr. Murhammer reported the Foundation is working on new fund-raising ideas for next year. He added the Foundation will keep the Commission updated.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on projects currently underway. The North Channel Emergency Span Motors project should be complete this month. The Hurricane Protection Work project is ongoing

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by the Corps, with a completion date of next summer. With respect to the North Channel Bascule Span Repairs project, Mr. Dufrechou stated the work began in June. He stated there were convoys one week northbound and one week southbound, all night work. He expressed his appreciation to the police, maintenance, MAP personnel and the contractor. Mr. Dufrechou stated the North Bascule Trunnion Bearing Maintenance project should be complete in November 2011. He reported the VMS/Call Box/HIL System Migration project is closer to completion.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the TEA-21 project, which is the 5th lane for the North Toll Plaza, design work will be complete next month. He added this is the first project working with LA DOTD and federal funds for the improvements to the toll plaza.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the first action item is for the Act of Sale of the old South Toll Plaza property to the State of Louisiana, which is the result of the storm protection work by the Corps. This will compensate the GNOEC for the site. **On motion by Ravannack, seconded by Katz, the Commission approved the following resolution.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission that it enter into an Act of Sale with the State of Louisiana, through the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration for the property described on Exhibits 1 and 2 for the sum of \$2,600,000 in connection with LPV 17.2 - Bridge Abutment and Floodwall Tie-Ins at Causeway Bridge, Hurricane Protection Project, Jefferson Parish in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration dated July 28, 2010 recorded in COB 3268, page 642 of the records of the Clerk of Court, Jefferson Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carlton Dufrechou, General Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to execute such Act of Sale to contain such terms and conditions as he in his discretion deem necessary and proper.

Mrs. Brister, Mr. Katz, Mr. Ravannack and Mr. Levy voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the Official Journal alternates between the South and North Shores each year.

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He stated next year it is on the South Shore and the recommendation is to accept the proposal submitted by The Times-Picayune for \$2.50 per column inch. **On motion by Katz, seconded by Levy, the Official Journal for the GNOEC is chosen for one year alternating between a publication located in the Parish of Jefferson or St. Tammany. Based on a proposal received from The Times-Picayune, which quoted a rate of \$2.50 per column inch, the Commission appoints The Times-Picayune (Parish of Jefferson) as the Official Journal for one year, effective July 1, 2011. Mrs. Brister, Mr. Katz, Mr. Ravannack and Mr. Levy voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou presented the lease for the new Huey P. Long Bridge police office located on Central Avenue. He stated the office is about 700 square feet for police officers and storage area for the cost of \$640 per month including utilities. **On motion by Levy, seconded by Ravannack, the Commission approved the following resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission ("GNOEC") that the GNOEC enter into a lease with the City of New Orleans by and through the Pubic Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans for a portion of the premises located at 940 Central Avenue, Jefferson, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana 70121.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carlton Dufrechou, General Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to execute such Lease to contain such terms and conditions as he in his discretion deem necessary and proper.

Mrs. Brister, Mr. Katz, Mr. Ravannack and Mr. Levy voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the 2011 approved budget of \$21,327,000 is being amended to \$20,773,000 and the proposed budget for 2012 is \$20,755,000. Mr. Dufrechou stated he would like to thank particularly Mr. Murhammer, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Phillipott, as well as the entire GNOEC staff for the mind-set of having to watch the dollars as much as possible. He added this is the lowest

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budget the GNOEC has had since 2005 and is a very efficient operation. Mrs. Brister commended the staff, adding they have given a lot to the budget in understanding the situation. She added they have given up and personally done things they believe are necessary to help. **On motion by Katz, seconded by Ravannack, the Commission accepted and approved the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2010 - October 31, 2011 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2011 - October 31, 2012 as presented. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net revenue requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mrs. Brister, Mr. Katz, Mr. Ravannack and Mr. Levy voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou presented the following reports for June - July 2011. There were forty-three drawbridge openings, two drive fault incidents and fifteen test openings. Police and MAP personnel responded to 321 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and fifty breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on June 7, about 11:30 p.m., the Boh Brothers tug moored to the pile driving barge west of the bridge sunk. He stated police officers were on the scene right away and the bascule operator called another commercial tug operator to assist. Mr. Dufrechou stated there was no danger to the bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on June 13 - 16 there were convoys northbound from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for the northbound drawbridge work. He added the work was completed about 3:30 a.m. Mr. Dufrechou stated the subsequent week, June 20 - 23, there were southbound convoys for the southbound drawbridge work, which was completed very timely.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on July 22, he and Chief Congemi attended a hurricane preparedness meeting

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with the South LA Flood Protection Authority East, State Police, Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes, East Jefferson Levee District and the Corps of Engineers. He stated on July 29 there was a meeting specifically for the Causeway with the East Jefferson Levee District.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on July 14, while testing the new emergency span motor, it was discovered that on the southbound bridge the west guide pin drive collar had failed and required emergency repairs. He stated he was pleased with Causeway staff and employees as well as GEC, and in a matter of hours it was repaired.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on July 21, the LA Highway Safety Research Group announced the Causeway Police Department is in the top 10% statewide for DWI arrests. He added the CPD is twenty-third out of more than three hundred state agencies.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on August 2 there were emergency repairs for a sink hole on the West Approach at Skipper Drive.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on August 3 around 2:00 p.m. Boh Brothers was offloading material for the hurricane protection work at the end of the southbound bridge, which caused traffic to back up. He stated Officer Mike Bernard was in the traffic when he saw an SUV approaching very rapidly; he turned his steering wheel to the right to prevent his unit from piling into vehicles in front of him and he was hit by the SUV. Officer Bernard sustained head lacerations and his unit was totaled. Mr. Dufrechou stated Officer Bernard helped the occupants of the SUV and all were transported to University Hospital. Officer Bernard was released that evening and will return to duty tomorrow.

Mr. Dufrechou stated the driver of the SUV acknowledged he had the cruise control on and did not respond quickly enough.

Mr. Dufrechou stated last Friday at about 5:15 p.m. there were thunderstorms that closed the bridge

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for about thirty-five minutes and lightning knocked out pieces of concrete railing near the eighteen-mile marker northbound. The engineers inspected the site and it is not a structural problem.

Mr. Dufrechou showed videos on the following incidents. On the Huey P. Long Bridge a tractor-trailer truck jack-knifed blocking both lanes. Sgt. Jacob explained the truck was wobbling and the trailer was overloaded. He stated the HPL bridge was closed for a little more than two hours because of problems with the trailer hitch having to be cut off. A kitten was rescued near the HPL bridge and taken to an animal rescue center to be adopted. Sgt. Kelly and Officer Daw responded to a call about an alligator in a crossover of the Causeway Bridge. The alligator was taken to the south end where Wildlife & Fisheries was called to take it. An operator in the Camera Department found video of a vehicle going through the toll lane with what looked like something in the back of the vehicle. Upon investigation by Causeway Police, the driver from Lacombe acknowledged he had the alligator in the back of his vehicle trying to relocate it. He was cited by Causeway Police and Wildlife & Fisheries. There was a vehicle fire northbound on the morning of July 27. Chief Congemi stated it was thought that the fire was caused by the transmission heating up; was put out but reignited. In response to Mrs. Brister's inquiry, Mr. Dufrechou stated the bridge was closed about fifty-eight minutes. Mr. Dufrechou stated they do have a protocol now that whenever there is a fire on the bridge, it is shut down completely right away. Mrs. Brister asked if the bridge is inspected right away after an incident. Mr. Dufrechou replied yes, the maintenance department and engineers inspect it. In response to Mr. Katz's inquiry about traffic congestion, Mr. Dufrechou stated if there is anything that looks like it may be prolonged, Mrs. Lopreore puts the word out through Dispatch, VMS, radios, traffic advisory network and local radio and television stations. Mr. Katz asked about rerouting traffic to the other bridge. Mr. Dufrechou replied no, first they shut down

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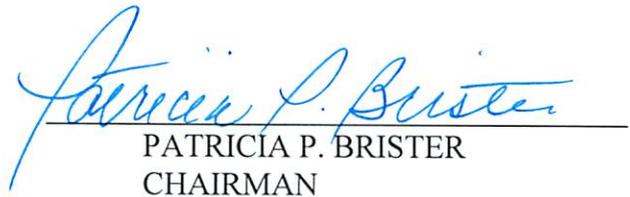
both bridges just in case one bridge needs to be used for access to the site. He added as soon as the ranking officer on the scene is comfortable with this, then they begin to reopen it. He stated it has been working well. The police unit struck by the SUV, the emergency repairs to the drawbridge, and the repairs to the sink hole on the West Approach Road were shown.

Mrs. Brister announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Mandeville City Hall.

There being no further business, on motion by Ravannack, seconded by Levy, the meeting was adjourned.



LAWRENCE M. RASE
SECRETARY



PATRICIA P. BRISTER
CHAIRMAN

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION

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CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of August, 2011 and the same has not been amended and is in full force and effect.

Metairie, Louisiana this 10th day of August, 2011.


Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN, LOUISIANA AND VICINITY, LPV 17.2 BRIDGE
ABUTMENT AND FLOODWALL TIE-INS AT CAUSEWAY BRIDGE
HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

TRACT: 101

OWNER: Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission

SIZE: Approximately 4.74 acres

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A certain tract of land situated in the State of Louisiana, Jefferson Parish, *containing 4.74 acres, more or less*, together with any and all buildings, improvements, rights-of-ways, privileges, servitudes, and appurtenances thereon, and being situated and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Point of Beginning, having an approximate coordinate value of a Point of Beginning of X=3653772.6716 and Y=554467.1501;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653847.7286 and Y=554820.9758;
thence, going westerly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653778.4018 and Y=554836.0816;
thence, going northwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653765.6121 and Y=554837.0280;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653780.8984 and Y=554928.0619;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653828.1236 and Y=555117.2578;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653896.8711 and Y=555352.2039;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653911.7545 and Y=555369.2136;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653944.3564 and Y=555387.2864;
thence, going northeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653987.5977 and Y=555388.4762;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654045.3513 and Y=555376.6553;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654100.9871 and Y=555357.1651;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654133.2346 and Y=555333.7768

thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654152.7249 and Y=555309.6797;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654170.4430 and Y=555261.1313;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654174.6957 and Y=555179.6266;
thence, going southwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654164.0646 and Y=555121.1559;
thence, going southwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654162.2928 and Y=555027.9571;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654171.5064 and Y=554990.7484;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654210.8412 and Y=554923.0641;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654227.4965 and Y=554865.6565;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654239.7926 and Y=554740.3269;
thence, going southeasterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654245.5693 and Y=554737.7296;
thence, going southwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654229.3605 and Y=554701.6805;
thence, going northwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654206.4037 and Y=554719.5891;
thence, going northwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654174.2435 and Y=554733.4031;
thence, going northwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654159.3898 and Y=554737.9690;
thence, going southwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654157.6555 and Y=554687.7655;
thence, going southwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3654001.6639 and Y=554415.7028;
thence, going northwesterly to a point having Coordinates of X=3653960.2214 and Y=554425.7538;
thence, going northwesterly back to the Point of Beginning.

The coordinate values, bearings, and distances uses herein are referenced to the North American Datum of 1983, Louisiana State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone, U.S. Survey Feet, all being located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The above describe property is part of the same property over which Jefferson Parish and St. Tammany Parish through the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, by virtue of Article VI, Section 22, Paragraph (g)(5) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 and Section 9(3) of Act 762 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, have the absolute and exclusive right to use in Jefferson Parish

