

January 9, 2024 Minutes Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission

For

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 1st Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- **Designee:** Gregory Giangrosso- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 2nd Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 3rd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish- **Designee:** Gary Huettmann- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 4th Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Daniel Jatres- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, 5th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, Secretary- St Tammany Parish- Present

Parish President Matt Jewell, Treasurer- St. Charles Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- **Designee:** Jennifer Van Vrancken- Present

Mayor Robert Billiot- Absent

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Absent

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- **Designee:** James Baker- Present

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Chris Schulz- **Designee:** Ronnie Newsom- Present

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Present

Robert Hopkins- Absent

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember- Absent

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Susan Klees- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember- Absent

Councilmember - Absent

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Absent

Raj Pannu- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember- Absent

Councilmember- Absent

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present

Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal- Present

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent

Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 27

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Tom Haysley, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Presentation: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Region
Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner
8. Consideration: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets
9. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets
10. Consideration: Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets
11. Consideration: South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets
12. Presentation: 2024 Public Participation Plan Update
13. Presentation: Annual Report of MPO Activities
Tosha Shanableh, RPC Transportation Planner
14. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, a quorum was established with Parish President Robby Miller as chairman.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

2. Consideration: Approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Carlton Dufrechou and seconded by Ninette Barrios.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Dan Jatres and seconded by James Baker. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Mandeville-Covington TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Slidell Orleans TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**7. Presentation: Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Region
Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to pages 4 and 5 of the meeting packet for the Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Region. He introduced Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner who gave a brief explanation of the MTP Amendments. Tom added there is an error in the MTP amendments presented in the packet. The far-right column of the table is labeled "2024 Target (2019-2023 Avg.)" but it should be labeled "2024 Target (2020-2024 Avg.)". Mr. Roesel advised the error would be corrected prior to submittal to DOTD.

8. Consideration: New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to the top of page 6 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He reiterated there is an error in the MTP amendments presented in the packet. The far-right column of the table is labeled "2024 Target (2019-2023 Avg.);" but it should be labeled "2024 Target (2020-2024 Avg.)". Mr. Roesel advised the error would be corrected prior to submittal to DOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans MTP Amendments. It was so moved by Dan Jatres and seconded by James Baker. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to the bottom of page 6 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He reiterated there is an error in the MTP amendments presented in the packet. The far-right column of the table is labeled "2024 Target (2019-2023 Avg.);" but it should be labeled "2024 Target (2020-2024 Avg.)". Mr. Roesel advised the error would be corrected prior to submittal to DOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville-Covington MTP Amendments. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Christopher Abadie. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

10. Consideration: Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to the top of page 7 of the meeting packet for the Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He reiterated there is an error in the MTP amendments presented in the packet. The far-right column of the table is labeled "2024 Target (2019-2023 Avg.);" but it should be labeled "2024 Target (2020-2024 Avg.)". Mr. Roesel advised the error would be corrected prior to submittal to DOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Slidell MTP Amendments. It was so moved by Danny McElmurray and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

11. Consideration: South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to the bottom of page 7 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Amendments: 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets. He reiterated there is an error in the MTP amendments presented in the packet. The far-right column of the table is labeled "2024 Target (2019-2023 Avg.);" but it should be labeled "2024 Target (2020-2024 Avg.)". Mr. Roesel advised the error would be corrected prior to submittal to DOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa MTP Amendments. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

12. Presentation: 2024 Public Participation Plan Update

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the 2024 Public Participation Plan Update.

13. Presentation: Annual Report of MPO Activities
Tosha Shanableh, RPC Transportation Planner

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the board to the handout of the draft Annual Report of MPO Activities. He introduced RPC staff member Tosha Shanableh, Transportation Planner, who has been working on the Annual Report of MPO Activities. Tosha presented the draft Annual Report of MPO Activities and provided a brief explanation.

14. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel reminded the board there will be no February TPC meeting due to the Mardi Gras holiday.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
Budget and Personnel Committee
Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Presentation: Adams and Reese LLP
Jeff Brooks, Partner
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

2. Consideration: Approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 12, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Jonathan Perret.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee
(b) Other Committee Reports

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

4. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,190,608.96

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Allen Hero and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Van Vrancken. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending November 30, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Presentation: Adams and Reese LLP
Jeff Brooks, Partner

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Jeff Brooks to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Jeff Brooks at Jeffrey.Brooks@arlaw.com

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for two staff members, Megan Leonard and Adam Tatar to attend the attend the Local Development District Training, February 27 – February 29, 2024, in Memphis, TN.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for a contract extension.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 12-13 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

The Chairman noted Jonathen Perret is abstaining from this item. There being no questions the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Dan Jatres. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. Mr. Jeff Roesel extended his sincere gratitude to Parish President Matt Jewell for his service as Chairman for the 2023 RPC board and presented him with a plaque.

Mr. Jeff Roesel reminded the board there will be no February RPC meeting due to the Mardi Gras holiday.

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.