

October 14, 2025 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, October 14, 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- Present
Parish President Robby Miller, 1st Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Absent
Parish President Louis Pomes, 2nd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present
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Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent
Mayor Tim Baudier- Present
Lee Giorgio- Absent
Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent
Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent
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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Present
Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent
Robert Hopkins- Absent
Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent
Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present
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Joe Montalbano- Absent

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Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent
Garret C. Monti- Present
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Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present
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Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent
Jonathan Perret- Absent

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Adam Acquistapace- Present

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Tangipahoa Parish:

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Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

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Secretary Glenn Ledet **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

TPC Members:

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel McElmurray- Present

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

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

Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee:** Chris Gilmore- Present

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent

Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Mario Bazile (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 29

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
Barton Avenue (LA 3060) Corridor
Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Study (US 90 to LA 18)
Luling, Louisiana
(RPC Task No. A-1.26STC; FY-26 UPWP)
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
STAGE 0 FEASIBILITY STUDY
Barriere Rd. Corridor
Plaquemines Parish
(RPC Task A-3.26PPG; FY-26 UPWP NO UA)
9. Consideration: Other Matters

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

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Daniel McElmurray and seconded by Ronaldo Nodal.

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

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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Tim Baudier and seconded by Jack Stumpf. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by John Wellborn. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
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Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Barton Avenue (LA 3060) Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Study (US 90 to LA 18) Luling, Louisiana (RPC Task: A-1.26STC; FY-26 UPWP). Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to identify conceptual and feasible pedestrian improvements that can be undertaken along and/or adjacent to the heavily trafficked Barton Avenue (LA 3060) between US 90 and LA 18 in Luling.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Barton Avenue (LA 3060) Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Study (US 90 to LA 18) Luling, Louisiana (RPC Task: A-1.26STC; FY-26 UPWP) with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. It was so moved by Mike Palamone and seconded by Garret Monti. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
 STAGE 0 FEASIBILITY STUDY
 Barriere Rd. Corridor
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 (RPC Task A-3.26PPG; FY-26 UPWP NO UA)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Barriere Road Corridor Plaquemines Parish (RPC Task A-3.26PPG; FY-26 UPWP NO UA). Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to update the planning parameters for modifying Barriere Road, including extension of its current alignment to Walker Road and potentially other, currently unimproved roads in the area south of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans (NASJRB); and determining high level implementation costs associated with said effort in order to facilitate alternative routing within the Belle Chasse area of Plaquemines Parish.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: : Stage 0 Feasibility Study Barriere Road Corridor Plaquemines Parish (RPC Task A-3.26PPG; FY-26 UPWP NO UA) with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Allen Hero. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel announced that there will be no November TPC Meeting.

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

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RPC Agenda

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2. Consideration: Approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report:
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Resolution: Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program
6. Resolution: State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Regional Planning Commission Entity-State Agreements
7. Presentation: Louisiana Clean Fuels / Marquette EPA DERA Grant Towboat Emissions Project in River Parishes
Brian Rafferty, Vice President of Business and Development and Sustainability, Marquette Transportation Company
8. Consideration: Travel Request
9. Consideration: Contract Extensions
10. Consideration: Consultant Billings
11. 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 September 9, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall and seconded by Mike Palamone.

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

**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 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending August 31, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,599,815.31.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending August 31, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Resolution: Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the resolution to the board and referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet and explained the need for the resolution for the Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve the Contractual Amendment between LAOCD and RPC Regional Capacity Building Grant Program. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri, seconded by Christopher Abadie. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Resolution: State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Regional Planning Commission Entity-State Agreements

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the resolution to the board and referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet and explained the need for the resolution for Cooperative Agreement between LDNR and RPC for Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding and stated that this is work RPC has been doing for several years in support of LDNR activities.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve the resolution for Contractual Agreement between Cooperative Agreement between LDNR and RPC for Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Funding. It was so moved by Deborah Fagan and seconded by Ray Gregson and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Presentation: Louisiana Clean Fuels / Marquette EPA DERA Grant Towboat Emissions Project in River Parishes
Brian Rafferty, Vice President of Business and Development and Sustainability, Marquette Transportation Company**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Aspen Nero, Environmental Planner and Clean Fuels Partnership Coordinator, to the board. Ms. Nero provided a brief overview of the grant to be presented and introduced Mr. Brian Rafferty of Marquette Transportation Company. For a copy of the presentation or additional information, please contact Mr. Rafferty at brafferty@marquettetrams.com.

8. Consideration: Travel Request

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

9. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

10. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on pages 12-16 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by John Lane 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 Chairwoman.

11. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel announced there will be no November RPC meeting.

Parish President Mike Cooper introduced Adam Acquistapace to the board as the newly appointed citizen representative for St. Tammany Parish.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.