

November 14, 2023 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, November 14, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

Officers:

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

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, 1st Vice Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish **Designee:** Gregory Giangrosso- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 3rd Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Absent

Parish President Guy McInnis, 4th Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** William McCartney- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 5th Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Greg Nichols- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, Secretary- Plaquemines Parish- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, Treasurer- St Tammany Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)- Absent

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- **Designee:** Krystal Hendon-Present

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- **Designee:** Andrew Tuzzolo-Present

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.- Absent

Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Absent

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon- Present

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais- Absent

Susan Klees- Absent

Ray Lauga, Jr.- Present

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier- Absent

Councilmember Dick Gibbs- Absent

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Absent

Raj Pannu- Present

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Chris Canulette- Absent

Councilmember Mike Lorino- Present

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent
Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mike Showers- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Eric Kalivoda **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

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)- Designee: Katherine Felton- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Absent
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- 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: Approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes
2. Consideration: Public Comment Period
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. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
South Range Road Operations Study
Project Number: H.972501.1
RPC Task: T-1.24RR
8. 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: Approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Raj Pannu 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 Chairman.

2. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

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 Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Robert Hopkins. 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 Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

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

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville-Covington TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved Mayor Bob Zabbia 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 Chairman.

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

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

5. 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.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
South Range Road Operations Study
Project Number: H.972501.1
RPC Task: T-1.24RR**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to page 4 of the meeting packet, for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: South Range Road Operations Study State Project Number: H.972501.1 RPC Task: T-1.24RR. He explained this project was originally advertised in September, but RPC readvertised due to changes in the original scope that needed to be modified. The revised solicitation reflects the amended and approved Scope of work by DOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: South Range Road Operations Study State Project Number: H.972501.1 RPC Task: T-1.24RR with Vectura Consulting Services, LLC. It was so moved by Councilmember Mike Lorino and seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained RPC Staff will be sending out the federal-aid functional class maps for parish and municipal review which are done in conjunction with the updated urban area maps derived from the 2020 Census. The maps are typically sent to member parish Planning and Engineering or Public Works for review and comment related to changes to the maps. The road needs to conform to FHWA guidance.

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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2. Consideration: Public Comment Period
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. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2023 Local Activities
Budget Amendment
6. Consideration: Adoption of the CEDS 2024-2028
7. Consideration: Travel Request
8. Consideration: Contract Extensions
9. Consideration: Consultant Billings
10. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri 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.

2. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

**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 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,365,166.73.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Thomas Hines. 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 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending September 30, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Consideration Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2023 Local Activities
Budget Amendment

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2023 Local Activities Budget Amendment and provided a brief explanation. There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2023 Local Activities Budget Amendment. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Jack Stumpf.

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

6. Consideration: Adoption of the CEDS 2024-2028

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the final CEDS 2024-2028. Chris Masingill requested to comment on this item. He stated, "This is an effort, a massive task and a product that is produced by this commission and one that EDA across the country continues to look at as a model as the work that is being done by these two and I want to commend Jeff and the commission for empowering them to lead and partner with economic developers at the local level to do this report." He then requested to make a motion to approve the 2024-2028 CEDS. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the CEDS 2024-2028. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Robert Hopkins.

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

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet for one retro-active travel request for Adam Tatar to attend the Louisiana Brownfields Conference October 25-26, 2023, in Alexandria, Louisiana. Formal approval from EPA was not received until after the October Commission meeting.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Request. It was so moved by Councilmember Wanda Alcon seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

9. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 9 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie and seconded by Gregory Giangrosso with Jonathan Perret abstaining. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

10. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the board of RPC Director of Economic Development and Contract Management Maggie Woodruff's retirement. Maggie was presented with a plaque inscribed Thank you for your dedication and the marvelous and memorable contributions you've made over the years. Wishing you a triumphant, delightful and wonderful retired life ahead! Congratulations on your retirement! From your colleagues and friends at the Regional Planning Commission.

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 Jaclyn Hotard 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.