April 14, 2026 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, April 14, 2026
Time: 12:30 pm
Place: Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:
Officers:
Parish President Robby Miller, Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present
Parish President Louis Pomes, 1st Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee**: John Lane- Present
Mayor Helena Moreno, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee**: Stephen Nelson- Present
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 3rd Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present
Parish President Mike Cooper, 4th Vice Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, 5th Vice Chairman- St. Charles Parish**-** Present
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Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Treasurer- Jefferson Parish- Present
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Jack Stumpf- Present
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Council Chair Chris Schulz- Present
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Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent
DOTD:
Secretary Glenn Ledet- Absent
TPC Members:
Mayor Randy Fandal (Slidell) **Designee**: Daniel McElmurray- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee**: Ronaldo Nodal - Present
Beth Ann Branch (Port)- Absent
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent
Lona Hankins (RTA) **Designee**: Dwight Norton- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 34
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 March 10, 2026 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. Presentation: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 Draft Document
8. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-27
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-27 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs):New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-27 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)
11. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreements FY-27
12. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
    Travel Demand Model SFYS 2026 & 2027

(RPC Task TDM26; FY-26 UPWP)
State Project NO. H.972627

13. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
STAGE 0 FEASIBILITY STUDY
Westbank Riverfront Rail Crossing
Jefferson Parish
(RPC Task A-3.26WJ; FY-26 UPWP NO UA)

14. 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 March 10, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 10, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Daniel McElmurray and seconded by Carlton Dufrechou.

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 members to page 3 of the meeting packet outlining the New Orleans TIP, Transit Elements, gave a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP, Transit Elements. It was so moved by Stephen Nelson 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 referred the members to the bottom of page 3 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville/Covington TIP, 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 Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded Councilmember Pat Burke. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. 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.

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: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 Draft Document

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 Draft Document. Pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 23 CFR 450, this document is inclusive of all four urbanized areas in our region and includes the work tasks and budgets for each task, by urbanized area, four in total. This document is on our website and is being distributed throughout the region consistent with our public participation plan. This is a draft document for the public and Board to review and provide comments. We will bring the final document back to the Board for approval in May.

8. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-27

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the resolution. This resolution authorized by the TPC is necessary prior to submitting applications for FTA & FHWA FY-27 funds as follows:

FTA Section 5303 New Orleans (containing New Orleans UA, Mandeville-Covington UA, Slidell UA, and Hammond-Ponchatoula UA)	$ 757,254.00
DOTD Human Services Transportation (Transit)	$ 15,000.00
FHWA PL New Orleans (containing New Orleans UA, Mandeville-Covington UA, and Hammond-Ponchatoula UA)	$2,917,955.00

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Authorization to Submit the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27. It was so moved by Councilmember Jennifer Van Vrancken and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-27 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs):New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FHWA FY-27 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area, which contains the 4 urban areas: New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FHWA FY-27 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Councilmember Chris Schulz 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.

10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-27 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FTA FY-27 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area, which contains the 4 urban areas: New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FTA FY-27 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by

Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

11. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreements FY-27

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Entity-State Agreement for FY-27 and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the LADOTD Entity-State Agreement for FY-27. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Garret Monti. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

12. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Travel Demand Model SFYS 2026 & 2027
(RPC Task TDM26; FY-26 UPWP)
State Project NO. H.972627

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Travel Demand Model SFYS 2026 & 2027 (RPC Task TDM26; FY-26 UPWP) State Project No. H.972627. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to update RPC's travel demand model used for long-range strategic planning, project/sub-region/corridor-based analyses, and other transportation and land use related tasks.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Travel Demand Model SFYS 2026 & 2027 (RPC Task TDM26; FY-26 UPWP) State Project No. H.972627 with DCCM, Infrastructure, Inc. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels and seconded by Pastor Thomas Hines. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

13. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
STAGE 0 FEASIBILITY STUDY
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Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Westbank Riverfront Rail Crossing Jefferson Parish (RPC Task A-3.26WJ; FY-26 UPWP NO UA). Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to reduce or eliminate highway crossing delays for vehicle, commercial, and industrial traffic, improve rail throughout, and ensure reliable access for transit and vulnerable users between Westwego neighborhoods and Riverfront amenities moving across and along LA 18 and LA 541.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Westbank Riverfront Rail Crossing Jefferson Parish (RPC Task A-3.26WJ; FY-26 UPWP NO UA) with Gresham Smith. It was so moved by Amelia Pellegrin and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Van Vrancken. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

14. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

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 March 10, 2026 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: Multi-Agency Agency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027
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 March 10, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 10, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Adam Acquistapace.

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 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2026. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of $2,342,236.00.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Julius Feltus and seconded by Bonnie Dinvaut. 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 12 of the meeting packet, which contains the monthly budget reports for the period ending February 28, 2026. He also stated that no budget amendments were required at this time. No action or motion was needed for this item.

5. Resolution: Multi-Agency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the resolution to the board and referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet and explained the need for the resolution for the Multi-Agency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027 authorizing either the RPC Executive Director or the Board Chairperson to enter into individual agreements with the United States Department of Energy, Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy, United States Economic Development Administration, United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Delta Regional Authority through April 30, 2027.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Resolution Multi-Agency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Fiscal Year 2027. It was so moved by Charles Borchers, IV and seconded Allen Hero. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for a Travel Requests for one staff member: Adam Tatar to attend the Louisiana Brownfield Conference May 13-14, 2026 in Baton Rouge, LA and the 2026 Southwest Region Economic Development Association Conference April 14-17, 2026 in Austin, TX.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Becky Thomas 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 Chairman.

7. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 for the contract extensions for the Agency Branding and Communications Project RPC Task No D-1.25. The extension is for time only.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 15 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 Jonathan Perret and seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin. 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.

There being no other matters, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.