

May 13, 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, May 13, 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- Present
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
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Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Present
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

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

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell **Designee:** James Baker- Present
Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent
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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Absent
Councilmember Mark Cognevich **Designee:** Patricia McCarty- Present
Robert Hopkins- Absent
Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

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

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent
Garret C. Monti- Present
Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present
Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present
Bonnie Dinvaut- Present
Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present
Councilmember Pat Burke **Designee:** Councilmember Jimmy Strickland- Present

Chris Masingill- Present
Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present
Carlo Bruno- Present
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

TPC Members:

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell)- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- Present
Beth Ann Branch (Port)- Absent
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present
Lona Hankins (RTA) **Designee:** Dwight Norton- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 33

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 April 8, 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: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)
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: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Kevin Dolliole 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 Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 3-5 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 John Lane and seconded by Kelly DiMarco. 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 referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville-Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 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 Mayor Bill Borchert and seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Strickland. 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 7 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 Pete Panepinto and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the final document of the Unified Planning Work Program FY26. He explained that this document is inclusive of all four urbanized areas in the region and includes the work tasks and budgets for each task, for all of the Urban Areas combined.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula). It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston 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 Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
Budget and Personnel Committee
Other Committee Reports
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Financial Report
5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget
6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
7. Resolution: Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission
8. Resolution: Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission
9. Consideration: Travel Request
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. 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 April 8, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels.

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 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,064,349.85.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Allen Hero and 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.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending March 31, 2025. He explained there was a budget amendment reducing the 'Contract Personnel' budget by \$21,000, adding \$5,000 to 'Dues and Subscriptions', \$1,000 to 'Reference Materials', and \$15,000 to 'Online Data Subscriptions'.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the budget amendments. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Susan Klees. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this has been reviewed and recommended by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY26 Local Activities Budget. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri 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 Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this has been reviewed and recommended by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY26 Operating Budget. It was so moved by Councilmember Bob Fisher 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.

7. Resolution: Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the Resolution for The Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission and the QR code to the Final Draft of the Title VI Policy and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Bonnie Dinvaut and seconded by Carlo Bruno. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Resolution: Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the Resolution for The Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission and the QR code to the Final Draft of the DBE Policy and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Allen Hero 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 Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for two staff members to attend the Annual Disaster Response/ Data Mining Geospatial Workshop June 5-6, 2025 in Lafayette, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Susan Klees 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 Chairwoman.

10. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 for the contract extension for the Agency Branding and Communications Project RPC Task: D-1.25; State Project Number: PL 80-36-25. The extension is for time only.

Chris Masingill requested an update on the Agency Branding Project. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the RPC is waiting on contract documents from the consultant. Project Manager and RPC Public Outreach Coordinator, Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, explained the project should kick off soon with a discovery period in which the parishes will contribute.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Garret Monti 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: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 17 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 Councilmember Jimmy Strickland and seconded by Chris Masingill 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 Chairwoman.

12. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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