

August 11, 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, August 11, 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- Absent

Parish President Keith Hinkley, 3rd Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish **Designee:** Shannita Carter- Present

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Parish President Matt Jewell, 5th Vice Chairman- St. Charles Parish- Present

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Secretary- St. John The Baptist Parish **Designee:** Vernon Bailey- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Treasurer- Jefferson Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jennifer Van Vrancken- Present

Mayor Belinda Constant **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

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

Councilmember At-Large Matthew Willard **Designee:** Julius Feltus- Present

Adrian Bruneau- Present

Nissan Patel- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Chris Schulz- Present

Councilmember Patricia McCarty- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Absent

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees **Designee:** Deborah Fagan- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Michelle Impastato- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Absent

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present
Councilmember Pat Burke **Designee:** Maureen O'Brien- Present
Adam Acquistapace- Present
Christopher Abadie **Designee:** Don Shea- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair Brigitte Hyde- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

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

TPC Members:

Mayor Randy Fandal (Slidell)- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- Present
Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee:** Chris Gilmore- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent
Ronald Baptiste, Jr (RTA)- 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: 40

Consultants:

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

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the July 14, 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. Consideration: Draft Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area
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. Roesel asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

2. Consideration: Approval of the July 14, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 14, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Kevin Dolliole 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 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, Highway and Transit Elements, gave a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by James Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Van Vrancken. 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 members to page 4 of the meeting packet, which outlines the Mandeville-Covington TIP Highway and Transit Elements. He explained that there was a minor typo in the proposed improvement for the second Highway TIP, H.010116 LA 1088: Soul and Trinity Roundabouts. The proposed improvement should read, "Construct Roundabouts & Ped Improvements," with Goals 1 (Safety) and 3 (Livability).

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville-Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Councilmember Maureen O'Brien. 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. Consideration: Draft Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Draft Transportation Improvement Project for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area and introduced RPC Principal Planner, Tom Haysley, to the board. Mr. Jeff Roesel announced that the 2026-2027 Draft MTP will be presented to the board at the next meeting, September 8, 2026. For more, please contact Tom Haysley at thaysley@norpc.org.

Chairman Robby Miller directed RPC Executive Director Jeff Roesel to request that DOTD Secretary Glen Ledet appear before the Board to provide an update on the status of projects throughout the region.

There being no other comments or questions, Mr. Jeff Roesel explained we could proceed to the next item.

8. 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 July 14, 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. Presentation: Revising the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)
Chris Macaluso, Director, Fisheries and Mississippi River Program
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
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 July 14, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 14, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Jonathan Perret and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston.

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 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2026. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$3,013,059.91.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Parish Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Vernon Bailey. 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 8 of the meeting packet, which contains the monthly budget reports for the period ending June 30, 2026. He also stated that no budget amendments were required at this time. No action or motion was needed for this item.

5. Presentation: Revising the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)
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Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Chris Macaluso, Director, Fisheries and Mississippi River Program for the Theodore Roosevelt Conversation Partnership.

After the presentation, Mr. Roesel asked if there were any questions. Mr. Carlton Dufrechou commended Mr. Macaluso, Mr. Roesel, and the team for their continued efforts on this important program. He also informed the Board that the Pontchartrain Restoration Program is expected to provide \$25–\$30 million to parishes and municipalities. He noted that the funding could support water quality projects, shoreline habitat restoration, and storm protection initiatives.

For more information or a copy of the presentation, please contact Blair Bourgeois at bbourgeois@thebeachuno.org

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to the top of page 9 of the meeting packet for a Travel Requests for one staff member, Malissa Givhan to attend the GISPro Conference, October 12-15, 2026, in Milwaukee, WI. One staff member, Jeffrey Roesel, to attend the AMPO Conference, September 14-18, 2026, in Sacramento, CA. Two staff members, Megan Leonard and Susan Simon, to attend the GFOA Conference, October 7-9, 2026, in Baton Rouge, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Paneptino 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 the bottom of page 9 for the contract extension for the Reserve to I-10 Connector, Supplement No. 2 RPC Task: PSLC-STJ. The extension is for time only.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Adam Acquistapace and seconded by Councilmember Brigitte Hyde. 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 10 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 John Lane and seconded by Councilmember Chris Schulz. 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 Shannta Carter and seconded by Garret Monti and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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