

August 12, 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, August 12, 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 **Designee:** Mark Drewes- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 1st Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 2nd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Merritt Landry- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Matt Rufo- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish **Designee:** Mary Touzet- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present

Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish **Designee:** Michael Palamone- Present

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish **Designee:** Robert Arcuri- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Tim Baudier- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

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- Absent

Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Absent

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Designee for Parish President Jaclyn Hotard

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Absent

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent
Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

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

DOTD:

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

TPC Members:

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell)- 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)- Present
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
(Jefferson Parish Transit)- Absent
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 30

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Tom Haysley, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the July 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. Presentation: Metropolitan Transportation Plan – 2056 Update
Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner
8. Consideration: Other Matters

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

Following the roll call by Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC's Principal Planner, a quorum was established with Parish President Robby Miller as Chairperson.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden 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.

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. He noted a typo in the packet, which has been corrected in the amendment. The amended document was signed by the Chair and sent to DOTD after the meeting.

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 Mark Drewes and seconded by Councilman Ryan Randall. 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 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 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: Metropolitan Transportation Plan – 2056 Update
Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner to the board. Nicolette Jones presented information on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2056 Update, noting federal requirements for plan components and the update cycle. The 2056 MTP update is slated for adoption in fall 2026. Ms. Jones presented the timeline for plan development activities and outreach activities, noting that the first phase of outreach, "Phase 1: Understanding Needs" has just kicked off. The RPC will be releasing a transportation survey for the general public to better understand user behavior and trends in the region. The RPC will also be scheduling meetings with pertinent representatives of the local government agencies within the metropolitan planning area this fall. Ms. Jones noted that member agencies should look out for invitations to these events in the next few weeks.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman 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 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 8, 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. Presentation: Strengthening Southeast Louisiana: Infrastructure, Resilience, and Economic Growth
Bryan Allen, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Bill Cassidy
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 8, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels 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 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 5 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending June 30, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,817,152.27.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mayor Tim Baudier and seconded by Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels. 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 June 30, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**5. Presentation: Strengthening Southeast Louisiana: Infrastructure,
Resilience, and Economic Growth
Bryan Allen, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Bill Cassidy**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Bryan Allen, Policy Advisor from the Office of Senator Bill Cassidy to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Bryan Allen at Bryan.Allen@cassidy.senate.gov

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for three staff members to attend the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization's Annual Conference September 15-19, 2025 in Providence, RI and two staff members to attend the Geospatial Professional Network Conference October 6-9, 2025 in Denver, CO.

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 Garret Monti. 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 explained there were no contract extensions and we could proceed to the next item.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on pages 7-11 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 Robert Hopkins and seconded by Councilmember Pat Burke. 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.

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