

MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For**

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes

February 19, 2013

Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1st Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Billy Nungesser, 2nd Vice Chairman, Patricia Brister, Secretary, John Young, Treasurer, Chris Roberts (designee: Deano Bonano, Vinny Mosca, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Keith Hinkley, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Darren Barrois, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Sherri LeBas (designee: Mike Stack), Freddy Drennan, Jeff Davis (Designee Tom Lavelle), Larry Katz, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke), Natalie Robottom, Barbara Major (designee: Justin Augustine) and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 33

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Walter Brooks, Jeffrey Roesel, Nicholas Silvey, Megan Leonard, et al

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4. Consideration: FY-14 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Environmental Coordination, Design & Engineering
New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal
Infrastructure Improvements, Phase II
(RPC Task No. NOUPT2)
Amount – Negotiated Cost
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Olde Towne, Slidell
Congestion Management System Planning
Stage 0 Feasibility Study

- 7. Consideration: Amount \$65,000
Consultant Selection:
Metairie CBD (Fat City) – Severn Ave. Corridor
Bike, Pedestrian and Parking Study
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
Amount \$ 82,500
- 8. Resolution: CCC Capital Projects and Transition Funds
- 9. Resolution: Mowing and Litter Collection
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the LaDOTD
- 11. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 12. Consideration: Other Matters



Mr. Peralta led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established and the Chairman called the Transportation Policy Committee meeting to order.

1. Consideration: Approval of January 8, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Ponstein made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 & 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mr. Lauga and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Element

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway Element, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway Element. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

4. Consideration: FY-14 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)

Mr. Brooks referred the members to the draft UPWP and provided a brief explanation.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Environmental Coordination, Design & Engineering
New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal**

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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to finalize track design and related infrastructure based on Phase I concepts and subsequent conceptual designs by Amtrak, to improve efficiency within the terminal for expansion of passenger rail services in the future.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 7 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, URS was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Clarkson, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

- 6. Consideration:** Consultant Selection:
Olde Towne, Slidell
Congestion Management System Planning
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to foster connectivity between Olde Towne and Heritage Park by providing for a complete streets approach, emphasizing pedestrian and bicycle safety, increased traffic safety, and integrating pedestrian enhancements into the design concept and scope.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 8 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mrs. Brister, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

- 7. Consideration:** Consultant Selection:
Metairie CBD (Fat City) – Severn Ave. Corridor
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to foster connectivity between the heavy commercial large parcels within the Metairie CBD and the mixed use densely developed areas of Fat City by providing for a complete streets approach to Severn Avenue, emphasizing pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and safety, increasing traffic safety and providing centralized parking alternatives.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 9 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Meyer Engineering, was recommended to undertake this project.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant selection and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

- 8. Resolution:** CCC Capital Projects and Transition Funds

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 10, and summarized the resolution for the CCC Capital Projects and Transition Funds.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Mr. Munn, seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

9. Resolution: Mowing and Litter Collection

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 11, and summarized the resolution mowing and litter collection.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Mr. Young who noted that this is a draft awaiting finalization of the agreement between Jefferson Parish and the State. He added that this is a record of RPC's support pending finalization of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giorgio and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

10. Resolution: Transfer of Active Federal Transit Administration Grants From CCC Division of LADOTD to the Public Transit Section of LaDOTD

Mr. Brooks referred Members to page 12, and summarized the resolution Transfer of Active Federal Transit Administration Grants from CCC Division of LADOTD to the Public Transit Section of LaDOTD.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Mr. Ponstein, seconded by Mr. Grant and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

11. Consideration: Public Comment Period

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. A citizen, Mark Zimmer spoke to the board about his concerns and handling of the toll monies.

12. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Ponstein took a minute to tell the board about the positive experience he had with the Bike Share pilot program which was available during the Super Bowl. He commended RPC for its support.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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(b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Authorize disposal of 2007 Ford Taurus VIN #1FAFP53U57A165103 via public auction or donation to Bridge House; and procure Nissan Versa under Louisiana State Contract Commodity Number 070-06-018451 as replacement vehicle
4. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet
(b) Local Actives Budget Revisions
(c) Monthly Budget Report
5. Presentation: Crescent City Connection Operations
By: Rhett Desselle, P.E.
Assistant Secretary, Office of Operations
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- 15. Resolution: Creation of a RPC Committee to Consider and Plan for the
Short Term & Long Term Operations of the Former CCC
Division Ferry Services in the Greater New Orleans Region
- 16. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 17. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 18. Consideration: Other Matters



The Chairman called the meeting to order and noted the existence of a quorum.

1. Consideration: Approval of January 8, 2012 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2012 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Committee Reports: (a) Budget & Personnel
(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Silvey explained that the committee reports would come under regular agenda items.

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Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet and explained the need for the vehicle disposal and procurement. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the disposal and procurement of vehicle. It was so moved by Mr. Hunnicutt, seconded by Mr. Carrere and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

- 4. Consideration: Financial Report**
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Local Activities Budget Revisions
(b) Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2012. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,705,068.66

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the local activities budget revisions.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the local activities budget revisions. It was so moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly budget report. It was so moved by Mr. Hunnicutt, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

- 5. Presentation: Crescent City Connection Operations**
By: Rhett Desselle, P.E.
Assistant Secretary, Office of Operations

Mr. Brooks introduced Rhett Desselle, who explained the CCC Ferry Operations. He discussed details of recent legislation, CCCD Restructuring, Current Ferry Schedule, Ferry Coasts, Ridership, Revenues and DOTD efforts.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Desselle for his presentation.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 6-14 which were recommended for approval by the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 6-14 in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

15. Resolution:

**Creation of a RPC Committee to Consider and Plan for the
Short Term & Long Term Operations of the Former CCC
Division Ferry Services in the Greater New Orleans Region**

Mrs. Clarkson introduced the resolution to create a RPC Committee to consider and plan for the short term & long term operations of the former CCC division ferry services in the greater New Orleans region. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution. It was so moved by Mrs. Clarkson, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

16. Consideration:

Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the board to page 22 and explained that the extensions were a time extension only.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the extensions. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik seconded by Mr. Nungesser and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

17. Consideration:

Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 23 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

18. Consideration:

Other Matters

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.