

# ***MINUTES***

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

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

## **February 10, 2015**

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Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young, Gordon Burgess, Patricia Brister, Michael Yenni (designee: Jose Gonzalez), Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams, Stacy Head (designee Carla), Jeff Swartz, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Benny Rousselle, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, Richie Lewis (designee Casey Hunnicutt), Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis, Mike Lorino (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom (designee Micke Coleman), Donald Villere, Sal Longoria, Ryan Brown, Mike Cooper and Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 32

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

Staff: Jeffrey Roesel, Megan Leonard, et al



### **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of the January 13, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters



**President Cormier led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Cormier began the meeting.

Jeff Roesel took a moment to thank Pat Gallwey for his years of service on the RPC and congratulated him on his retirement.

**1. Consideration: Approval of January 13, 2015 Minutes**

President Burgess made a motion to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 minutes, seconded by Mayor cooper and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Rosel 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 President Young, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

There were no amendments to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements.

**4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Rosel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa 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 Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mayor Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**6. Consideration: Other Matters**

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

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1. Consideration: Approval of the January 13, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
    - Authorized Signers for Chase Bank
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Presentation: St. Tammany Economic Development  
By: Don Shea, Director of Economic Development
8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between RPC & St. Bernard Parish Regarding GIS Needs Assessment in the Amount of \$20,000
9. Consideration: Travel Request
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. Consideration: Public Comment Period
13. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of January 13, 2015 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2015 were approved upon a motion by President Young, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 2. Committee Reports: Committee Reports:**
- (a) Budget and Personnel Committee**
    - Authorized Signers for Chase Bank
  - (b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Roesel explained the Authorization for Chase Bank Signers. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Authorization Signers for Chase Bank. It was so moved by Councilmember Stefancik, seconded by Charlie Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Miss. Leonard referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2014. She indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,393,804.48

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by President Brister, seconded by President Young and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Miss Leonard then referred the members to page 8 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 Richard Kelley seconded by Steve Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 6. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Roesel requested concurrence of items 4-6 which were already 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 4-6 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Young seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 7. Presentation: St. Tammany Economic Development**  
**By: Don Shea, Director of Economic Development**

Mrs. Woodruff of RPC staff introduced Don Shea, Director of Economic Development, St. Tammany Parish. Mr. Shea discussed the growth and goals for St. Tammany Parish.

- 8. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between RPC & St. Bernard Parish**

## **Regarding GIS Needs Assessment in the Amount of \$20,000**

Mr. Roesel explained the CEA between RPC and St. Bernard. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve items 4-6 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Ray Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

### **9. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Roesel referred Members to page 9 of the packet and pointed out travel request: one commission member (Meredith Soniat) requesting to attend the 2015 APA National Conference, April 17-22, 2015 in Seattle WA.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Richard Kelley, seconded by Mr. Steve Stefancik, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

### **19. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Roesel explained there were no extensions at this time.

### **19. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills 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 or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

### **20. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

### **21. Consideration: Other Matters**

Meredith Soniat let the board know of an upcoming event on March 6, 2015. Chris Laborde gave the board an update on the building security.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.