

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

July 14, 2015

Committee Members: Amos Cormier, John Young, Gordon Burgess, Patricia Brister, Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee: Cedric Grant) Mike Yenni (Designee: Jose Gonzalez) Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (Designee: Eric), Stacy Head, Jeff Schwartz, Benny Rouselle, Kirk Lepine, Ray Lauga, David Munn, Richie Lewis (Designee Casey Hunnicutt), Charles Ponstein, Richard Kelley (designee: TJ Smith, Steve Stefancik, Rene Soule, Reid Falconer, Bob Zabbia, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Freddy Drennan (designee) Jeff Davis, Shelby LaSalle (Designee: Carlton Dufrechou), Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee Kristi) Brandy Christian, Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (Designee: Tiffany), Mike Cooper, Pete Panepinto, Ryan Brown,

Attendance: 32

Consultants:

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



Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 9, 2015 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Gretna Streetscaping Improvements 5th Street Corridor Feasibility Study
RPC Task: A-2.16 GS
Amount: \$ 30,000
5. Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI)
Replace Belle Chasse Tunnel and Bridge LA 23
State Project No. H.004791- RPC Task – BC Tunnel
Amount: \$541,119
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.

1. Consideration: Approval of June 9, 2015 Minutes

Councilman Lauga made a motion to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes, seconded by President Brister 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 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 Deputy Mayor Grant 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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany 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 St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Brister, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Gretna Streetscaping Improvements 5th Street Corridor Feasibility Study
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this plan is to assist the City of Gretna and its efforts to revitalize 5th Street into a more vibrant main street of local and regional significance.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Gretna Streetscaping Improvements 5th Street Corridor Feasibility Study selection for the amount of \$30,000 with Dana Brown and Associates. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Young, seconded by President Burgess 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: Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI)
Replace Belle Chasse Tunnel and Bridge LA 23 State Project No. H004791 – RPC
Task BC Tunnel
Amount: \$541,119**

Mr. Brooks explained the need for Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI) Replace Belle Chasse Tunnel and Bridge LA 23 State Project No. H004791 – RPC Task BC Tunnel

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI) Replace Belle Chasse Tunnel and Bridge LA 23 State Project No. H004791 – RPC Task BC Tunnel and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President Cormier, seconded by President Young and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. 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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AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 9, 2015 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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- 7. Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI)
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- 8. Presentation: Session Wrap Up – Focus on Budget
By: State Representative Julie Stokes
- 9. Presentation: RPC’s Annual Clean Fleet Awards
- 10. Consideration: Travel Request
- 11. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 12. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 13. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 14. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of June 9, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2015 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by President Young and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

President Young made a motion from the floor to have Agenda Item No. 9 moved to Item No. 2. This motion was seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the member of the Regional Planning Commission

9. RPC’s Annual Clean Fleet Awards

Rebecca Otte of the RPC staff introduced and awarded the 2014 Clean Fleet Leaders.

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

Mr. Silvey explained these items would be under the Financial Report

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2015. He indicated that the RPC’s total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$2,234,336.26

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 Councilman Stefancik, seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 9 the budget amendments. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget adjustments. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and seconded by Councilman Lauga.

- 4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
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7. **Consideration:** **Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (BKI)**
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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-7 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 4-7 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by President Young seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

8. **Presentation:** **Session Wrap Up – Focus on Budget**
By: State Representative Julie Stokes

Mr. Brooks introduced State Representative Julie Stokes to the board. Representative Stokes gave a presentation on Session Wrap Up with a focus on budget.

10. **Consideration:** **Travel Request**

There is no travel at this time.

11. **Consideration:** **Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 10 for a list of contract extensions. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by President Burgess and seconded by Councilman Stefancik, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

12. **Consideration:** **Consultant Billings**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 11 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 Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

13. **Consideration:** **Public Comment Period**

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

14. **Consideration:** **Other Matters**

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