

MINUTES

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

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

July 9th 2013

Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1st Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Patricia Brister, Secretary, John Young, Treasurer, Chris Roberts (designee: Brett Lawson), Vinny Mosca, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson (designee Joe Rochell), Jeffrey Schwartz, Byron Marinovich, Casey Hunnicutt, David Munn, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Maureen Clary, Bob Zabbia, Mayson Foster, Sherri LeBas (designee: Mike Stack), Jeff Davis (Michael), Larry Rase (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), V. J. St. Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke), Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Ryan Brown, Mike Cooper

Attendance: 29

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



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RPC Task No. A-5.14
Amount \$50,000
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St. Charles Parish
RPC Task A-6.14
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Roadway Management System
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RPC Task C-1.14
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- 10. Consideration: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DOTD
Re: Use of Crescent City Connection Transition Funds for Enhanced
Maintenance and Services not covered by Transportation Trust Fund
- 11. Presentation: RPC Clean Fuel Partnership Clean Fleet Awards
- 12. Presentation: US 61 to I-10 Connector Project, St. John Parish
Mr. Bruce Richards, N-Y Associates
- 13. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 14. 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 June 11, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the June 11, 2013 minutes, seconded by Mrs. 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 4-7 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. Grant, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 8-10 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 Element. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

4. Consideration: South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Transit Element

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 11-14 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the South Tangipahoa TIP, Transit Element, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa TIP, Transit Element. It was so moved by Mr. Zabbia, seconded by Mr. Foster and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
City of N.O. Pedestrian Safety Initiative
Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (Part 1)
RPC Task No. A-5.14
Amount \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to develop a comprehensive pedestrian safety initiative that is designed to reduce traffic crashes involving pedestrians.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 15 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, GCR 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 Mrs. Head, seconded by Mr. Grant and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility
US 61 Improvements (LA 50 to Jefferson Parish Line)
St. Charles Parish
RPC Task A-6.14
Amount \$145,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to undertake an analysis of US 61 between LA 50 (Almedia Road) and the Jefferson Parish Line. The analysis will make recommendations to improve operational effectiveness, accessibility to adjacent land uses by vehicular and non-motorized modes, and safety in the corridor.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 16 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Buchart Horn 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. V.J. St. Pierre Head, seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Roadway Management System
Conditions Inventory and Evaluation
RPC Task C-1.14
Amount \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to continue updating the RPC's roadway and pavement conditions database for the federal-aid network (excluding interstate and state-maintained

Rebecca Otte of the RPC staff announced RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership Clean Fleet Awards

11. Presentation: US 61 to I-10 Connector Project, St. John Parish
Mr. Bruce Richards, N-Y Associates

Mr. Richards began his presentation discussing how Parish officials and Parish residents have expressed their desire for quicker and more direct routes to I-10 from the US 61 corridors. Better access routes are desired in order to reduce vehicle hours traveled (VHT) and to provide travel time savings, benefits which will accrue to those living, working, and/or traveling to and from the developed areas of the Parish. Improved access is also needed to enable emergency vehicles to reach destinations more promptly. The Port of South Louisiana and local officials have expressed the need for a more direct access route to I-10 to facilitate Port-related traffic. Parish officials and citizens have expressed the strong desire to lessen the amount of truck traffic currently passing through residential areas, and to lessen the impact of truck traffic as it affects current congestion levels on US 61. He explained the 3 alternatives and described what would happen next: Impact analysis is nearly complete, Preliminary Draft EIS to RPC by end of July/ early August, Approved Draft Available for public review, Public Hearings in fall, Final EIS and Record of Decision in 2014.

Mr. Brooks thanked Mr. Richards for his presentation.

12. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

13. 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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(b) Other Committee Reports
3. **Consideration:** Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet
(b) Monthly Budget Report
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- 13. **Consideration:** **Contract Extensions**
- 14. **Consideration:** **Consultant Billings**
- 15. **Consideration:** **Public Comment Period**
- 16. **Consideration:** **Other Matters**



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

- 1. **Consideration:** **Approval of June 11th, 2013 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of June 11, 2013 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Brister 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.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 24 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2013. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$2,343,446.87

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

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 25 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. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-12 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 4-12 in globo. It was so moved by Mrs. Brister, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

13. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the board to page 26 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 Mayor Villere seconded by Mr. Munn and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

14. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 27 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 Mrs. Brister and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

15. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

16. Consideration: Other Matters

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