

MINUTES

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

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

March 11th 2014

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu (designee: Cedric S. Grant) 1st Vice Chairman Billy Nungesser (designee: B. Puckett), 2nd Vice Chairman Patricia Brister, 3rd Vice Chairman John Young (designee Mark Drewes), Secretary Gordon Burgess, Treasurer David Peralta, Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Darrin Barrois, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Bob Zabbia, David Vial, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (designee), Larry Rase (Carlton Dufrechou) Natalie Robottom, Sal Longoria (designee Sefan Marks), Mayson Foster and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 30

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the February 10, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: FY-15 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)
3. 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: Consultant Selection:
Mississippi River Trail Stage 0 Feasibility Study
St. John Parish - RPC Task MRT STJ1
Amount \$217,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Interactive Geospatial Intranet Application for RPC Mapping and Planning Activities - RPC Project No. NBP4-Outreach
Amount \$25,000
7. Presentation: The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Cooperation
By: Mark C. Romig, APR

President and CEO

8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters



Mrs. Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Mr. Silvey requested Mrs. Brister chair the January 14th 2014 meeting in Chairman Landrieu's absence. Mrs. Brister called the Transportation Policy Committee meeting to order.

1. Consideration: Approval of February 11, 2014 Minutes

Councilman Lauga made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes, seconded by Charles Ponstein and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

2. Consideration: Consideration: FY-15 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft)

Jeff Roesel introduced the document FY-15 Unified Planning Work Program (Review Draft). Mr Roesel asked the board to review the document and offer any comments prior to the April 8th Commission meeting.

3. 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 Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by President Robottom 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: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 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 Element. It was so moved by Mayor Cooper, 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.

5. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Mississippi River Trail Stage 0 Feasibility Study St. John Parish - RPC Task MRT STJ1 Amount \$217,000

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to assist the Regional Planning Commission in the conduct of a Stage 0 Feasibility Study for further development and extension of the pedestrian and

bicycle facilities as part of the Mississippi River Trail project in St. John Parish. The project extends from just east of LA 637 to the St. John/ST. James Parish Line, a distance of approximately seven (7) miles.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. He reported that, following RPC staff review and ranking, Meyer Engineers 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 President Robottom, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

- 6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Handout N.O. Regional
Bike/Pedestrian Safety & Community Outreach Education Program,
Phase IV (2013-14)
Amount \$15,000**

Mr. Brooks noted there were no submittals for this selection and asked that it be deferred.

- 7. Presentation: The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Cooperation
By: Mark C. Romig
President & CEO**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Romig, President and CEO of The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Cooperation. Mr. Romig began his presentation discussing the new Tourism website. Mr. Romig explained the new website's regional goals and showed the tourism commercials that will be airing.

Mr. Brooks thanked Mr. Romig for his presentation.

- 11. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

- 12. 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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10. Consideration: Authorization to enter in an agreement with LADOTD for Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation
11. Presentation: Update on National EPA Brownfields Program
By: U.S. EPA Region 6 Representative
12. Consideration: Travel Request
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 February 11, 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2014 were approved upon a motion by David Munn, seconded by Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. 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 January 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC’s total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,249,240.05

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 Mr. Kelley, seconded by Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 9 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 Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-8 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 4-8 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilmember Stefancik seconded by Mayor Foster and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Agreement with LaDOTD for CMAQ funding for New Alternatives Fuel Vehicles, Conversion of Existing Vehicles to Alternative Fuel, and Idle Reduction Technologies

Mr. Brooks explained to the board the agreement with LaDOTD for CMAQ funding for New Alternatives Fuel Vehicles, Conversion of Existing Vehicles to Alternative Fuel, and Idle Reduction Technologies and asked for the Board's favorable approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the agreement with LaDOTD. It was so moved by David Munn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

10. Consideration: Authorization to enter in an agreement with LADOTD for Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation

Mr. Brooks explained the agreement with LADOTD for Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the agreement with LaDOTD. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**11. Presentation: Update on National EPA Brownfields Program
By: U.S. EPA Region 6 Representative**

The U.S. EPA Region 6 Representative gave a brief presentation on the EPA Brownfields program. Mr. Brooks thanked her for her presentation.

14. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 10 for 3 travel requests: one staff member (Nik Richard) requesting to attend a workshop on the National Title VI/ Nondiscrimination Forum in Phoenix, AZ, April 27-30, 2014. One staff member (Chris Laborde) to attend the Critical Infrastructure Symposium, April 7-8 in Colorado Springs and one staff member (Amber Marks- Seely) to attend the Delta Regional Authority Local Development District Recertification Training, April 21-24 in Memphis TN.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Mayor Constant, seconded by Ronald Carrere, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

15. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 11 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 Councilman Vial and seconded by President Burgess, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

16. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 12 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 Councilmember Stefancik, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

17. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

18. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Brooks informed the board on the Water Management Workshop with St, Bernard being the focus.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. 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.