

# ***MINUTES***

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

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

**March 13, 2013**

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Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Billy Nungesser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, John Young, Treasurer, Chris Roberts, 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), Jeff Davis, Larry Rase, V. J. St. Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke), Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Ryan Brown, Barbara Major (designee: Stefan Marks) and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 34

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of February 19, 2013 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. Presentation: Dr. Scott S. Cowen  
President, Tulane University
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
MTP Refinement: Road Safety Assessment for High-Accident Corridor - Slidell, Louisiana  
(RPC Task No. S-5.13)  
Amount – \$30,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Traffic Noise Modeling & Abatement  
Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
Orleans Parish  
(RPC Task No. B-4.13)

- 7. Consideration: Amount \$32,500  
Consultant Selection:  
Transportation & Land Use Access Improvement Feasibility Study  
St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District  
(RPC Task No. C-4.13)
- 8. Consideration: Amount \$ 60,000  
Consultant Selection:  
Intersection Evaluation US 190@ LA Hwy. 25 Stage 0 Feasibility Study,  
St. Tammany Parish  
(RPC Task No. MC-1.13)
- 9. Presentation: Amount \$ 35,000  
CCC Transition Funds  
By: Rhett Desselle, P.E.  
LaDOTD
- 10. Consideration: CCC Transition Funds
- 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 February 19, 2013 Minutes**

Mr. Lauga made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Stefancik 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 -8 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. Stefancik 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 pages 9-10 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 Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Nungesser and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Presentation: Dr. Scott S. Cowen  
President, Tulane University**

Mr. Brooks introduced Dr. Scott Cowen. Dr. Cowen began his presentation by stating that Tulane is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the United States. A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, we take pride in being a part of this select group of universities with “preeminent programs of graduate and professional education and scholarly research. Of more than 4,300 higher educational institutions rated by the foundation, Tulane remains in a prestigious category that includes only 2 percent of universities nationwide.

Tulane strives to connect its values and mission to the needs of the city of New Orleans, the state, and the nation. Community involvement is now more important than ever as the university participates in the rebirth of New Orleans. Faculty and staff lend their expertise to rebuilding efforts and students gain real-world experience while putting their skills to use in the community.

The undergraduate experience is marked by close student-faculty interaction, a variety of campus programs, and a diverse student body representing all 50 states and more than 40 different countries. Tulane undergraduates will have full-time faculty teaching them right from the start. When you combine that kind of educational experience with the opportunity to be involved in the largest urban renewal project ever undertaken in our country, you get a college experience found only at Tulane, only in New Orleans. With 4,400 employees, Tulane is the largest employer in New Orleans. The university is dedicated to attracting and retaining the very best faculty, staff and students as we move forward toward our goal of universal recognition as one of the world’s most preeminent educational and research institutions.

Mr. Brooks thanked Dr. Cowen for his presentation. Parish President Nungesser also said a special thank you for all the help in Plaquemine’s parish.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
MTP Refinement: Road Safety Assessment for High-Accident  
Corridor - Slidell, Louisiana  
(RPC Task No. S-5.13)  
Amount – \$30,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to assess road safety on the Gause Boulevard (US 190) corridor from Robert Boulevard (LA 1091) to Pearl Drive in Slidell, Louisiana.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 11 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Stantec 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 Mr. Ponstein, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Traffic Noise Modeling & Abatement  
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this task is to develop and evaluate noise abatement concepts for lowering the intrusive nature of I-10 traffic noise in high use pedestrian zones within City Park.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 12 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Bowlby & Associates was recommended to undertake this project.



enhanced mowing and trash pick-up along the Westbank expressway/US 90 corridor, over and above current LADOTD baseline including maintenance and basic roadway lighting services, to be paid for with the Transition Funds being made available to the RPC for this expressed purpose. FURTHER, that the RPC urges the City of New Orleans and LADOTD to finalize their respective agreement to perform a similar level of enhanced maintenance directly related to mowing and litter collection on the bridge approach roadways in Orleans Parish, including non-decorative roadway lighting.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Nungesser. There was a roll call vote by the Chairman with 31 ayes and 3 abstentions, the chairman approved the resolution.

**10. Consideration:                      Public Comment Period**

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

**11. 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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2. Committee Reports: (a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Audit Report  
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
4. Consideration: Financial Report  
(a) Balance Sheet  
(b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Presentation: Eva Klein  
President, Eva Klein & Associates  
Closing the Loop on the University-Industry Collaborations for Innovation in New Orleans
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12. Consideration: CCC Transition Funds

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 19, 2013 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of February 19, 2013 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Nungesser 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: Audit Report  
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC**

Mr. Silvey introduced the auditor from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. He gave a brief report on the audit, stating that there were no findings and no difficulties.

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2013. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,627,847.78

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

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 16 & 17 of the meeting packet for the local activities budget revisions and the monthly budget report

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

- 5. Presentation: Eva Klein  
President, Eva Klein & Associates  
Closing the Loop on the University-Industry Collaborations for  
Innovation in New Orleans**

Mr. Brooks asked the board to defer the presentation to a later date due to time constraints.

- 6. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation  
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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 6-12 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 6-12 in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**13. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the board to page 18 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. Kelley seconded by Mr. Stefancik 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 19 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. Nungesser, seconded by Mr. Kelley 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. Nungesser, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.