

MINUTES

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

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

May 14th 2013

Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1st Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Billy Nungesser, 2nd Vice Chairman, John Young, Treasurer (designee: Mark Drewes), Vinny Mosca, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Darren Barrois, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Maureen Clary, Sherri LeBas (designee: Mike Stack), Jeff Davis, Larry Rase (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), V. J. St. Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke), Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Ryan Brown, 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 April 9, 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. Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 1
New Orleans Bike Map & Guide to Safe Cycling 2013 Update & Translation
(RPC Task No. NBP3-Commute-2)
Amount \$13,000
5. Resolution: Support of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as Designated Recipient of FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) for the New Orleans Urbanized Area
6. Presentation: National Weather Service
By: Kenneth Graham

- 7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 8. 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 April 9, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Stefancik made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre 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 4-5 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 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 & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 6 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 Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 1
New Orleans Bike Map & Guide to Safe Cycling 2013 Update &
Translation
(RPC Task No. NBP3-Commute-2)
Amount \$13,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this supplemental agreement: updating and translating the New Orleans Bike Map & Guide to Safe Cycling 2013.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the supplemental agreement and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Nungesser, seconded by Mr. Grant, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

5. Resolution: Support of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as Designated Recipient of FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) for the New Orleans Urbanized Area

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this resolution for support of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the designated recipient of FTA 5310 (enhanced mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities) for the New Orleans urbanized area.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Lauga, seconded by Mr. Carrere, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Presentation: National Weather Service
By: Kenneth Graham**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Kenneth Graham to the board. Mr. Graham began his presentation, "Communicating Hurricane Risk". Mr. Graham began by discussing the impacts of hurricanes. Categorizes hurricanes into 5 levels of intensity based on wind speeds alone "Just a category 1" or "Only a tropical storm" Ignores other threats such as wind duration, storm surge, heavy rainfall, river flooding, etc. It gives a dangerous false sense of safety/security. He explained how you must take many factors into account. He stressed the even the small changes in meteorology, movement, size and strength make a huge difference in impact.

Mr. Brooks thanked Mr. Graham for his presentation.

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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For
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April 9, 2013

Committee Members: David Peralta, Chairman, Mitch Landrieu, 1st Vice Chairman (designee: Cedric Grant), Billy Nungesser, 2nd Vice Chairman, John Young, Treasurer (designee: Mark Drewes), Vinny Mosca, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jacquelyn Clarkson, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Darren Barrois, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Reid Falconer, Richard Kelley, Maureen Clary, Sherri LeBas (designee: Mike Stack),

Attendance: 22

Administrative Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, Legal Counsel

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of April 9, 2013 Minutes
2. Committee Reports: (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
(b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet
(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: Supplemental Agreement No. 1
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(RPC Task No. NBP3-Commute-2)
Amount \$13,000
7. Resolution: Support of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as Designated Recipient of FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) for the New Orleans Urbanized Area
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:

- Brownfield Environmental Services Petroleum Sites:
 RPC Project BR Envir Serv 2013-Petro1
 & BR Envir Serv 2013-Petro2
 Amount - \$150,000
9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
 Brownfield Environmental Services Hazardous Sites:
 RPC Project BR Envir Serv 2013-Haz1
 & BR Envir Serv 2013-Haz2
 Amount - \$150,000
10. Consideration: Supplemental Agreement No. 1
 Closing the Loop on University-Industry Collaboration for Innovation in
 New Orleans
 (RPC Task No. IV2-UNI)
 Amount \$40,000
11. Resolution: RPC Title VI Program
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 April 9, 2013 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of April 9, 2013 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Ponstein, seconded by Mr. Stefancik 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 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2013. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,821,044.10

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the local activities budget revisions. It was so moved by Mr. Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Carrere and approved unanimously 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 Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously 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:** **Supplemental Agreement No. 1
New Orleans Bike Map & Guide to Safe Cycling 2013 Update & Translation (RPC Task No. NBP3-Commute-2)
Amount \$13,000**
- 7. Resolution:** **Support of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as Designated Recipient of FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) for the New Orleans Urbanized Area**

Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-7 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 4-7 in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

- 8. Consideration:** **Consultant Selection:
Brownfield Environmental Services Petroleum Sites:
RPC Project BR Envir Serv 2013-Petro1
& BR Envir Serv 2013-Petro2
Amount - \$150,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to perform environmental assessments and prepare cleanup plans under the RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 11 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Providence Engineering 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.

- 9. Consideration:** **Consultant Selection:
Brownfield Environmental Services Hazardous Sites:
RPC Project BR Envir Serv 2013-Haz1
& BR Envir Serv 2013-Haz2
Amount - \$150,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to perform environmental assessments and prepare cleanup plans under the RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 12 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. Following RPC staff review and ranking, Aerostar 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. Munn, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

- 10. Consideration:** **Supplemental Agreement No. 1
Closing the Loop on University-Industry Collaboration for Innovation in New Orleans (RPC Task No. IV2-UNI)
Amount \$40,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of the supplemental agreement for closing the loop on university-industry collaboration for innovation in New Orleans.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the supplemental agreement and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Ponstein, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

11. Resolution: Title VI Program

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of the resolution for the title VI program to the board. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Stefanick, seconded by Mr. Carrere, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

12. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 14 of the packet and pointed out that 1 staff member (Maggie Woodruff) is requesting to attend the Growing Stronger in the Delta forum, June 10-12, 2013 in Memphis, TN. Amber Seely is requesting to attend the Official DRA Communication: LDD Professional Development Academy, May 28-31, 2013, Memphis TN. Meredith Soniat is requesting to attend NTI's Transit Oriented Development course, June 6-7, 2013 in Charlotte NC. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the 3 travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Munn seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

13. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the board to page 15 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. Stefancik seconded by Mr. Kelley 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 25 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 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. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.