

MINUTES

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

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

May 13th 2014

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu; 1st Vice Chairman John Young, 2nd Vice Chairman Patricia Brister, Secretary Gordon Burgess, Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (designee: Pearlina Thomas), Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Casey Hunnicutt, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Steve Stefancik, Bob Zabbia, Bonnie Lewis, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis, Larry Rase (designee: Carlton Dufrechou) Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kemper Joy Schwenke) Pat Gallwey, Natalie Robottom, Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (designee: Stefan Marks), Ryan Brown, and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 32

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



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5. Consideration: Adoption of New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 15-18. Effective October 1, 2014.
6. Resolution: DOTD / Jefferson Parish Maintenance Agreement for Mowing and Litter Pickup for DOTD Fiscal Years (2014-2017)
7. Resolution: Restriping the Crescent City Connection Corridor to Improve Capacity and Increase Safety
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By: Major Carl Saizan, Regional Troop Commander, LA State Police |
| 16. Consideration: | Public Comment Period |
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Mrs. Brister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call, a quorum was established. Chairman Landrieu began the meeting.

1. Consideration: Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes

Deputy Mayor Grant made a motion to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes, seconded by Charles Ponstein 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 6 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. Ronald Carrere, seconded by President Brister 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 pages 7 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 President Brister, seconded by Mr. Kelley 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 Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 8 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa 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 Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway Element. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mr. Kelley 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: St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program: FFY15- FFY18 (Review Draft)

Mr. Brooks introduced the TIP for FY 15-18 for the boards review.

6. Resolution: DOTD / Jefferson Parish Maintenance Agreement for Mowing and Litter Pickup for DOTD Fiscal Years (2014-2017)

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 9 of the meeting packet for resolution “DOTD / Jefferson Parish Maintenance Agreement for Mowing and Litter Pickup for DOTD Fiscal Years (2014-2017)” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 6. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 6 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by President Young, seconded by President Burgess, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

7. Resolution: Restriping the Crescent City Connection Corridor to Improve Capacity and Increase Safety

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 10 of the meeting packet for resolution “Restriping the CCC Cooridor to Improve Capacity and Increase Safety” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 7. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 7 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by Mr. Carrere, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

8. Resolution: Request for Algiers Transit Study

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 11 of the meeting packet for resolution “Request for Algiers Transit Study” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 8. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 8 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu, seconded by Mr. Carrere, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

9. Resolution: RTMC Building Security

Mr. Brooks referred the members to pages 12 of the meeting packet for resolution “RTMC Building Security” and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 9. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 9 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu, seconded by President Brister, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**10. Consideration: Supplement No. 1
Citizen Participation and Community Outreach - RPC Task D-2.14
Amount: \$7,500**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 10. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 10 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by President Young, seconded by Mayor Landrieu, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**11. Consideration: Supplement No. 1
US 61 (Tulane Avenue), Stage 1 EA -RPC Task US61 EV1
Amount: \$24,770**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 11. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 11 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu, seconded by President Young, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**12. Consideration: Supplement No. 1
LA 52 (LA 18 – US 90) Stage 1 EA - RPC Task OakCort
Amount: \$98,000**

Mr. Brooks requested authorization for item 12. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 12 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by President Brister, and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman

**13. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study – Tchoupitoulas Corridor Signage & Striping Plan
(US 90Z to Henry Clay Ave) - RPC Task: TchCor1
Amount: \$57,000**

Mr. Brooks explained The purpose of this task is to prepare an update signage and striping plan for the 4.6 mile stretch of the Tchoupitoulas Corridor from US 90-Z (Pontchartrain Expressway) to Henry Clay Avenue in New Orleans.

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 13 which listed respondents to the Request for Qualifications. He reported that, following RPC staff review and ranking, N-Y Associates 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 Councilmember Stefancik, seconded by Mr. Schwartz Grant and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**14. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Methodology Enabling Analysis of Industry Cluster in Greater New Orleans
RPC Task: SLE3
Amount: \$25,000**

Mr. Brooks explained The purpose of this task is to identify a methodology for industry cluster definitions in the regional economy and to enable economic analysis for the education of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Strategic Committee and to aid in the preparation of the CEDS documents to be submitted to the Economic Development Administration and also available to the general public.

**15. Presentation: Hurricane Preparedness, Evacuation and Re-Entry Plan
By: LA State Police**

Mr. Brooks introduced the LA State Police. The LA state Police presented an overview of the new contraflow plan along with the phased evacuations. The presentation can be found on our website. Mr. Brooks thanked the LA State Police for their presentation.

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 adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - Revisions to the RPC Policies and Procedures to codify the addition of Tangipahoa Parish to the Commission membership
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report

- (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
- (b) Monthly Budget Report
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- 18. Consideration: Travel Request
- 19. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 20. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 21. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 22. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Mayor Landrieu, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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- (a) **Budget and Personnel Committee**
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 - (b) **Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Silvey explained these items and asked for the board’s approval. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the committee reports. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

3. 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 March 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,435,506.98

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 President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 16 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 Mayor Landrieu, seconded by President Young 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 4-16 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 4-16 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

17. Consideration: Authorization to dispose obsolete or inoperative equipment

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 21 for a list of obsolete or inoperative equipment. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve item 17. It was so moved by Mayor Landrieu and seconded by President Brister, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

18. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 22 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests: one staff member (Maggie Woodruff) requesting to attend a meeting on May 12-14, 2014 The Road to Success 2: Making the most of your sustainable communities grant, in Arlington VA. Also, one staff members (Amber Seely) to attend Economic Development Planning 101 training, June 17-18, 2014, Austin TX.

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

19. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 23 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 Mayor Landrieu and seconded by President Young, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

19. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 24 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 Mayor Landrieu, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

20. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

21. Consideration: Other Matters

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