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**Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission For Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes**

January 12, 2021

Committee Members:

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**Councilmember** Steve Stefancik  
Chris Masingill  
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**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**DOTD:**

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**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell)  
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)  
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Michelle Ganon  
**Mayor** Clay Madden (Mandeville)  
Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton  
GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou  
Ninette Barrios (JeT)  
**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)  
**Mayor** Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 34

Consultants:



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Westbank Transportation Road and Rail  
Sub-area Analysis  
Jefferson Parish  
Stage 0 Feasibility  
RPC Task A-3.21JP; FY 21 WPWP  
Amount: \$105,000.00
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters

Megan Leonard, RPC's Director of Management & Finance explained the virtual meeting using the platform GoToWebinar. She went over how to use the GoToWebinar platform and gave instructions for questions/comments and public comments. Once the motions for the agenda items are made, a poll will appear on your screen for the full Board to cast their vote on the item. All items, packet, minutes, handouts etc. were emailed to the Board and posted on the RPC website for public view. All items are listed under the handouts section on GoToWebinar.

Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes**

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Parish President Guy McInnis made a motion to approve the December 8th minutes, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller.

Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 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 Mayor Cantrell and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 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 & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mayor Greg Cromer. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

5. **Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Westbank Transportation Road and Rail  
Sub-area Analysis  
Jefferson Parish  
Stage 0 Feasibility  
RPC Task A-3.21JP; FY 21 WPWP  
Amount: \$105,000.00**

Mr. Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to analyze proposed and forecast industrial developments on the west bank of Jefferson Parish in support of a larger planning effort that includes multi-modal transportation, land use, utility and other infrastructure evaluations, and to identify strategic transportation investments that will complement and enhance planned development in the area.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Westbank Transportation Road and Rail Sub-area, Analysis Jefferson Parish Stage 0 Feasibility (RPC Task A-3.21JP; FY 21 UPWP) in the amount of \$105,000.00 with Alliance Transportation Group, Inc. (ATG). It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewel, seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

7. **Other Matters**

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

There being no other matters to discuss, Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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Staff: Jeffrey Roesel, Jason Sappington, Megan Leonard, Malissa Givhan, et al

  
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1. Consideration: Approval of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:  
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report  
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities  
(b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Contract Extensions
5. Consideration: Consultant Billings
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters:



**1. Consideration: Approval of December 8th , 2020 Minutes**

The Chairman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes. Parish President Jaclyn Hotard made a motion to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 minutes, seconded by Councilman Bob Fisher. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Committee Reports:  
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee  
(b) Other Committee Reports**

Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no committee reports at this time and no motion is needed.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,525,752.04. 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 Parish President Guy McInnis, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the budget vs. actual to explain the need for 1 budget amendment, he indicated the need to move \$75,000 from line item, Grant Contingency to line item, Computer Software/Support for activities related over transit efforts in Remix Software with RTA and JeT. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget amendment. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng seconded by Mr. Keith Espadron. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, with one abstention from Mr. Bob Zabbia, Mayor of Ponchatoula, and member of the Transportation Policy Committee, as noted by the Chairman.

**4. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no extensions at this time.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10 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 Parish President Mike Cooper seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

**7. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none. Mayor Cantrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Robby Miller seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.