

**MINUTES**

**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**

July 13, 2021

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

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**Parish President** Matt Jewell, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman*

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**Parish President** Robby Miller, *5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman*

**Parish President** Guy McInnis, *Secretary* **Designee:** William McCarthy

**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer* **Designee:** Dan Jatres

**Jefferson Parish**

**Council At-Large** Scott Walker **Designee:** Brian Grenrood

Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)

Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Ronald Carrere

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

**Plaquemines Parish:**

**St. Bernard Parish:**

**Councilmember** Wanda Alcon

**Councilmember At-Large** Kerri Callais

Susan Klees

**St. Charles Parish:**

**Councilmember** Dick Gibbs

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Jonathan Perret

Raj Pannu

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Michael Showers

**DOTD:**

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell)

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Garrick A. Rose

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal

**Mayor** Clay Madden

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

**Mayor** Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Colethia Kent, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 8, 2021 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: Amendment to the FY22 South Tangipahoa Unified Planning Work Program
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of June 8, 2021 minutes**

Mr. Jason Sappington asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 13, 2021 minutes. Mr. Jonathan Perret made a motion to approve the June 13, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ronaldo Nodal and approved unanimously 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**

Mr. Jason Sappington 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 Tim Baudier and seconded by Mr. Ronald Carrere and 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**

Mr. Jason Sappington 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 Mayor Greg Cromer and seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and 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**

Mr. Jason Sappington referred the members to page 7 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 & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Amendment to the FY22 South Tangipahoa Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Jason Sappington referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the amendment to the FY22 South Tangipahoa Unified Planning Work Program and provided a brief explanation. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendment to the FY22 South Tangipahoa Unified Planning Work Program. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mr. Michael Showers and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Jason Sappington asked if there were any public comment. There was none.

**7. Consideration: Other Matters**

Mr. Jason Sappington asked if there were any other matters. There was none.

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

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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. Presentation: Adams & Reese, LLP  
By: Jeffrey Brooks
5. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters:



**1. Consideration: Approval of June 8, 2021 Minutes**

The Chairman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 8, 2021 minutes. Parish President Matt Jewell made a motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes, seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jason Sappington also explained there were no committee reports at this time.

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

Ms. Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management and Finance referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2021 and the Monthly Budget Report. She indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,717,847.97. 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 Jaclyn Hotard, seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris

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

Ms. Megan Leonard also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

**4. Presentation: Adams & Reese, LLP  
By: Mr. Jeffrey Brooks**

Mr. Jason Sappington introduced Jeffrey Brooks to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard at 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**5. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**

Ms. Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management and Finance referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet and provided a brief explanation for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Resolution. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Resolution. It was so moved by Mr. Christopher Abadie, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jason Sappington informed the Board there are no contract extensions at this time.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jason Sappington referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 11 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 Councilwoman At-Large Kerri Callais seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Jason Sappington asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

**9. Consideration: Other Matters**

Mrs. Maggie Woodruff, Director of Economic Development, gave a presentation on recent grants awarded to eligible entities in the New Orleans region by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. She stated that in a usual year, approximately four grants would be awarded, however, since March 2020 there have been a record fourteen grant awards. She provided details on the recipients, the amounts received and the impacts of each grant.

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