

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

November 10, 2020

Committee Members:

Officers:

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, *Chairwoman*

Parish President Kirk Lepine *1st Vice Chairman*

Parish President Mike Cooper *2nd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Matt Jewell *3rd Vice Chairman*

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard *4th Vice Chairman*

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng *5th Vice Chairwoman*

Parish President Robby Miller, *Secretary*

Parish President Guy McInnis, *Treasurer*

Jefferson Parish

Mayor Joe Peoples **Designee:** Perry Talamo

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jason Williams **Designee:** Keith Lampkin

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

Ronald Carrere

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Benny Rousselle

Keith Espadron

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilman At-Large Richard Lewis **Designee:** Tonya Tabony

Councilwoman At-Large Kerri Callais

Roxanne Adams **Designee:** Jason Stopa

Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier

Councilmember Dick Gibbs

Debbie Dufresne Vial

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Michael Wright

Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Steve Stefancik

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

DOTD:

Secretary Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Melissa Guilbeau

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin

Mayor Clay Madden

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

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: 40

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 13th, 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. Resolution: Contractual Agreements between LHSC and RPC FFY21 Highway Safety Programs
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
LA 3127: LA 3141 to LA 3213
Stage 0 Conceptual Feasibility Study
Freight Corridor Planning
(RPC Task A-3.21STJ; FY 21 UPWP NOUZA)
Amount: \$70,000.00
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. 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.

Mayor Cantrell acknowledged the leadership from Hurricane Zeta and wanted to thank all for being connected in the aftermath.

1. **Consideration: Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes**

Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 13th minutes. Parish President Kirk Lepine made a motion to approve the October 13th minutes, seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Transportation Policy members in attendance with one abstention from Melissa Guilbeau, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5-7 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

Mayor Cantrell asked Jeff Roesel could these amendments be approved in glo-bo, Jeff Roesel replied yes.

Councilmember Benny Rousselle asked was there a local match for the Roundabouts on LA406, Jeff Roesel replied, there was not a local match.

Mr. Chris Masingill, Citizen Member from St. Tammany parish stated to Mayor Cantrell his attendance at the meeting.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 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 Chairwoman 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 Councilmember Steve Stefancik. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Bob Zabbia and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller. Based on the poll, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Resolution: Contractual Agreements between LHSC and RPC FFY21 Highway Safety Programs

Jeff Roesel explained the resolution for the Contractual Agreements between LHSC and RPC FFY21 Highway Safety Programs.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman call for a motion to approve the Contractual Agreements between LHSC and RPC FFY21 Highway Safety Programs. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell, seconded by Parish President Guy McInnis and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance as noted by the Chairwoman.

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
LA 3127: LA 3141 to 3213
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Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to update the planning parameters for widening LA 3127 between LA 3213 in St. John the Baptist Parish and LA 3141 in St. Charles Parish.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: LA 3127: LA 3141 to 3213 Stage 0 Conceptual Feasibility Study Freight Corridor Planning, (RPC Task A-3.21STJ; FY 21 UPWP NOUZA) amount \$70,000.00 with Meyer Engineers. It was so moved by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, seconded by Mr. Perry Talama and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. Other Matters

Mr. Chris Morvant, DOTD's Dist. 02 Engineer Administrator informed the Board of the Zoom Joint Transportation, Highways & Public Works Committee public meetings, the link can be found at:

Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management and Finance followed-up with the Board by emailing the link for the meetings to the board members.

Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established and to proceed 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. Consideration: Contract Extensions
5. Consideration: Consultant Billings
6. Consideration: Public Comment Period
7. Consideration: Other Matters



1. Consideration: Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes

The Chairwoman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 13, 2020 minutes. Mayor Clay Madden* made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia.* Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

*Mayor Madden and Mayor Zabbia are members of the Transportation Policy committee, there was no objection to them making this motion.

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 pages 12 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2020. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,507,517.70.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Mr. Perry Talamo, seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino. Based on

the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 13 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of September 30, 2020. There are no amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

4. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a contract extension on page 14. He explained the extension is a time only extension. There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Mr. Jonathan Perret and seconded by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard. Based on the poll this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 15-17 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 Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng seconded by Parish President Kirk Lepine. Based on the poll, this item is approved by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Public Comment Period

Mr. Jonathan Perret asked a question about the N-Y Consultant invoice total being different from the summary sheet on page 15 of the packet, N-Y's invoice had incorrectly listed sub-consultant Urban Systems previous amount billed by .09 cents. Megan Leonard said she would double check and email the Board and it would be corrected before being submitted to the State. *

7. Consideration: Other Matters

Mayor Cantrell wanted to thank all the members again for their leadership and that it is very inspiring to her and to keep up the good work, she also thanked the RPC Staff.

The Chairwoman asked if there was any other matters. There was none. Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Keith Espadron seconded and the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting.

*Megan Leonard emailed the Board on 11/10/2020 at 2:12 p.m. the following information:

Good Afternoon All,

Thank you for attending today's Commission meeting. There are two follow up items we wanted to share with you.

- During *Other Matters* Mr. Chris Morvant, DOTD's Dist. 02 Engineer Administrator informed the Board of the Zoom Joint Transportation, Highways, & Public Works Committee public meetings, the link can be found [here](#)
- There was a question regarding the N-Y consultant invoice. Page 15 of the packet, the Consultant Billings Summary sheet was correct in the amount billed. However on page 16 of the packet N-Y's invoice had incorrectly listed sub-consultant Urban Systems previous amount billed by .09 cents. This will be corrected before being submitted to the State.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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