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 9, 2021

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

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**Mayor** LaToya Cantrell, *Treasurer*

**Jefferson Parish**

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

**Mayor** Tim Baudier

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

**Orleans Parish:**

Sophie Harris Vorhoff

**Plaquemines Parish:**

**Councilmember** Benny Rousselle

**St. Bernard Parish:**

**Councilmember At-Large** Kerri Callais

Susan Klees

**St. Charles Parish:**

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

**Councilmember At- Large** Robert Acauri

**Councilmember** Tammy Houston

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

**DOTD:**

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

**TPC Members:**

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

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

Ninette Barrios (JeT) **Designee**: Cherreen Gegenheimer

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Attendance: 28

Consultants:

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

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AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 12, 2021 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement

Program, Highway & Transit Elements

1. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement

Program, Highway & Transit Elements

4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement

Program, Highway & Transit Elements

1. Consideration: Consultant Selection:

Manchac Greenway

Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis

Stage 0 Feasibility Study

RPC Task A-1.22MG; FY-22 UPWP

Amount: $95,000

1. Consideration: Consultant Selection:

New Orleans East Industrial Canal Crossing

Safety and Access Planning

Stage 0 Feasibility Study

RPC Task A-1.22IHNC; FY-22 UPWP

Amount: $90,000

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. 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.

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1. Consideration: Approval of October 12,2021 minutes

# Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 12, 2021 minutes. Mayor Pete Panepinto made a motion to approve the October 12th minutes, seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle, and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration**: **Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation**

**Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 5-6 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 Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration:** **Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation**

**Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 7-8 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 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 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. 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 Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:**

**Manchac Greenway**

**Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis**

**Stage 0 Feasibility Study**

**RPC Task A-1.22MG; FY22 UPWP**

**Amount: $95,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to provide and gather information on existing land use, infrastructure, and traffic conditions, and to evaluate potential improvements to walking and biking facilities along the project corridor. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Manchac Greenway Land Use and Transportation Corridor Analysis Stage 0 Feasibility Study in the amount $95,000 with Urban System, Inc. It was so moved by Mayor Cantrell, seconded by Councilmember Kerri Callais, and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Consultant Selection:**

**New Orleans East Industrial Canal Crossing**

**Safety and Access Planning**

**Stage 0 Feasibility Study**

**RPC Task A-1.22IHNC; FY-22 UPWP**

**Amount: $90,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the packet for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is identify, from existing bridges, a potential walking and bicycling crossing of the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC) between the Florida Avenue Bridge and Lake Pontchartrain and presented a conceptual plan for improving the structure and its approaches to allow for accessible and safe non-motorized use of the facility. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: New Orleans East Industrial Canal Crossing Safety and Access Planning Stage 0 Feasibility Study in the amount $90,000 with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. It was so moved by Ms. Susan Klees, seconded by Mayor Cantrell, and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**6**. **Consideration: Other Matters**

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

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

***MINUTES***

**Regional Planning Commission**

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**AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 12, 2021 minutes

1. Consideration: Committee Reports:
2. Budget and Personnel Committee
3. Other Committee Reports

3. Consideration: Financial Report

(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities

(b) Monthly Budget Report

4. Presentation: St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District

Amendment No. 3

By: Suzanne Krieger, Chairperson

1. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment
2. Consideration: Contract Extensions

1. Consideration: Travel

8**.** Consideration: Consultant Billings

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

10. Consideration: Other Matters:

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1. **Consideration: Approval of October 12, 2021 Minutes**

# The Chairman asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 12, 2021 minutes. Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff made a motion to approve the October 12,2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

**2**. **Consideration: Committee Reports:**

1. **Budget and Personnel Committee**
2. **Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Jeff Roesel also explained there were no committee reports at this time.

**3. Consideration Financial Report**

**(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities**

**(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 12-13 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2021 and the Monthly Budget Report. He indicated that the RPC’s Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of $2,638,274.13 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. Billy Raymond, seconded by Mr. Lee Giorgio, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel also explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

**4. Presentation: St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District**

**Amendment No. 3**

**By: Suzanne Krieger, Chairperson**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Suzanne Krieger to the board. Suzanne gave an update on St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District, Amendment No. 3. Parish President Mike Cooper on the behalf of St. Tammany Parish Government thanked Suzanne and the St. Tammany Levee District for their efforts and Suzanne’s passion over the past several months going around our parishes letting homeowner groups, business groups know how important it is to vote this Saturday, she has particularly been informing the citizens about constitutional amendment no. 3 which affects not only St. Tammany Levee district but others in the state that does not have funding. Mr. Jeff Roesel added that this initiative is specific to St. Tammany Parish, and it requires a statewide vote and it’s admirable to other areas that was formed after 2005 that requires similar situations, and there’s a regional impact to this and is grateful that Suzanne was here to talk about it.

For a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard, 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**5.** **Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the packet and explained the need to dispose of the broken or obsolete equipment listed. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the disposal of the broken and obsolete office equipment. It was so moved by Mr. Jason Stopa and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated there are no contract extensions this month.

**7. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 15 of the packet and pointed out 1 travel request: one staff member (Karen Parson) requesting to attend the TRB Transportation Research Board Annual Conference, January 9-13, 2022 Washington, D.C. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Councilmember Benny Rousselle, seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

1. **Consideration: Consultant Billings**

# Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 16 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 Robby Miller seconded by Mr. Billy Raymond and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

# **9.** **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

Parish President Kirk Lepine wanted to welcome everyone back to the in-person meeting and stated it was good to be back.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Billy Raymond, Mayor Tim Baudier seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.