

# *MINUTES*

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

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

## **November 18, 2014**

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Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu; John Young (designee Mark Drewes), Gordon Burgess, Patricia Brister, Elton Lagasse (designee) Belinda Constant, Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Jason Williams (designee: Pearlina Thomas), Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Kirk Lepine, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Steve Stefancik, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer, Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, David Vial, Bonnie Lewis, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (designee), Mike Lorino (designee: Carlton Dufrechou), V.J. St. Pierre (designee: Buddy Boe), Natalie Robottom, Sal Longoria (designee: Stefan Marks), and Ryan Brown

Attendance: 31

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



### **AGENDA**

1. Consideration: Approval of the October 14, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
Transportation Alternatives Evaluation  
RPC Task A-2.15 Amount: \$50,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:  
US51 (LA 22 to Club Deluxe Rd.) Stage 1 EA  
RPC Task US51Tan1  
Amount: \$737,600
7. Consideration: Draft Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan
8. Presentation: City Park  
By: Bob Becker, Chief Executive Officer  
New Orleans City Park

- 9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 10. Consideration: Other Matters



**Mayor Landrieu led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**1. Consideration: Approval of October 14, 2014 Minutes**

Mr. Stumpf made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes, seconded by Councilman Lauga 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 4 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 Head, seconded by Councilman Lauga 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 Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6 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 President Burgess, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik 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 St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 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 & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Brister, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik 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: Consultant Selection  
Transportation Alternatives Evaluation  
RPC Task: A-2.15  
Amount: \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to provide technical assistance to DOTD, Orleans and Jefferson Parishes on development of alternative lighting concepts to enhance traffic safety, reduce operating costs, and improvement of transportation aesthetics on the US90 and US90B Mississippi River Bridge crossings.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Evaluation selection for the amount of \$50,000 with Modjeski and Masters, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilmember Head, 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.

**6. Consideration:                    Consultant Selection**  
**US51 (LA22 to Club Deluxe Rd.) Stage 1 EA**  
**RPC Task: US51TAN1**  
**Amount: \$737,600**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to prepare a Stage 1 Environmental Assessment (EA) and other related documents to update the findings of an Environmental Assessment undertaken in 2003 by LADOTD for the US 51 Corridor.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Evaluation selection for the amount of \$737,6000 with N-Y Associates and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Munn, seconded by Councilmember Stefancik and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration:                    Draft Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Jason Sappington, RPC Senior Transportation Planner, explained the MTP and in January will ask for the board's approval of the final document.

**8. Presentation:                    City Park**  
**By: Bob Becker**  
**New Orleans City Park**

Walter Brooks introduced Mr. Becker who presented on New Orleans City Park

**9. Consideration:                    Public Comment Period**

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

**10. Consideration:                    Other Matters**

Mr. Brooks updated the board on the federal review. Dan Jatres made an announcement regarding the Bike and Pedestrian Program. 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
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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10. Consideration: Memorandum of Understanding between RPC & St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation
11. Presentation: RPC Proposal to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Additional Brownfield Assessment Funding
12. Consideration: Travel Request

- 13. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 14. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 16. Consideration: Other Matters



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

**1. Consideration: Approval of October 14, 2014 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on October 14, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Councilmember Head and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Committee Reports: Committee Reports:**  
**(b) Budget and Personnel Committee**  
 • Revisions to the Policy & Procedures Manual  
**(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Silvey explained the Sexual Harassment Policy to be added to the Policy and Procedures manual. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy. It was so moved by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Lauga 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 12 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$1,657,380.27

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

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 13 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 Councilmember Head seconded by Councilmember Stefancik and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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**9. Consideration: Draft Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-9 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 4-9 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration: Memorandum of Understanding between RPC & St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation**

Mr. Brooks explained the MOU between RPC & ST. Bernard Economic Development Foundation. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the MOU. It was so moved by Councilman Lauga seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Presentation: RPC Proposal to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Additional Brownfield Assessment Funding**

Mr. Brooks introduced Rebecca Otte, RPC's Brownfields Redevelopment Program Coordinator. Ms. Otte presented on the EPA for additional Brownfield Assessment Funding.

**12. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 14 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests: one staff member (Jason Sappington) requesting to attend the FTA Triennial Review Workshop, November 6-7, 2014, Houston, TX. One staff member (Jeff Roesel) to attend the FTA Region 4 FY15 Triennial Review Workshop, December 2-3, Atlanta, GA.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Ponstein, seconded by Mr. Kelley, 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 15 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 Councilmember Head and seconded by Mr. Ponstein, 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 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 Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Ponstein 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**

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