

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Committee
Of the
Regional Planning Commission
For

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

September 8, 2015

Committee Members: AMOS CORMIER JR. – Chairman, PATRICIA BRISTER - 1st Vice Chairman, JOHN F. YOUNG - 2nd Vice Chairman (Designee: Kazem Alkhini) GORDON BURGESS - 3rd Vice Chairman, MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU – Treasurer (Designee: Mark Jernigan) Mayor Mike Yenni (Designee: Jose Gonzalez) Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Councilmember At-Large Stacy Head (Designee: Carla Genusa), Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Benny Rousselle, Scott Morse, Councilman Ray Lauga, Jr., Councilman Richie Lewis (Designee: Councilman Casey Lewis), Charles Ponstein David Munn, Councilman Steve Stefancik, Councilman Reid Falconer (Designee: Councilman TJ Smith) Rene Soule, Mayor Bob Zabbia, Dr. Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas (Designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (Designee: Scott) Shelby Lasalle, Iftikhar Ahmad (Designee: Kristi), Brandy Christian (Designee: Andree Fant) Mayor Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (Designee: Tiffani) Ryan Brown, Mayor Mike Cooper, Mayor Pete Panepinto

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

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



Agenda

1. **Consideration: Approval of the August 11, 2015 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 FY16 Unified Planning Work Program Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study Amount: \$50,000**
6. **Resolution: Authorization to enter into a CEA with Regional Transit Authority for the Economic Impact of Public Transit Study**
7. **Consideration: Consultant Selection: Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination Study – Veterans Boulevard Corridor**

RPC Task: VetCor1

Amount: \$ 185,000

- 8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:**
US 190 Roundabout Study (3 Locations)
(RPC Task SL-1.16; FY-16 UPWP)
Amount: \$ 25,000

- 9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:**
Fisheries Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College Chalmette, Louisiana
US Department of Commerce (EDA) Grant No. 08-83-04836.1
RPC Project EDASLE3Su-NZ
Amount: \$ 40,000

- 10. Presentation: Marty Mayer**
CEO of Stirling Properties

- 11. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

- 12. Consideration: Other Matters**



President Cormier led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- 1. Consideration: Approval of August 11, 2015 Minutes**

Councilman Stefanick made a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes, seconded by David Munn 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 4-5 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 Carla Genusa, seconded by Kazem Alkhini 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 St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 6-7 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 President Burgess 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 Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 8 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 St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Burgess, seconded by President Brister 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: Amendment to the FY16 Unified Planning Work Program
Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study
Amount: \$50,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the Amendment to the FY16 UPWP- Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Amendment to the FY16 UPWP- Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study for the amount of \$50,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mark Jernigan, seconded by Jose Gonzalez 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: Authorization to enter into a CEA with RTA for the Economic Impact of Public Transit Study

Mr. Brooks explained to the members the CEA with RTA for the Economic Impact of Public Transit Study.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the CEA with RTA and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Kazem Alkhini, seconded by Councilman 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: Consultant Selection:
Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination Study – Veterans Boulevard Corridor
RPC Task: VetCor1
Amount: \$ 185,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this study is to develop and analyze traffic signal timing strategies to reduce delays, lower emissions, improve fuel consumption, and maximize the progressive movement of traffic through the Veterans Boulevard corridor.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination Study selection for the amount of \$185,000 with Urban Systems and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Kazem Alkhini, seconded by Ronald Carrer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
US 190 Roundabout Study (3 Locations)
(RPC Task SL-1.16; FY-16 UPWP)
Amount: \$ 25,000**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to conduct Roundabout Studies for the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for 3 locations along US 190 between LA 433 and Camp Villere in Slidell, LA.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the US190 Roundabout Study (# locations) for the amount of \$25,000 with Stantec and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik, seconded by Lee Giorgio and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Fisheries Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College Chalmette, Louisiana**

US Department of Commerce (EDA) Grant No. 08-83-04836.1
RPC Project EDASLE3Su-NZ
Amount: \$ 40,000

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this project is to explore the creation of an industry Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College to modernize the fishing industry and expand working opportunities on the water beyond fishing.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Fisheries Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College with Mumphrey Group for the amount of \$40,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Councilman Lauga, seconded by Charlie Ponstein and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

10. Presentation: Marty Mayer
CEO of Stirling Properties

Mr. Brooks introduced Mr. Mayer who presented to the board. A copy of the presentation can be viewed by contacting Megan Leonard.

11. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

12. Consideration: Other Matters

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

MINUTES

Regional Planning Commission
For
Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes
September 8, 2015

Committee Members: AMOS CORMIER JR. – Chairman, PATRICIA BRISTER - 1st Vice Chairman, JOHN F. YOUNG - 2nd Vice Chairman (Designee: Kazem Alkhini) GORDON BURGESS - 3rd Vice Chairman, MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU – Treasurer (Designee: Mark Jernigan) Mayor Mike Yenni (Designee: Jose Gonzalez) Lee Giorgio, Jack Stumpf, Councilmember At-Large Stacy Head (Designee: Carla Genusa), Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Benny Rousselle, Scott Morse, Councilman Ray Lauga, Jr., Councilman Richie Lewis (Designee: Councilman Casey Lewis), Charles Ponstein David Munn, Councilman Steve Stefancik, Councilman Reid Falconer (Designee: Councilman TJ Smith) Rene Soule, Mayor Bob Zabbia, Dr. Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas (Designee: Chris Morvant)

Attendance: 24

Consultants:

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



AGENDA

1. **Consideration:** Approval of the August 11, 2015 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:** Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. **Consideration:** Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. **Consideration:** Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. **Consideration:** Amendment to the FY16 Unified Planning Work Program
Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study
Amount: \$50,000
8. **Resolution:** Authorization to enter into a CEA with Regional Transit Authority for the Economic Impact of Public Transit Study
9. **Consideration:** Consultant Selection:
Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination Study – Veterans Boulevard Corridor
RPC Task: VetCor1
Amount: \$ 185,000
10. **Consideration:** Consultant Selection:
US 190 Roundabout Study (3 Locations)
(RPC Task SL-1.16; FY-16 UPWP)
Amount: \$ 25,000
11. **Consideration:** Consultant Selection:
Fisheries Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College Chalmette, Louisiana
US Department of Commerce (EDA) Grant No. 08-83-04836.1
RPC Project EDASLE3Su-NZ
Amount: \$ 40,000
12. **Presentation:** Acknowledgment of National Recreational Trail Program Annual Achievement Award:
Val Reiss Park Multi-Use Trail, St. Bernard
By: Karen Parsons
13. **Consideration:** Travel Request
14. **Consideration:** Contract Extensions
15. **Consideration:** Consultant Billings
16. **Consideration:** Public Comment Period
17. **Consideration:** Other Matters



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

1. **Consideration:** Approval of August 11, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2015 were approved upon a motion by President Burgess, seconded by Councilman Lauga and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Silvey explained these items would be under the Financial Report

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

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending July 31st 2015. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$2,180,719.47

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 John Stumpf, seconded by Councilman Hunnicutt and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 14 that there were no budget amendments.

- 4. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 5. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 6. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**
- 7. Consideration: Amendment to the FY16 Unified Planning Work Program
Regional Transit Authority: Economic Impact of Public Transit Study
Amount: \$50,000**
- 8. Resolution: Authorization to enter into a CEA with Regional Transit Authority for the Economic Impact of Public Transit Study**
- 9. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Traffic Signal Timing and Coordination Study – Veterans Boulevard Corridor
RPC Task: VetCor1
Amount: \$ 185,000**
- 10. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
US 190 Roundabout Study (3 Locations)
(RPC Task SL-1.16; FY-16 UPWP)
Amount: \$ 25,000**
- 11. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Fisheries Hub of Excellence at Nunez Community College Chalmette, Louisiana
US Department of Commerce (EDA) Grant No. 08-83-04836.1
RPC Project EDASLE3Su-NZ
Amount: \$ 40,000**

Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-11 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 4-11 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Presentation: Acknowledgment of National Recreational Trail Program Annual Achievement Award:
Val Reiss Park Multi-Use Trail, St. Bernard
By: Karen Parsons**

Karen Parsons introduced Susan Klees, Community Activist and Deborah Fagan, AICP, Grants Coordinator for St. Bernard Parish who brought the Val Reiss Park to fruition in St. Bernard Parish. Ms. Klees gave a power point presentation that detailed the funding, timeline and project features. Val Reiss Park was awarded the national 2015 Recreational Trails Program Annual Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding trails and projects. Outstanding projects funded by RTP are honored at the awards ceremony on Capitol Hill in June hosted by the Coalition for Recreational Trails during the annual celebration of Great Outdoors Month. St. Bernard Parish was given one of eight annual achievement awards this year for the development of Val Reiss Park.

13. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 16 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests: one staff member (Susan Simon) requesting to attend the 32nd Annual LA GFOA Fall Conference, October 7-9, 2015, Baton Rouge, LA. Also, two staff members (Karen Parsons and Dan Jatres) to attend the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Professional Development Seminar in Saint Louis, MO on September 28-October 1st 2015.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik , seconded by President Burgess and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

14. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 17 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 President Burgess and seconded by Councilman Lauga, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

12. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Silvey referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 18 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 President Brister, seconded by Kazem Alkhini and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

13. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

14. Consideration: Other Matters

There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.