

MINUTES

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

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

September 9, 2014

Committee Members: Chairman Mitchell J. Landrieu; John Young (designee Jennifer Vanrankin), Gordon Burgess, Elton Lagasse (designee) Belinda Constant, Jason Williams, Stacy Head, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ronald Carrere, Byron Marinovich, Mike Ford, Ray Lauga, Charles Ponstein, David Munn, Richard Kelley, Reid Falconer Steve Stefancik, Rene Soule, Bob Zabbia, David Vial, Bonnie Lewis, Mitch Williams, Sherri LeBas (designee: Chris Morvant), Jeff Davis (designee), Carlton Dufrechou, V.J. St.Pierre, Iftikhar Ahmad (designee: Kristi Holmes), Natalie Robottom (designee Angelic Sutherland), Donald Villere, Sal Longoria (designee), Ryan Brown, and Mike Cooper

Attendance: 33

Consultants: Ernest Burguieres, III, Legal Counsel

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



AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the August 12, 2014 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Authorization to Enter into a Supplemental Agreement with LADOTD: US 90 / I-310 Interchange EA and IMR
5. Consideration: US 90/I-310 Interchange EA and IMR, Supplemental Agreement No. 1
AECOM
RPC Task I310SC
Amount: \$280,000
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Congestion Management: Traffic Circulation, Parking and Safety Study for Downtown Covington
RPC Task MC-1.15: UPWP FY-15
Amount \$100,000

7. Presentation: Jerry Bologna, CEcD
Executive Director, JEDCO
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. 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 August 12, 2014 Minutes

Mr. Ponstein made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes, seconded by Councilman Stefancik and approved unanimously as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Brooks referred the members to page 4 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 Dr. Bonnie Lewis 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 5 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 Councilman Stefancik, 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.

4. Consideration: Authorization to Enter into a Supplemental Agreement with LADOTD: US 90 / I-310 Interchange EA and IMR

Mr. Brooks introduced to the board the agreement with LADOTD: US 90 / I-310 Interchange EA and IMR. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the LADOTD: US 90 / I-310 Interchange EA and IMR. It was so moved by VJ St. Pierre, seconded by Mr. 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: US 90/I-310 Interchange EA and IMR,
Supplemental Agreement No. 1
AECOM
RPC Task I310SC
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Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this supplement. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the US 90/I-310 Interchange EA and IMR Supplemental Agreement with AECOM. for the amount of \$280,000 and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by VJ St. Pierre, seconded by Councilman Falconer 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:**
Congestion Management: Traffic Circulation, Parking and Safety Study for Downtown Covington
RPC Task MC-1.15: UPWP FY-15
Amount \$100,000

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of this consultant Selection. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Congestion Management: Traffic Circulation, Parking and Safety Study for Downtown Covington - RPC Task MC-1.15: UPWP FY-15 for the amount of \$100,000 with Digital Engineers and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mayor Cooper, 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. Presentation:** **Jerry Bologna, CEcD**
Executive Director, JEDCO

Walter Brooks introduced Mr. Bologna who presented an update on JEDCO

- 8. Consideration:** **Public Comment Period**

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

- 9. Consideration:** **Other Matters**

Mr. Brooks informed the board of the federal review that would be in November. There being no other matters to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting.

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1. Consideration: Approval of the August 12, 2014 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
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9. Presentation: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
By: Amber Seely-Marks, Regional Planning Commission
10. Consideration: Travel Request
11. Consideration: Contract Extensions
12. Consideration: Consultant Billings
13. Consideration: Public Comment Period
14. Consideration: Other Matters



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

1. Consideration: Approval of August 12, 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on August 12, 2014 were approved upon a motion by Charlie Ponstein, seconded by Jeffrey Schwartz and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

2. **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 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending July 31, 2014. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance) in the amount of \$2,677,625.36

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 David Munn, seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey then referred the members to page 9 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 Mr. Kelley seconded by Ronald Carrere and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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Mr. Brooks requested concurrence of items 4-8 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 4-8 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Councilman Williams and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

9. **Presentation:** **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**
 By: Amber Seely-Marks, Regional Planning Commission

Amber explained the draft CEDS document to the board and provided a brief presentation going over key elements. Following her presentation there was comments and discussion from the board. The final CEDS document will be presented to the board next month.

10. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Silvey referred Members to page 10 of the packet and pointed out 2 travel requests: one staff member (Rebecca Otte) requesting to attend the 2014 EPA Region 6 Brownfield Grant writing Workshop, October 6-9, 2014, Addison, TX. One staff member (Walter Brooks) to attend the Every Day Counts Summit, October 27-28, Phoenix, AZ.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilman Ponstein, seconded by Ronald Carrere, 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 11 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 Councilman Head and seconded by Ronald Carrere, 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 12 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 Councilman Falconer 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

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