

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

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

**March 14, 2017**

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Committee Members:

**Officers:**

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**Mayor** Mike Cooper (Covington)  
**Mayor** Pete Panepinto *Designee: Lacy Landrum*

Attendance: 32

Consultants:

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



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President Yenni led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Silvey, a quorum was established. Mr. Silvey introduced a few special guests to the Board, State Senator Beth Mizell, State Representative Malinda White, Washington Parish President Richard Thomas, Washington Parish CAO Tommy Tebow and the two St. Charles Councilmembers that will be

joining the RPC membership in April, Councilmember Wendy Bendetto and Councilmember Julia Fisher-Perrier. Chairman Yenni began the meeting.

**1. Consideration: Approval of February 14, 2017 Minutes**

Mr. Ponstein made a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kelley 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 Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Designee: Lynn Alliene 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 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 Designee Lacy Landrum 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 Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Miller seconded by Mayor Zabbia 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: Authorization to Submit FY-18 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Brooks explained the purpose of authorizing to Submit FY-18 Unified Planning Work Program. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve FY-18 Unified Planning Work Program and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by President McInnis, seconded by Mr. Ponstein and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-18 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Brooks explained the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-18 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-18 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Deputy Mayor Grant, seconded by Designee: Cherreen Gegenheimer and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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**9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-18 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

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a motion to approve the contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-18 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area and to authorize the Chairman and/or Executive Director to execute any documents in connection with this project. It was so moved by Mr. Billy Raymond seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance and the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-18 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**

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**14. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**15. Consideration: Other Matters**

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
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  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
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16. Presentation: Louisiana Children's Museum  
By: Julia Webb Bland, CEO
17. Consideration: Travel Request
18. Consideration: Contract Extensions
19. Consideration: Consultant Billings
20. Consideration: Public Comment Period
21. Consideration: Other Matters



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

### **1. Consideration: Approval of February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on February 14, 2017 were approved upon a motion by Councilman Stefancik seconded by Mr. Kelley 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 the Committee Reports would come 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 17 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2017. He indicated that the RPC's total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,514,030.44

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 President Cormier III, seconded by President Brister and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Silvey explained on page 18 that there were no budget amendments.

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Mr. Silvey requested concurrence of items 4-15 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 4-15 as these items have been already approved by the Transportation Policy Commission. It was so moved by Councilman Stefancik and seconded by President McInnis and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.



**16. Presentation: Louisiana Children’s Museum**  
**By: Julia Webb Bland, CEO**

Mr. Brooks introduced Mrs. Bland. For more information on this presentation please contact Megan Leonard at [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**17. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 28 for a travel request. One staff member Maggie Woodruff is requesting to attend the EMSI Economic Development Workshop, July 24-26, 2017, Chicago IL. Two staff members, Rebecca Otte & Courtney Young are requesting to attend the 2017 Green Transportation Summit, April 11-13, 2017, Portland, OR. There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Ponstein, and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**18. . Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Silvey referred the members to page 29 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 my Mayor Miceli and seconded by Mayor Zabbia 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 30 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 my Mr. Kelley and seconded by Ms. Klees 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 other public comment. There was none.

**21. Consideration: Other Matters**

State Senator Beth Mizell, State Representative Malinda White, Parish President Thomas, Councilmember Benedetto and Councilmember Fisher-Perrier all said a few words of thanks to the Board

There being no other matters the meeting is adjourned.