

July 9, 2024 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

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Boulevard - First Floor Conference Room
New Orleans, Louisiana

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 1st Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish **Designee:** Gregory Giangrosso- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

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Parish President Keith Hinkley, 5th Vice Chairwoman- Plaquemines Parish- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, Secretary- St Tammany Parish- Present

Parish President Matt Jewell, Treasurer- St. Charles Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Robert Billiot- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell **Designee:** James Baker- Present

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno **Designee:** Andrew Tuozzolo- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Ronnie Newsom- Present

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Absent

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels **Designee:** Elizabeth Crocker- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Absent

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Present
Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial **Designee:** Brigitte Hyde- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal- Present
Ronald Wendel (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Callie Baker- Present
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 30

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville/Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Presentation: Safe Streets For All Project Update
By: Nelson Hollings, RPC Senior Transportation Planner
8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Anthony Evett and seconded by Daniel McElmurray.

There being no objections, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 3 and 4 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall and seconded by Councilmember Daniel McElmurray. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville/Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Mandeville/Covington TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Slidell TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

**7. Presentation: Safe Streets For All Project Update
By: Nelson Hollings, Senior Transportation Planner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced RPC's Senior Transportation Planner Nelson Hollings to the board. For a copy of the Safe Streets for All Project Update, please email nhollings@norpc.org

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

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

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RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
Budget and Personnel Committee
Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
EPA Award No.: 5D-02F45401-0
RPC Task: EPACPRG
Amount: \$335,000
7. Consideration: Travel Request
8. Consideration: Contract Extensions
9. Consideration: Consultant Billings
10. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Susan Klees.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
(a) Budget and Personnel Committee
(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending May 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,480,074.83

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Garret Monti. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending May 31, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item

5. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 for the resolution Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. This resolution is per state law, RPC and other governmental entities in Louisiana are required to submit an approved Compliance Questionnaire to our auditor in order for them to conduct their audits of the previous fiscal year. This allows CRI to conduct their audit of the RPC and to report back to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Resolution Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. It was so moved by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom seconded by Councilmember Bob Fisher and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman

**6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
EPA Award No.: 5D-02F45401-0
RPC Task: EPACPRG
Amount: \$335,000**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 for the consultant selection Comprehensive Climate Action Plan EPA Award No.: 5D-02F45401-0 RPC Task EPACPRG with an award amount of \$335,000. He requested a deferral on this project due to updated EPA guidelines.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to defer the vote for the consultant selection. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Aspen Nero to attend the Clean Cities National Workshop September 9-12, 2024 in St. Paul, MN and one staff member, Lynn Dupont, to attend URISA GIS-Pro 2024 October 7-10, 2024 in Portland, ME.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Robert Hopkins. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no Contract Extensions at this time and we can move on to the next item.

9. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 9 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Chris Masingill with Jonathan Perret abstaining. There being no

objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

10. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.