

August 13, 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, August 13, 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- Absent

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

Parish President Robby Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Donald Bourgeois, Jr.- Present

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Parish President Keith Hinkley, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present

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

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

**Jefferson Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Robert Billiot- Absent

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

**Orleans Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

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- Present

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

**St. Charles Parish:**

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Absent

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaout **Designee:** Vernon Bailey- Present

Jonathan Perret- Absent

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent  
Christopher Abadie- Present

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial- Present  
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present  
Carlo Bruno- Present  
Citizen Member- Absent

**DOTD:**

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

**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)- Absent  
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present  
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present  
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present  
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present  
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent  
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 33

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 July 9, 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. 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 with Parish President Robby Miller as chairman.

**1. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**2. Consideration: Approval of the July 9, 2024 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Daniel McElmurray and seconded by Carlton Dufrechou.

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

**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. Gregory Giangrosso told the board if there any questions regarding the Lafreniere Park Bike Trail, please reach out to Jefferson Parish.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Ninette Barrios and seconded by Anthony Evett. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**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 referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the South Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Regional Director of Southeast Louisiana, JT Hannan, introduced Governor Landry's Deputy Chief of Staff of Intergovernmental Affairs, Kyle Ardoin to the board. For any questions, please contact Kyle Ardoin at [Kyle.Ardoin@LA.GOV](mailto:Kyle.Ardoin@LA.GOV)

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

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RPC Agenda

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2. Consideration: Approval of the July 9, 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. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget Amendment
6. Presentation: Connect with Keep Louisiana Beautiful  
By: Cabell Mouton, Community Engagement and Affiliate Services Director  
Keep Louisiana Beautiful
7. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: RPC Grant Administration  
Services for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Award
8. Consideration: Travel Request
9. Consideration: Contract Extensions
10. Consideration: Consultant Billings
11. 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 July 9, 2024 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the July 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin.

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

**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 June 30, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,742,825.49

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom and seconded by Councilmember David Vial. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending June 30, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item

**5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget Amendment**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 for the Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget Amendment.

Parish President Robby Miller asked for clarification. Megan Leonard, RPC Director of Management & Finance, further explained the budget amendment. Please contact Megan Leonard with any questions, [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget Amendment. It was so moved by Susan Klees seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman

**6. Presentation: Connect with Keep Louisiana Beautiful  
By: Cabell Mouton, Community Engagement and Affiliate Services Director  
Keep Louisiana Beautiful**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Cabell Mouton, Community Engagement and Affiliate Services Director for Keep Louisiana to the board. For a questions or a copy of the presentation, please contact Cabell Mouton [CMouton@keeplouisianabeautiful.org](mailto:CMouton@keeplouisianabeautiful.org)

**7. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: RPC Grant Administration  
Services for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Award**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 and explained the need for the resolution, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: RPC Grant Administration Services for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Award.

Parish President Robby Miller asked for more clarification regarding the Split-Second Foundation. RPC's Economic Development Manager, Adam Tatar, further explained the Foundation's purpose, the grant, and RPC's role as Grant Administrator. For questions or more information, please contact Adam Tatar at [atatar@norpc.org](mailto:atatar@norpc.org)

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: RPC Grant Administration Services for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Award. It was so moved by Councilmember Pat Burke seconded by Gregory Giangrosso and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman

**8. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Adam Tatar, to attend the 2024 KSU TAB Partners Retreat August 27-28 2024 in Manhattan, KS, six staff members, Jeff Roesel, Jason Sappington, Thomas Haysley, Nicolette Jones, Nelson Hollings, and Tosha Shanableh to attend the 2024 AMPO Conference September 24-27, 2024 in Salt Lake City, UT, and two staff members, Megan Leonard and Susan Simon, to attend the Louisiana GFOA Conference October 2-4, 2024 in Baton Rouge, LA.

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

**9. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet for one contract extension, this extension is time only.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Contract Extension. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Donald Bourgeois, Jr. and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 10 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Dan Jatres and seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**11. Consideration: Other Matters**

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

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Carlo Bruno and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.