

October 8, 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, October 8, 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- Present

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

Parish President Louis Pomes, 3rd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present

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Parish President Keith Hinkley, 5th Vice Chairman- 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- 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- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Absent

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Absent

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

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Absent

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Absent

Bonnie Dinvaut- Present

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- Absent
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- 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)- 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 August 13, 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: Consultant Selection:
Travel Demand Model Support Services
RPC Task: C-1.25TDM
State Project No.: H.972541.1
Budget Amount: \$50,000
8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
Firetower Rd./ LA 445: Corridor Study
Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana
State Project No. H.015968
RPC Task No. TPFIRE25
Budget Amount: \$275,000
9. 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 August 13, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the August 13, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Allen Hero and seconded by Garret Monti.

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

The Chairwoman informed the board that due to time constraints; the Lieutenant Governor will do his presentation at this point in during the TPC portion of the meeting. Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser, to the board. For any questions, please contact Jasmine Tregre at jtregre@crt.la.gov

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 Ronnie Newsom and seconded by Ninette Barrios. 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 referred the members to pages 4 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville/Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville/Covington TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Mayor Clay Madden. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 5 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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

7. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Travel Demand Model Support Services
RPC Task: C-1.25TDM
State Project No. H.972541.1
Budget Amount: \$50,000

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Travel Demand Model Support Services RPC Task: C-1.25TDM State Project No. H.972541.1. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to develop a plan for to provide technical services to the RPC as needed in the maintenance, update, and use of the transportation demand model and associated analytical software used for long-range strategic planning, and other transportation and land use related tasks.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Travel Demand Model Support Services RPC Task: C-1.25TDM State Project No. H.972541.1 with Alliance Transportation Group, LLC. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

8. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Stage 0 Feasibility Study
Firetower Rd./ LA 445: Corridor Study
Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana
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RPC Task No. TPFIRE25
Budget Amount: \$275,000

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There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Stage 0 Feasibility Study Firetower Rd./ LA 445: Corridor Study Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana State Project No. H.015968 RPC Task No. TPFIRE25 with ELOS Environmental Services. It was so moved by Dan Jatres and seconded by Carlton Dufrechou and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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 August 13, 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. Presentation: Lieutenant Governor's State of the State Address
By: Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor
6. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
RPC Task: EPACPRG
Award No. 5D-02F45401-0
Budget 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 August 13, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the August 13, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie and seconded by James Baker.

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 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending August 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,882,910.42

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mayor Robert Billiot and seconded by Councilmember Pat Burke. 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 8 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending August 31, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item

5. Presentation: Lieutenant Governor's State of the State Address
By: Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained this presentation was completed during the TPC portion of the meeting and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan RPC Task: EPACPRG Award No. 5D-02F45401-0. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to develop the CCAP and its associated analyses and recommendations, including: GHG Inventory, GHG Emissions Projections, GHG Reduction Targets, Quantified GHG Reduction Measures, Benefits Analysis, Low Income / Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis, Review of Authority to Implement, Intersection with Other Funding Availability, and Workforce Planning Analysis.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan RPC Task: EPACPRG Award No. 5D-02F45401-0 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng with Jonathan Perret abstaining and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Lynn Dupont to attend the National Geospatial Advisory Committee in October 15-18, 2024 in Washington DC.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Jonathan Perret. 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 referred members to page 10 of the meeting packet for one contract extension, this extension is time only.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Contract Extension. It was so moved by Bonnie Dinvaut and seconded by Elizabeth Crocker and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 11 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 Councilmember Ronnie Newsom and seconded by Jack Stumpf 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 Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.