

December 10, 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, December 10, 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:** Donald Bourgeois, Jr.- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 4th Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present

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- Absent

Lee Giorgio- Absent

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- Present

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- **Designee:** Victoria Dillman- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Absent

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present

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

Garret C. Monti **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Absent

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Present
Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

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

DOTD:

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

TPC Members:

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

Attendance: 36

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 November 12, 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: Amendment to the 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
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 November 12, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 12, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Madden 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 Chairwoman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation. He explained a correction to the project description of State Project Number H.015562 which should read "Veterans Memorial Blvd; LA 49-Roosevelt." The correction will be made prior to submitting to DOTD.

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 Jack Stumpf and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. 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 referred the members to page 4 of the meeting packet for the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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

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

7. Consideration: Amendment to the 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to the handout with the corrected Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment from that on page 5 of the meeting packet. He explained the amendment is for a transit element in the New Orleans Urbanized Area.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve Amendment to the 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. It was so moved by James Baker and seconded by Dan Jatres. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 November 12, 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 & Operating Budget
Amendments
6. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2025
7. Consideration: 2025 Meeting Dates
8. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment
9. Consideration: Travel Request
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. 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 November 12, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the November 12, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom 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.

**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 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,211,568.94

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri. 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 7 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending October 31, 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 & Operating Budget Amendments

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities & Operating Budget Amendments and provided a brief explanation.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the Amendments. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Election of Officers for 2025

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting for the election of officers for 2025 and listed the officers for the 2025 RPC Board.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approve the Regional Planning Commission Election of Officers for 2025. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: 2025 Meeting Dates

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the 2025 Meeting Dates and listed the dates for the 2025 TPC/RPC meetings.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Dates. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for a list of broken or obsolete office equipment to be disposed of pending authorization by the board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Carlo Bruno and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Travel Request

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

10. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the contract extensions.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Donald Bourgeois and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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

12. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that the RPC staff wanted to thank Parish President Jaclyn Hotard for her service as Chairwoman and presented her with a plaque for her 2024 service.

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