

February 11, 2025 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, February 11, 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

Officers:

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

Parish President Robby Miller, 1st Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 2nd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present

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Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Absent

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

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Tim Baudier- Present

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 Tyrone Edwards- Absent

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Robert Hopkins- Absent

Allen Hero- Present

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Susan Klees- Present

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Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

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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:

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Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Terrence 'Joe' Donahue- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell)- Present

Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent

Kevin Doliolle (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)- Present

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 32

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 January 14, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Presentation: MPA Boundary Changes
Jeffrey Roesel, Executive Director
8. Consideration: New Orleans Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets
9. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets
10. Consideration: Slidell Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets
11. Consideration: South Tangipahoa Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets
12. Presentation: Annual Report of MPO Activities
Jason Sappington, Deputy Director
13. 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.

Parish President Miller congratulated everyone in the City of New Orleans and the region for the way that Louisiana and New Orleans were represented in the Super Bowl to the world. He extended his thanks to all involved in the planning and execution of the 2025 Super Bowl in New Orleans for a successful event.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the January 14, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 14, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Allen Hero 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 page 3 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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 Dan Jatres and seconded by Gregory Giangrosso. 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 referred the members to page 3 of the meeting packet for the Slidell TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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

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: MPA Boundary Changes
Jeffrey Roesel, Executive Director**

Mr. Jeff Roesel provided a brief explanation of the MPA Boundary Changes. For more information, please contact jroesel@norpc.org.

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Tom Haysley, RPC Principal Planner, to the board. Mr. Haysley presented background on the safety targets for each of the urban areas that are following on the agenda in items 8-11. For more information, please contact Tom Haysley at thaysley@norpc.org.

Parish President Robby Miller requested to amend the agenda and take items 8-11 in globo. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Chris Masingill. The Chairman asked if there were any questions or objections, hearing none the Chairman approved to amend the agenda.

- 8. Consideration: New Orleans Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets**
- 9. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets**
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Following Mr. Haysley's presentation, there being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to take items 8-11 in globo. It was so moved by Shannta Carter and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels. It was approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

- 12. Presentation: Annual Report of MPO Activities
Jason Sappington, Deputy Director**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Jason Sappington, RPC Deputy Director, to the board. Mr. Sappington gave a brief presentation on the 2024 Annual Report of MPO activities and referred the board to page 10 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the 2024 Annual Report of MPO Activities. For more information, please contact Jason Sappington, Deputy Director, jsappington@norpc.org.

- 13. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

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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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: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. 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 January 14, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 14, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Anthony Ayo.

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 12 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending December 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,334,611.33.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by

Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall. 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 13 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending December 31, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Adam Tatar, to attend the National Association of Development Organizations Emerging Leaders Training March 24-27, 2025 in Little Rock, AK and the Southwest Region Economic Development Association Annual Conference May 7-9, 2025 in Las Cruces, NM.

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

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 15 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 Carlo Bruno and seconded by Mayor Tim Baudier, 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 Chairman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Gregory Giangrosso apologized on behalf of President Lee Sheng for her absence due to a mid-morning press conference celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Jefferson Parish in Gretna. There will be a bicentennial kickoff by Lakeside Mall from 5PM-7PM with an original song written for Jefferson Parish performed by Irma Thomas. Also, there is a new 200th anniversary logo for Jefferson Parish you will see on banners for the Super Bowl in the area. There will be many other events over the course of the year to continue the celebration.

The chairman asked if there were any other matters, hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by John Lane and seconded by Gregory Giangrosso and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.