

## 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

July 12, 2022

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

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**Councilmember** Robert Arcuri

**Councilmember** Tammy Houston

Johnathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Chris Masingill

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

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**DOTD:**

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

**TPC Members:**

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Tony Evelt

Mayor Clay Madden

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Mark R. Johnson **Designee:** Erin Bovina

Attendance: 31

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Colethia Kent, et al



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the June 14, 2022 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Presentation: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Updates  
By: Tom Haysley  
Principal Planner, RPC
6. Consideration: New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 (Review Draft)
7. Consideration: Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 (Review Draft)
8. Consideration: Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 (Review Draft)
9. Consideration: South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2052 (Review Draft)
10. Consideration: Public Comment Period
11. 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.

Parish President Mike Cooper wanted to start the meeting with thanking everyone for attending and specifically for the transportation projects that are in the planning and implementation stages.

**1. Consideration: Approval of June 14, 2022 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Benny Rousselle made a motion to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item and noted for the record that the Transit Amendment for the Maintenance Facility Rehab had a typo and the corrected Estimated Cost is \$344,246 in 5339 funds.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mr. Dan Jatres and seconded by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the St. Tammany TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mr. Christopher Abadie and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

4. **Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

5. **Presentation: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Updates  
By: Tom Haysley  
Principal Planner, RPC**

Mr. Tom Haysley described the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plans, including the plan development process, priorities and strategies, and project list. He stated that the public comment period for the plan will last from July 8, 2022 to August 9, 2022. The plan is available on the RPC website and in certain local libraries. The RPC will be holding public meetings in each of the MPAs to take public comment and will be seeking full approval of the plan at the August 9, 2022 TPC meeting.

For more information and comments on this presentation please contact Mr. Tom Haysley at 504-483-8510 or [thaysley@norpc.org](mailto:thaysley@norpc.org), Mr. Jeff Roesel at 504-483-8565 or [jroesel@norpc.org](mailto:jroesel@norpc.org), and or Jason Sappington at 504-483-8507 or [jsappington@rpc.org](mailto:jsappington@rpc.org).

6. **Consideration: New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan 2052 (Review Draft)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the New Orleans MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan. As Mr. Tom Haysley mentioned in the presentation we are asking for your review and comments. We will bring this back to you for approval at the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission Meeting. No motion is needed.

7. **Consideration: Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan 2052 (Review Draft)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the Mandeville-Covington MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan. As Mr. Tom Haysley mentioned in the presentation we are asking for your review and comments. We will bring this back to you for approval at the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission Meeting. No motion is needed.

8. **Consideration: Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan 2052 (Review Draft)**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the Slidell MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan. As Mr. Tom Haysley mentioned in the presentation we are asking for your review and comments. We will bring this back to you for approval at the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission Meeting. No motion is needed.

9. **Consideration: South Tangipahoa MPA Metropolitan Transportation Draft Plan 2052 (Review Draft)**

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10. **Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Chris Masingill asked if there are any copies of the MTP and the public meeting dates posted anywhere so he can share in St. Tammany parish. Mr. Roesel informed him they were posted on RPC's website and that RPC staff would send to him directly as well.

11. **Consideration: 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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  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report

- 4. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
- 5. Consideration: Travel Request
- 6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
- 7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
- 8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
- 9. Consideration: Other Matters



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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports at this time.

**3. 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 May 31, 2022. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,730,638.58

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the packet to show the Board the budget versus actual as of May 31, 2022. There are no budget amendments at this time and no motion is needed.

**4. Resolution: Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet and provided a brief explanation for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Resolution.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Resolution. It was so moved by Mayor Belinda Constant, seconded by Ms. Susan Klees and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet and pointed out 1 travel request for 1 staff member Ms. Melissa Guilbeau to attend the Northwest Regional Safety Coalition Meeting in Shreveport, La. July 12-13, 2022. Mr. Roesel stated that Ms. Guilbeau is RPC's newest employee, she is the Southshore Regional Safety Coalition Coordinator.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel request. It was so moved by Parish President Kirk Lepine seconded by Councilmember Tammy Houston and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no contract extensions.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10-11 of the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller, seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any other public comment. There was none.

**9. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters. There was none. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr., Mayor Pete Panepinto seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.