

May 9, 2023 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

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

Parish President Matt Jewel, Chairman

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairwoman **Designee:** Mark Drewes

Parish President Robby Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman

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Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairwoman **Designee:** Dan Jatres

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Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

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**Plaquemines Parish:**

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

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Robert Hopkins

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**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Councilmember Robert Arcuri

Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilmember Chris Canulette

Councilmember Mike Lorino

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

**DOTD:**

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) Designee: Daniel W. McElmurray  
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)  
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Chris E. Gilmore  
Mayor Clay Madden (Mandeville)  
Lona Hankins (RTA)  
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)  
Ninette Barrios (JeT)  
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)  
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Erin Bovina  
Attendance: 37  
Consultants:  
Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates
7. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates
8. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates
9. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates
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.

**1. Consideration: Approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes. Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes, seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, 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 Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Considerations: 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.

**4. Considerations: 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.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, 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 Bob Zabbia and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Tom Haysley to the Board for an overview of the following 3 agenda items. Pursuant to 23 USC 150 and 23 CRF 490, RPC is required to set pavement and Bridge Conditions targets for National Highway System Routes in the urbanized areas. By law this needs to be accomplished for Pavement and Bridge Conditions every four years. This is accomplished by way of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for our urbanized areas. Mr. Tom Haysley went over the updates for each urbanized area; New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa.

**6. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the Amendment to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the New Orleans Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates. It was so moved by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and seconded by Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**7. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan:  
Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the Amendment to the Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the Slidell Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan:  
Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Updates. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Council Chair David Vial and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**10. Public Comment Period:**

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

**11. 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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## RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget
5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget
6. Consideration: Audit Financial Services – Extension of Contract
7. Consideration: Authorization to Dispose of Broken or Obsolete Office Equipment
8. Consideration: Travel Request
9. Presentation: H2theFuture: Driving the Energy Evolution in South Louisiana  
By: Lacy McManus, Executive Director, Future Energy, GNO, Inc.
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. Consideration: Public Comment Period
13. Consideration: Other Matters

### **1. Consideration: Approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 11, 2023 minutes. Susan Klees made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes, seconded by Councilman Robert Acuri and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained budget and personnel committee reports would come under agenda items 4 & 5.

### **3. Consideration: Financial Report (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities (b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,454,218.08.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mayor Michael J. Glaser and seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 11 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending March 31, 2023. He explained there were a few budget amendments, the overall budget is remaining the same, this is simply moving funds from line item to line item. We are moving funds from computer software/support, printing supplies and materials and audio/video equipment for RTMC to line items contract personnel, travel, dues and subscriptions, online data subscriptions and auto expense and insurance. Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the budget amendments. Parish President Mike Cooper made a motion to approve the budget amendments, seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2024 Local Activities Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this had been reviewed and approved by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY24 Local Activities Budget. It was so moved by Councilmember Wanda Alcon seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this had been reviewed and approved by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY24 Operating Budget. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper seconded by Parish President Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**6. Consideration: Audit Financial Service – Extension of Contract**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the Audit Financial Services and explained this is the final extension of this contract.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the extension of the Audit Financial Services. It was so moved by Mark Drewes seconded by Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the list of items we are requesting authorization to dispose of broken or obsolete office equipment pursuant to the guidelines promulgated by LA Division of Administration.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the authorization to dispose of broken or obsolete office equipment. It was so moved by Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance Sr. seconded by Council Chair David Vial 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 14 of the meeting packet and pointed out 3 travel requests.

1. Aspen Nero, to attend the Clean Cities Coordinator 101 Training, June 27-28, 2023 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. Lynn Dupont, to attend the National Geospatial Advisory Committee, June 27-28, 2023 in Washington D.C.
3. April Higgins, to attend the Governor's Highway Safety Association 2023, August 12-16, 2023 in New York City, NY.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Susan Klees seconded by Robert Hopkins and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**9. Presentation: H2theFuture: Driving the Energy Evolution in South Louisiana  
By: Lacy McManus, Executive Director, Future Energy, GNO, Inc.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Lacy McManus to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Maggie Woodruff at [mwoodruff@norpc.org](mailto:mwoodruff@norpc.org) or 504-483-8502.

**10. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there are no Contract Extensions at this time and we can move on to the next item.

**11. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills 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 or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Mark Drewes and seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**12. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**13. 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 Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier and seconded by Mayor Michael J. Glaser and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.