

October 10, 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

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

Officers:

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

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, 1st Vice Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish **Designee:** Gregory Giangrosso- Present

Parish President Robby Miller, 3rd Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Guy McInnis, 4th Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Andrew Becker- Present

Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 5th Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Daniel Jatres- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, Secretary- Plaquemines Parish- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, Treasurer- St Tammany Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.- Present

Councilmember Mark Cognevich **Designee:** Lloyd Newsome- Present

Robert Hopkins- Absent

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon- Present

Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais- Absent

Susan Klees- Present

Ray Lauga, Jr.- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier- Absent

Councilmember Dick Gibbs- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Raj Pannu- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Chris Canulette- Absent

Councilmember Mike Lorino- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Present
Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Absent
Mike Showers- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Eric Kalivoda **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present
Tomeka Waytson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Present
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal- Present
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Absent
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (JeT) **Designee :** Cherreen Gegenheimer- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 33

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Tom Haysley, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Joan Rupp et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the September 12, 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: Consultant Selection:
Safe Streets for All
Award Number: 693JJ32340392
RPC Task: SS4A24
Award: \$746,200
7. Consideration: Public Comment Period
8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC’s Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Tom Haysley, RPC’s Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Approval of the September 12, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 12, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden and seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

2. 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 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 Daniel Jatres and seconded by Cherreen Gegenheimer. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

6. Consideration: Consultant Selection: Safe Streets For All Award Number: 693JJ32340392 RPC Task: SS4A24 Award: \$746,200

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the Board members to pages 4 and 5 of the meeting packet, for a list of respondents and explained the purpose of this project is to create a plan that will identify projects and initiatives with the goal of reducing traffic related fatalities and serious injuries within the parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Safe Streets For All Award Number: 693JJ32340392 RPC Task SS4A24 Award in the amount of \$746,200 with Volkert, Inc. It was so moved by Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorino. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

8. 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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RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Approval of the September 12, 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. Presentation: The Pontchartrain Restoration Program Update
By: Samantha Bopp, Southeast Regional Representative
And Blair Bourgeois, Innovation Manager for the University of New Orleans
Research and Technology Foundation
5. Presentation: CEDS 2024-2028 Draft
By Maggie Woodruff, Director of Economic Development
And Adam Tatar, Economic Development & Brownfields Manager
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. Consideration: Public Comment Period
10. Consideration: Other Matters

1. Consideration: Approval of the September 12, 2023 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 12, 2023 minutes. It was so moved by Allen Hero and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri. There being no objections or public comment this item is 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 there were no committee reports and we could proceed to the next item.

**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 August 31, 2023. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount

of \$2,548,407.97.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Mayor Michael Glaser and seconded by Jack Stumpf. There being no objections or public comment 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 7 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending August 31, 2023. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

4. Presentation: The Pontchartrain Restoration Program Update
By: Samantha Bopp, Southeast Regional Representative
And Blair Bourgeois, Innovation Manager for the University of New Orleans
Research and Technology Foundation

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Samantha Bopp, Southeast Regional Representative and Blair Bourgeois, Innovation Manager for the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership. He explained the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program is a grant program under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that focuses on supporting efforts to restore and protect the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. The Basin includes 16 parishes in Louisiana and portions of 4 Mississippi counties. Since its inception in 2000, over \$29 million has been awarded to 249 projects for water quality improvements, habitat preservations and restoration, education/outreach, and other enhancements. The program is currently working on updating the master plan and hope to have the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan completed by the end of 2024. Senator Cassidy has secured an additional \$53 Million for the program over the next 5 years. This is an incredible opportunity for the program to fund more projects and also to revamp the participation from Stakeholders. The two speakers discussed the process of applying for the funding, expectations of the program, and how to participate.

5. Presentation: CEDS 2024-2028 Draft
By Maggie Woodruff, Director of Economic Development
And Adam Tatar, Economic Development & Brownfields Manager

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced RPC staff members Maggie Woodruff, Director of Economic Development and Adam Tatar, Economic Development & Brownfields Manager who have been working and collaborating with a number of stakeholders throughout or region to update the CEDS. Maggie and Adam presented the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and notified members that the document is on the RPC website for public comment until Friday November 10th.

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 8 of the meeting packet for two travel requests for Jason Sappington and Nelson Hollings to attend the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting January 7-11, 2023 in Washington D.C.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Garret C. Monti seconded by Susan Klees. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no contract extensions, and we could proceed to the next item.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 8 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 Councilmember Carlton LaFrance and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley. there being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

10. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel called attention to two upcoming dates related to the EPA Climate Pollution Grant awarded to RPC in September: The Priority Climate Action Plan, or PCAP, due on March 1, 2024, and implementation phase of this grant; applications for which are due April 1, 2024. He asked for immediate input from parishes on any GHG reduction measures that could be considered eligible projects. RPC will reach out soon to the parishes for potential projects. He referred the board to EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant website as well as RPC Staff members Tom Haysley and Aspen Nero for more information.

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 Parish President Jaclyn Hotard and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper. There being no objections or public comment this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.