

March 12, 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, March 12, 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:** John Lane- Present

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

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- **Designee:** James Baker- Present

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Ronnie Newsom- Present

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Present

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Absent

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Present

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Absent

Roxanne Adams- Present

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

Citizen Member- 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)- Present
Citizen Member- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

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

TPC Members:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel W. McElmurray- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- Absent
Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present
Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Callie Baker- Present
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 37

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 9, 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. Presentation: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-25 Draft Document
8. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-25
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-25 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-25 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-25 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-25 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-25 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-25 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
15. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-25 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
16. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-25

17. Resolution: Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
LADOTD Entity-State Agreements FY-25
18. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, St. Tammany Bike and Pedestrian Plan
19. Resolution: Adoption of the 2024 Public Participation Plan for the New Orleans Regional
Planning Commission
20. 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.

Mr. Jeff Roesel opened the meeting by welcoming all new board members.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the January 9, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Jack Stumpf.

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 pages 4 and 5 of the meeting packet for the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

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 Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley. 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 referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville/Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Mandeville/Covington TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Christopher Abadie. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 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 Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Danny McElmurray. 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 explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

7. Presentation: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-25 Draft Document

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-25 Draft Document. Pursuant to 23 USC 134 and 23 CFR 450, this document is inclusive of all four urbanized areas in our region and includes the work tasks and budgets for each task, by urbanized area, four in total. This document is on our website and is being distributed throughout the region consistent with our public participation plan. This is a draft document for the public and Board to review and provide comments. We will bring the final document back to the Board for approval in May. He also explained there is a typo in the caption for this item in the packet, which should read FY-25 and not FY-24.

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained no action is required at this time and we could proceed to the next item.

8. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-25

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution. This resolution authorized by the TPC is necessary prior to submitting applications for FTA & FHWA FY-25 funds as follows:

FTA Section 5303

New Orleans UZA	\$ 766,606.00
DOTD Human Services Transportation	\$ 15,000.00
Slidell UZA	\$ 67,533.00
Mandeville/Covington UZA	\$ 79,042.00
South Tangipahoa UZA	\$ 57,641.00

FHWA PL

New Orleans UZA	\$2,193,805.00
Slidell UZA	\$ 234,807.00
Mandeville/Covington UZA	\$ 284,579.00
South Tangipahoa UZA	\$ 192,027.00

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall and seconded by Pastor Thomas Hines and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Parish President Robby Miller asked the Chairwoman if he could make a motion to amend the agenda and take items 9-16 in globo as they are summarized in item 8 which just passed. Parish President Matt Jewell seconded this motion. The Chairwoman asked if there were any questions or objections, hearing none the Chairwoman approved to amend the agenda.

9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-25 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Area

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Parish President Robby Miller then made a motion to take items 9-16 in globo. Chris Masingill seconded this motion. It was approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

17. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-25

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the resolution, LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-25 and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-25. It was so moved by Roxanne Adams and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

18. Resolution: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, St. Tammany Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 17 of the meeting packet for the resolution, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, St. Tammany Bike and Pedestrian Plan and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, St. Tammany Bike and Pedestrian Plan. It was so moved by Councilmember Pat Burke and seconded by Danny McMurray and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

19. Resolution: Adoption of the 2024 Public Participation Plan for the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 18 of the meeting packet for the resolution, Adoption of the 2024 Public Participation Plan for the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission and provided an explanation. He also referred the board to the QR code at the bottom of the resolution, which leads to the Public Participation Plan document.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the 2024 Public Participation Plan for the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom and seconded by Chris Masingill and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

20. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Daniel Jatres announced that the City of New Orleans had been awarded a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program award for a project to improve safety and mobility in the I-10 Service Road corridor in New Orleans East. He also expressed the thanks and gratitude of the City and Mayor Cantrell for the partnership from the RPC staff in developing the feasibility study that laid the foundation for the funding proposal.

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

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2. Consideration: Approval of the January 9, 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. Presentation: Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC
Becky Hammond, Partner, CPA, CISA, CITP, CGAP
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. 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 9, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the January 9, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin.

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 20 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,361,049.07

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember David Vial and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. 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 20 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending January 31, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**5. Presentation: Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC
Becky Hammond, Partner, CPA, CISA, CITP, CGAP**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Ms. Becky Hammond to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Megan Leonard at mleonard@norpc.org.

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 21 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for one staff member, Aspen Nero, to attend the Clean Cities Regional Meeting May 2-3, 2024 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and one staff member, Lynn Dupont, to attend the NGAC Public Meeting, April 2-4, 2024 in Washington D.C.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the travel requests. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Christopher Abadie. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

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 pages 21-22 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 Tyronne Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Bob Fisher. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced two of Governor Jeff Landry's appointees JT Hannan, Regional Director for Southeast Louisiana and Karen White, Director of the Governor's Office of Rural Development and Designee to the Delta Regional Authority. For more information, please contact JT Hannan at JT.Hannan@la.gov or 504-214-3118 and Karen White at 225-506-6426.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller 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 Chairwoman.