

April 9, 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, April 9, 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- Absent

Parish President Louis Pomes, 3rd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Donald Bourgeois- 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- Absent

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

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent

Mayor Robert Billiot- Absent

Lee Giorgio- Absent

Jack Stumpf- Absent

Orleans Parish:

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

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Ronnie Newsom- Present

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Present

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran **Designee:** Jennifer Lemoine- Present

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Roxanne Adams- Present

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Present

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent

Christopher Abadie- Absent

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

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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) **Designee:** Ronaldo R. Nodal- Present

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present

Lona Hankins (RTA) **Designee:** Joanna Farley- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present

Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 35

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 March 12, 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. 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: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Ronald Nodal and seconded by Ninette Barrios.

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 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 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 Daniel Jatres. 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 4 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 Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Mayor Clay Madden. 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 5 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 Daniel McElmurray and seconded by Councilmember Pat Burke. 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 referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman 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. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

7. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

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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2. Consideration: Approval of the March 12, 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. 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. Parish President Jaclyn Hotard welcomed St. John the Baptist Parish Citizen Member Bonnie Dinvaux to the Board.

2. Consideration: Approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri.

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 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 29, 2024. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,168,529.39

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

Susan Klees and seconded by Councilmember Michelle O’Daniels. 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 8 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending February 28, 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 9 of the meeting packet for the travel requests for two staff members, Malissa Dietsch-Givhan and Jeff Roesel, to attend the USDOT’s Civil Rights Training Summit, April 10-12,2024 in Washington D.C., two staff members, Megan Leonard and Adam Tatar, to attend the SWREDA Annual Conference, May 15-17, 2024 in Oklahoma City, OK, two staff members, Lynn Dupont and Leslie Couvillion, to attend the LARSGIS Workshop, April 9-11, 2024 in Mandeville, LA, and one staff member, Megan Leonard, to attend the GFOA 2024 Spring Conference, April 30-May 2, 2024 in Lake Charles, LA.

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

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 9 of the meeting packet for one contract extension, this extension is for time only.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Contract Extension. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin seconded by Councilmember Pat Burke and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 10 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 Bob Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Ronnie Newsom 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 Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced JT Hannan, Regional Director for Southeast Louisiana who addressed The New Orleans Sewage and Water Board Task Force Report. For more information, please contact JT Hannan at JT.Hannan@la.gov or 504-214-3118.

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 Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. 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.