

November 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, November 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- Absent  
Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- Present  
Parish President Robby Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present  
Parish President Louis Pomes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present  
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present  
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 5<sup>th</sup> 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- Present  
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  
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**Plaquemines Parish:**

Council Chair Ronnie Newsom- Present  
Councilmember Tyronne Edwards- Absent  
Robert Hopkins- Present  
Allen Hero- Present

**St. Bernard Parish:**

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent  
Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present  
Susan Klees- Present  
Joe Montalbano- Absent

**St. Charles Parish:**

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Katina Summers- Present  
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels **Designee:** Elizabeth Crocker- Present  
Garret C. Monti- Present  
Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present  
Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present  
Bonnie Dinvaut- Present  
Jonathan Perret- Present

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Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present  
Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Present  
Christopher Abadie- Present

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial- Absent  
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present  
Carlo Bruno- Absent  
Citizen Member- Absent

**DOTD:**

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

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel McElmurray- Present  
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent  
Kevin Doliolo (Aviation Director) **Designee :** Ronaldo Nodal- Present  
Ronald Wendel (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present  
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present  
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present  
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present  
Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present  
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Absent  
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent  
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 October 8, 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: Bayou Sauvage Urban Wildlife Refuge Access Study  
By: Lauren Williams Civil and Landscape Manager PLA, ASLA, GIP Batture, LLC
8. 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 with Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng as Chairwoman.

**1. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

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

**2. Consideration: Approval of the October 8, 2024 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 8, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by Anthony Evett and seconded by Jonathan Perret.

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 Mayor Robert Billiot and seconded by Dan 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 Pat Burke and seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin. 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 explained there were no Slidell TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 4 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 Parish President Robby Miller 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.

**9. Presentation: Bayou Sauvage Urban Wildlife Refuge Access Study  
By: Lauren Williams Civil and Landscape Manager PLA, ASLA, GIP  
Batture, LLC**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced RPC Principal Planner & GIS Manger Lynn Dupont to the board. Ms. Dupont gave a brief overview of the Bayou Sauvage Urban Wildlife Refuge Access Study and introduced Lauren Williams, PLA, ASLA, GIP, of Batture, LLC to the board. For a questions or a copy of the presentation, please contact Ellen Buckley at [ebuckley@batture-eng.com](mailto:ebuckley@batture-eng.com)

**7. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Roesel announced DOTD's recent update to the Consultant Contract Services process regarding lump sum contracts.

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 October 8, 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. Resolution: Department of Energy Clean Cities and Communities Partnership Renewal Letter
6. Consideration: RTMC Janitorial Services Selection
7. Consideration: Travel Request
8. Consideration: Contract Extensions
9. Consideration: Consultant Billings
10. 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 October 8, 2024 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the October 8, 2024 minutes. It was so moved by James Baker and seconded by Jack Stumpf.

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 the handout with the corrected alignment of the balance sheet from that on page 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2024. He indicated that

the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,389,413.02

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet as corrected on the handout. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Allen Hero. 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 6 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending September 30, 2024. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item

**5. Resolution: Department of Energy Clean Cities and Communities Partnership Renewal Letter**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution. He explained the resolution is to renew the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership's commitment to the Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities Partnership.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the Resolution. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**6. Consideration: RTMC Janitorial Services Selection**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the RTMC Janitorial Services Selection explaining the need for a contract for janitorial services for a three year period beginning December 1, 2024 with two one-year extensions.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve Bywater Building Service, LLC for the Janitorial Services. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**7. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Travel Requests and we could proceed to the next item.

**8. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Contract Extensions and we could proceed to the next item.

**9. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 9 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 Tammy Houston and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley 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.

**10. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Lee Giorgio expressed concerns about the safety of the Bayou Sauvage area. DOTD District Administrator Scott Boyle explained he will look into it.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.