

March 11, 2025 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 11, 2025

**Time:** 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish- Present  
Parish President Robby Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present  
Parish President Louis Pomes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present  
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present  
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present  
Parish President Mike Cooper, 5<sup>th</sup> Chairman- St Tammany Parish **Designee:** Grant Black- Present  
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Present  
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

**Jefferson Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent  
Mayor Tim Baudier **Designee:** Bryan Wallace- Present  
Lee Giorgio- Absent  
Jack Stumpf- Present

**Orleans Parish:**

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell- Absent  
Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno- Absent  
Citizen Member- Absent  
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**Plaquemines Parish:**

Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Present  
Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent  
Robert Hopkins- Present  
Allen Hero- Present

**St. Bernard Parish:**

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent  
Councilmember Ryan Randall- Absent  
Susan Klees **Designee:** Deborah Fagan- Present  
Joe Montalbano- Absent

**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  
Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent  
Jonathan Perret- Absent

**St. Tammany Parish:**

Councilmember Jeff Corbin **Designee:** Councilmember Jimmy Strickland- Present  
Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent

Christopher Abadie **Designee:** David Keller- Present

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

Council Chair David Vial- Present

Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

**DOTD:**

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

**TPC Members:**

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel McElmurray- Present

Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee:** Ronaldo Nodal- Present

Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee:** Anthony Evett- Present

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Absent

Lona Hankins (RTA) - Absent

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 32

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 February 11, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Urban Area 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 February 11, 2025 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 11, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Carlton Dufrechou and seconded by Daniel McElmurray.

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 Bryan Wallace 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.

**4. 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.

**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 Mayor Pete Panepinto and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels. 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.

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained DOTD has issued a call for Transportation Alternative Products (TAP) projects, effective March 10, 2025. The window for applications begins April 1, 2025 and ends May 15, 2025. He asked the board to contact RPC staff for any data they may need for their application.

Ms. Ninette Barrios also thanked everyone for their help with the ADA Bus Stop Improvements for Jefferson Transit.

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

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the February 11, 2025 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: Adams and Reese LLP  
Jeff Brooks, Partner
6. Presentation: Draft Title VI Policy
7. Presentation: Draft DBE Policy Update
8. Presentation: Draft Public Participation Plan
9. Consideration: Travel Request
10. Consideration: Contract Extensions
11. Consideration: Consultant Billings
12. 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 February 11, 2025 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 11, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Council Chair David Vial.

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 6 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,188,393.91

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending January 31, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

**5. Presentation: Adams and Reese LLOP  
Jeff Brooks, Partner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Jeff Brooks to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Jeff Brooks at [Jeffrey.Brooks@arlaw.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Brooks@arlaw.com)

**6. Presentation: Draft Title VI Policy**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the Draft Title VI Policy. He explained RPC will be accepting comments between now and the next commission meeting, April 8, 2025. Please contact RPC's Public Outreach Coordinator, Malissa Givhan at [mgivhan@norpc.org](mailto:mgivhan@norpc.org) with any questions or comments.

**7. Presentation: Draft DBE Policy Update**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the Draft DBE Policy. He explained RPC will be accepting comments between now and the next commission meeting, April 8, 2025. Please contact RPC's Public Outreach Coordinator, Malissa Givhan at [mgivhan@norpc.org](mailto:mgivhan@norpc.org) with any questions or comments.

**8. Presentation: Draft Public Participation Plan**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the QR code to download the Public Participation Plan adopted last year with minor administrative modifications. This is for the board's reference only; no action is required at this time. Please contact RPC's Public Outreach Coordinator, Malissa Givhan at [mgivhan@norpc.org](mailto:mgivhan@norpc.org) with any questions or comments.

**9. Consideration: Travel Request**

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

**10. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 for the contract extensions for Firetower Rd./ LA 445: East Tangipahoa North-South Corridors RPC Task No. TPFIRE25 through January 31, 2026 and Reserve to I-10 Connector, Supplement No. 2 RPC Task No. PSLC-STJ through February 28, 2026. Both extensions are for time only. There being no objections the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller 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.

**11. 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 Pat Burke 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.

**12. Consideration: Other Matters**

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters, hearing none, the Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.