

April 8, 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, April 8, 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, 1st Vice Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present
Parish President Louis Pomes, 2nd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** Merritt Landry- Present
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish- Present
Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Absent
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker **Designee:** Brian Grenrood- Present
Mayor Tim Baudier- 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 Tyronne Edwards- Present
Councilmember Mark Cognevich- Absent
Robert Hopkins- Present
Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

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

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Katina Summers- 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- Absent
Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent
Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present
Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

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)- Present

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

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

Beth Ann Branch (Port)- Absent

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present

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: 36

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 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. Presentation: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 Draft Document
8. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-26
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-26 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-26 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)
11. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreements FY-26
12. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
Agency Branding and Communications Project
RPC Task D-1.25; FY25 UPWP
13. 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 public comment regarding West End Redevelopment by Brian Almoquist, Charles Marsala, and Richard Carriere. For a recording of the public comments, please contact Joan Rupp, RPC's Intergovernmental Coordinator, at jrupp@norpc.org

2. Consideration: Approval of the March 11, 2025 minutes

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

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 Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall. 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 referred the members to page 4 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 Councilmember Jeff Corbin 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 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-26 Draft Document

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 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.

8. Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-26

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the resolution. This resolution authorized by the TPC is necessary prior to submitting applications for FTA & FHWA FY-26 funds as follows:

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| FTA Section 5303 | |
| New Orleans (containing New Orleans UA, Mandeville-Covington UA, Slidell UA, and Hammond-Ponchatoula UA) | \$ 746,637.00 |
| DOTD Human Services Transportation (Transit) | \$ 15,000.00 |
| FHWA PL | |
| New Orleans (containing New Orleans UA, Mandeville-Covington UA, and Hammond-Ponchatoula UA) | \$2,979,927.00 |

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Authorization to Submit the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26. It was so moved by James Baker and seconded by Mayor Panepinto. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-26 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FHWA FY-26 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area, which contains the 4 urban areas: New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FHWA FY-26 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Mayor Tim Baudier 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.

10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-26 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula)

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FTA FY-26 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area, which contains the 4 urban areas: New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for the FTA FY-26 Planning Grant for the New Orleans Transportation Planning Area. It was so moved by Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels and seconded by Joe Montalbano. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

11. Resolution: LADOTD Entity-State Agreement FY-26

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Entity-State Agreement for FY-26 and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the LADOTD Entity-State Agreement for FY-26. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Brian Grenrood. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

**12. Consideration: Consultant Selection:
 Agency Branding and Communications Project
 RPC Task D-1.25; FY25 UPWP**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for a list of respondents for the Consultant Selection: Agency Branding and Communications Project RPC Task D-1.25. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the purpose of this project is to establish a centralized resource for creating and maintaining a uniform brand identity across various media utilized by the RPC.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Consultant Selection: Agency Branding and Communications Project RPC Task D-1.25 with The Estopinal Group. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels and seconded by Pastor Thomas Hines. There being no questions, this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

13. Consideration: Other Matters

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

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 March 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. Update: Draft Title VI Policy/ DBE Policy
6. Presentation: Louisiana State Parks Update
By Brandon Burris, Secretary
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 March 11, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the March 11, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Jonathan Perret.

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 12 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,131,019.95.

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 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 13 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending February 28, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

5. Update: Draft Title VI Policy/ DBE Policy

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Draft Title VI Policy/ DBE Policy. This document has been revised since last month due to changes in federal policy. This draft document is for the Public and Board to review and provide comments. We will bring the final documents back to the Board for approval in May.

6. Presentation: Louisiana State Parks Update
By Brandon Burris, Secretary

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Brandon Burris, Assistant Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Brandon Burris at bburris@crt.la.gov

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for one staff member to attend the Government Finance Officer Association Spring Conference April 22-24, 2025 in Baton Rouge, LA and four staff members to attend the Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Workshop May 6-8, 2025 in Baton Rouge, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Council Chair Tyrone Edwards and seconded by Dan Jatres. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 for the contract extensions for US 11 Corridor Study (LA 433 to Fremaux Ave) RPC Task No. SL-1.24 through June 30, 2025 and St. Tammany Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan RPC Task No. STBP24 through December 31, 2025. Both extensions are for time only.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extensions. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Councilmember Pat Burke. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

9. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 16 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 Christopher Abadie and seconded by Katina Summers 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. There were none.

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper and seconded by Parish President Keith Hinkley and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.