

June 10, 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, June 10, 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
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Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish **Designee:** Garret Monti- Present
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent
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 **Designee:** Jason Dillman- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

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

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Absent
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent
Garret C. Monti- Designee for Parish President Matt Jewell
Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present
Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present
Bonnie Dinvaute **Designee:** Vernon Bailey- Present
Jonathan Perret- Absent

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present
Councilmember Pat Burke- Present

Chris Masingill- Absent
Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

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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) **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)- Acting Mayor Mark Verret- Present
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 32

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the May 13, 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 May 13, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the May 13, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels 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.

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 Tammy Houston and seconded by Mayor Tim Baudier. 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 explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments this month and we could proceed to the next item.

7. 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

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2. Consideration: Approval of the May 13, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
Budget and Personnel Committee
Other Committee Reports
(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
(b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Presentation: Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Update
By: President Mike Cooper, St. Tammany Parish
Randy Pausina, Costal and Restoration Manager, St. Tammany Parish
Steve Mathies, Costal Restoration lead, Stantec Consulting, LLC
Mark Wingate, Executive Vice President, MSMM Engineering, LLC
5. Resolution: Lake Pontchartrain Barrier: Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program
6. Announcement: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Community Meetings
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 May 13, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the May 13, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf and seconded by Councilmember 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 5 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending April 30, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,067,638.22.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Garret Monti. 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 April 30, 2025. He explained there were no budget amendments at this time. No motion is needed for this item.

- 5. Presentation: Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Update**
By: President Mike Cooper, St. Tammany Parish
Randy Pausina, Costal and Restoration Manager, St. Tammany Parish
Steve Mathies, Costal Restoration lead, Stantec Consulting, LLC
Mark Wingate, Executive Vice President, MSMM Engineering, LLC

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Parish President Mike Cooper to the Board.

There were comments by Plaquemines Parish Board members, Parish President Hinkley, Councilman Edwards and Mr. Hopkins on how this could affect Plaquemines Parish and the need for the two Parishes to work together on this. For audio of the presentation and comments please email Joan Rupp at jrupp@norpc.org

- 6. Resolution: Lake Pontchartrain Barrier: Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the resolution for the Resolution for the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier: Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier: Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program. It was so moved by Parish President Mike Cooper 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.

- 7. Announcement: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Community Meetings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Tom Haysley, RPC Senior Transportation Planner to the Board. Mr. Haysley referred members to the handout announcing that RPC staff will conduct several public outreach events in support of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which is funded by the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Program. The outreach will include pop-up events and community meetings in Hammond, New Orleans, Violet, Luling, and Reserve. For more information, please contact Tom Haysley at thaysley@norpc.org

- 8. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for one staff member, Adam Tatar, to attend the Louisiana Brownfield Conference in Alexandria, LA June 11-12, 2025.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Councilmember Tyronne Edwards 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.

- 9. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 for the contract extension for the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge RPC Task No. EFL-BSNO. The extension is for time only.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall 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.

10. 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 Pat Burke 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.

11. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairwoman asked if there were any other matters.

Adam Tatar, RPC's Economic Development Manager, announced that EDA released a new "notice of funding opportunity" for a disaster supplemental award. EDA is seeking projects in Parishes that have received a disaster declaration within the last several years. Projects would ideally tie back to disaster recovery and/or mitigation. Please reach out to Mr. Adam Tatar at atatar@norpc.org if you have questions, or would like RPC to support your application.

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