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INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Regional Planning Commission's (RPC) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning activities that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct and the products that will be created in the upcoming fiscal year.

The products and activities described herein refer to those that are funded by federal transportation funding and are exclusively for the purposes of Metropolitan Transportation Planning as described in 23 USC Section 134 and 49 USC Section 5303. References to the Regional Planning Commission should therefore be construed as specific to the RPC's Transportation Policy Committee's role as the MPO for the New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa metropolitan planning areas.

FY 26 CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

The Infrastructure Investment and Job Acts (IIJA), passed by Congress in 2021, defines the framework under which the agency will operate in the coming fiscal year. Priorities identified in the bill are in-line with those already underway at the MPO: maintaining the existing system, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions by increasing mode share of non-single occupancy vehicle travel and facilitating electrification of the system, hardening and adapting infrastructure against climate impacts, improving transportation safety, better integration with housing and land use, and doing all of these things through a lens of equity and universal accessibility.

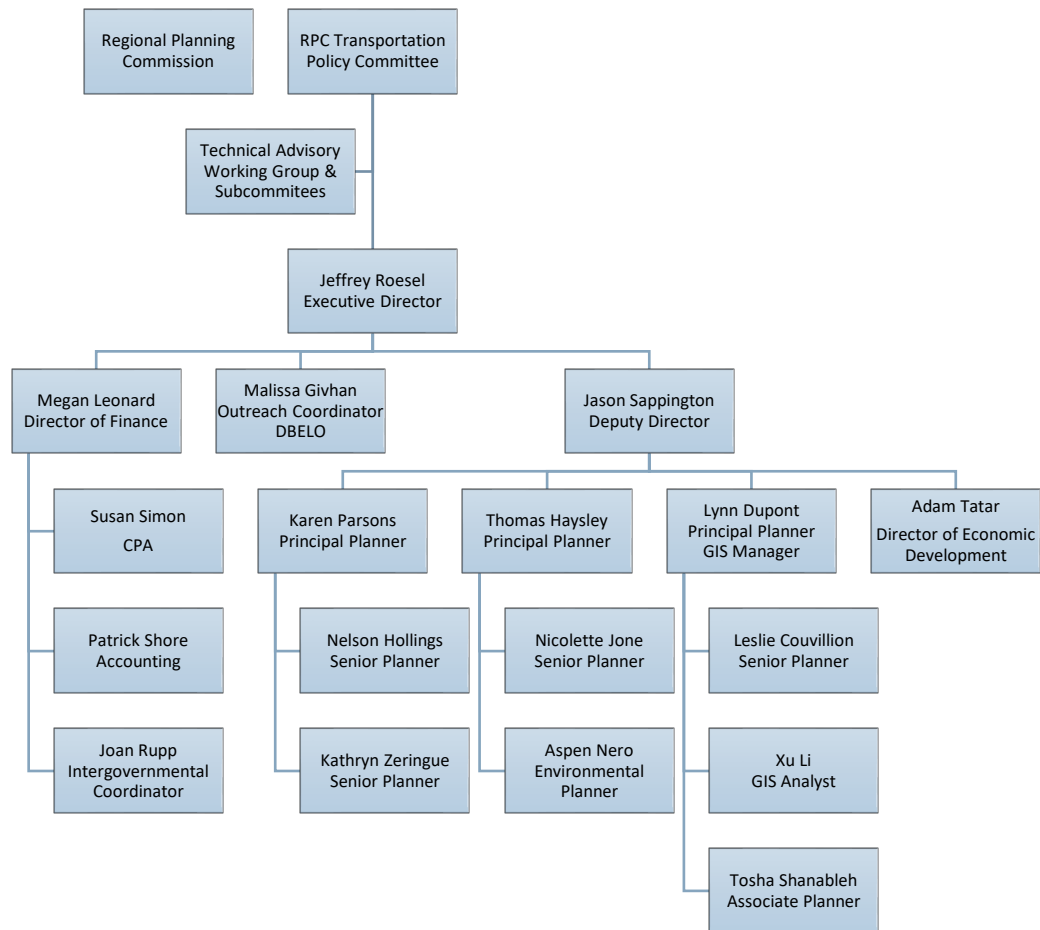
WHO WE ARE

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is a board of local elected officials and citizen members from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes. The group deliberates and collaborates matters of regional importance, including economic development, environmental planning, and transportation. Membership of the RPC can be found in Appendix A.

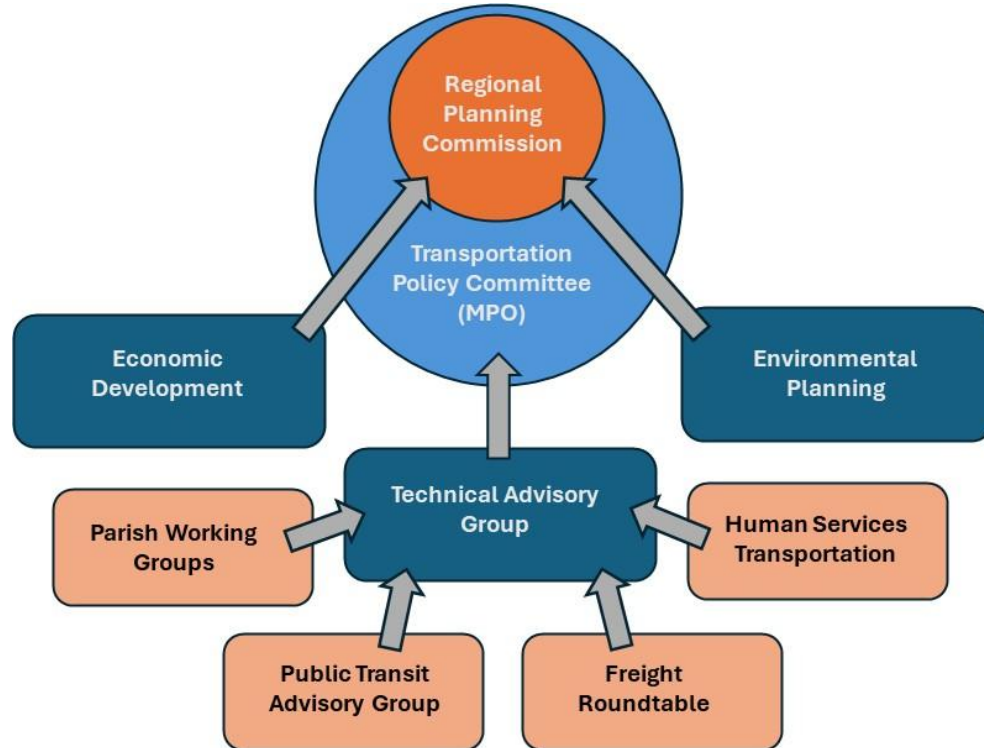
The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) of the RPC is the MPO for the Metropolitan Planning Area (see map on page 8). As the MPO, the TPC is the decision-making body regarding Federal transportation planning and programming. The TPC is made up of the membership of the RPC, plus representatives from the region's major transportation modal interests and other elected officials. Membership of the TPC can be found in Appendix B.

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is made up of engineers, planners, advocacy organizations, and other transportation officials who meet quarterly with RPC staff to discuss best practices and local planning priorities, and to assist in selecting and scoping future planning efforts. The TAG also may also make recommendations to the TPC regarding approval of the UPWP, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and other major policy publications created by MPO staff.

MPO & STAFF ORGANIZATION

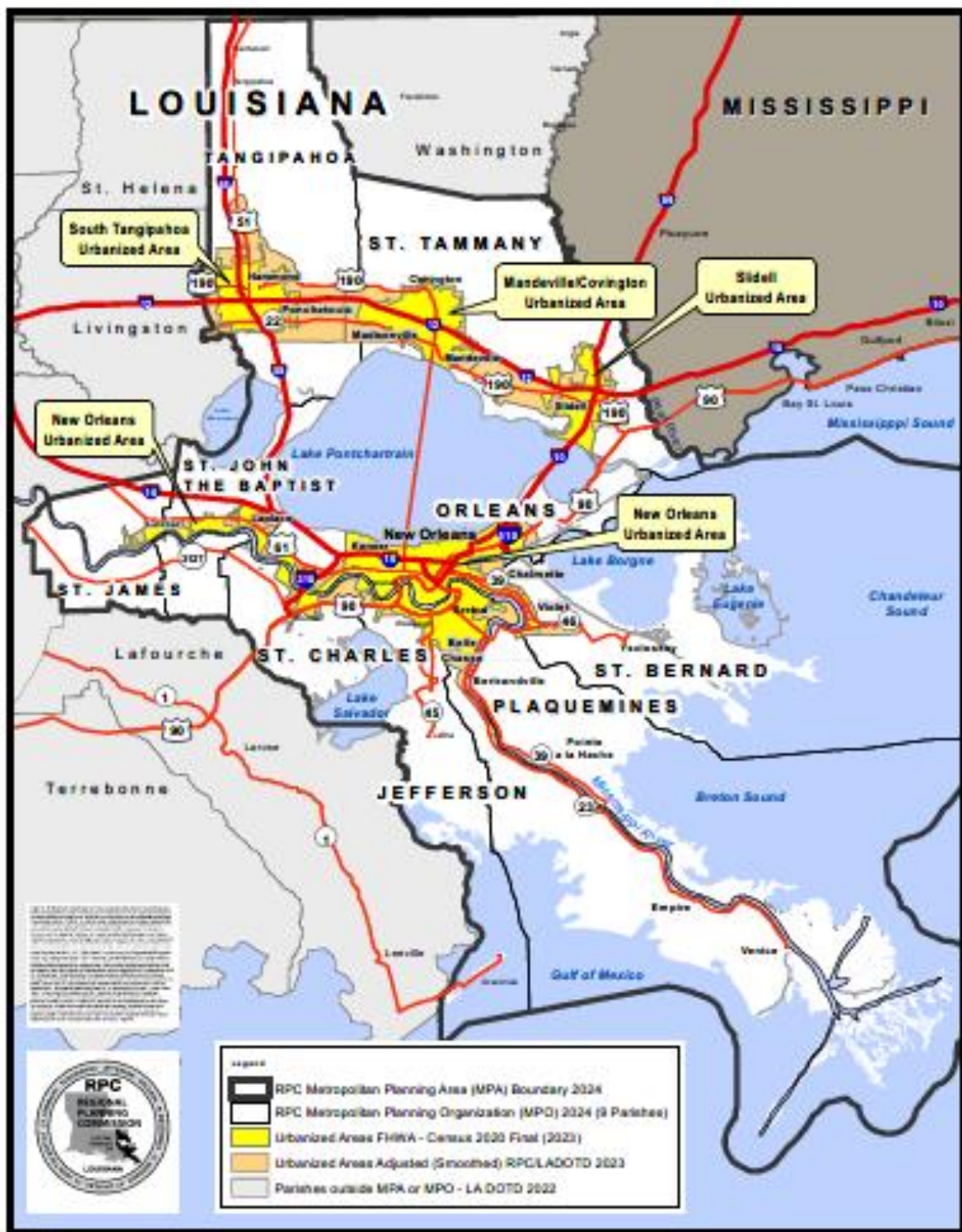


MPO STRUCTURE



Transportation Policy Committee	The TPC is the MPO board
Technical Advisory Group	The TAG provides technical input into the metropolitan planning process.
Parish Working Groups	The Working Groups are coordination teams with the staff of each of the region's parishes.
Public Transit Advisory Group	The PTAG includes representatives from the region's public transit providers.
Freight Roundtable	The Roundtable includes representatives from the region and state's freight interests.
Human Services Transportation Group	The HSTG includes representatives from human services transportation providers and community.
Other	Other work may be formed by the TAG, the TPC, or MPO staff, as needed for emerging initiatives or projects.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA



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The New Orleans Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is in southeast Louisiana. It includes nine parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa. The MPA contains four Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula.

Within the New Orleans MPA there are 2,545 miles of Federal Aid roadways, including three primary interstate highways and three auxiliary interstates. There are seven transit providers that, in 2023, provided over 20 million trips to passengers on demand response vehicles, buses, streetcars, and ferries.

Two of the four seaports in the MPA, the Port of South Louisiana, and the Port of New Orleans, are among the largest in the world. There are six Class I railroads, providing access to over 132,000 miles of track across North America. The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is in the city of Kenner and operates as a Class B airspace.

While the region is growing, on the southshore the rate of growth is not high enough to necessitate substantial new, single occupant vehicle-oriented capacity increases on the highway system. These circumstances require a managed approach to existing assets and a focus on providing multi-modal transportation options. On the northshore, where growth is higher, planned improvements should not exacerbate congestion that planned development may cause.

On both the northshore and the southshore improvements to the transportation should include hardening against extreme weather events (including raising road elevations).

PLANNING FACTORS

This UPWP is undertaken pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of 23 USC 134(h)(1) and regulatory authority of 23 CFR 450.308. It has been developed with consideration of the planning factors for metropolitan transportation planning, as described in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The following table demonstrates how the tasks defined in the UPWP contribute to these planning factors in the New Orleans MPA.

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-5	B-1	C-1	D-1	E-1
Economic Vitality	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Safety	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Security	*	*	*	*		*	*		
Accessibility and Mobility	*		*	*	*	*		*	
Environment	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modal Connectivity	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Efficiency	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Preservation	*			*		*	*	*	*
Resilience	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel and Tourism	*	*	*	*	*		*		

FUNDING TABLE 1: BY SOURCE

Budgets are based on the estimated cost of work performed.

Task	Description	FHWA PL	PL Match	FHWA Total	FTA 5303	FTA Match	FTA Total	Total
A-1.26	Accessibility, Mobility, and Safety	1,032,895	258,224	1,291,119				1,291,119
A-2.26	Resiliency & Land Use	339,418	84,855	424,273				424,273
A-3.26	Freight and Intermodal	558,902	139,725	698,627				698,627
A-4.26	Core Metropolitan Planning	392,350	98,087	490,437				490,437
A-5.26	Complete Streets	252,790		252,790				252,790
B-1.26	GIS and Data Management	222,962	55,741	278,703				278,703
C-1.26 PS*	Public Transit PS				258,368	64,592	322,960	322,960
C-1.26 LRP*	Public Transit LRP				275,885	68,971	344,856	344,856
C1C26	Coord. Human Services Transportation				15,000		15,000	15,000
D-1.26	Public Outreach and Civil Rights				212,384	53,096	265,480	265,480
E-1.26	UPWP Management	180,609	45,152	225,761				225,761
	Total	2,979,926	681,784	3,661,710	761,637	186,659	948,296	4,610,006

* C-1.26 Subtasks are divided into Program Support (PS) and Long Range Planning (LRP). Within the task subtasks will be noted as PS or LRP.

Notes:

No non-FHWA or non-FTA funds are used for planning for other modes.

All FHWA and FTA grants are provided at 80%, with 20% matching local funds except for A-5 (Complete Streets) and C1C26 (Coordinated Human Services Transportation) which do not require a local match.

FUNDING TABLE 2: STAFF VS CONTRACTED FUNDING

The “By Recipient” funding table shows the amount of total funding (local + federal), per task, assigned to RPC staff and staff support versus how much will be contracted to a consultant.

Task	Description	RPC Staff	Contractual/Consultant				Total
			Cont. PL*	New PL	Cont. FTA*	New FTA	
A-1.26	Accessibility, Mobility, and Safety	441,119	50,000	800,000			1,291,119
A-2.26	Resiliency & Land Use	424,273					424,273
A-3.26	Freight and Intermodal	278,741		419,886			698,627
A-4.26	Core Metropolitan Planning	390,437		100,000			490,437
A-5.26	Complete Streets	127,790		125,000			252,790
B-1.26	GIS and Data Management	278,703					278,703
C-1.26 PS	Public Transit PS	322,960					322,960
C-1.26 LRP	Public Transit LRP	344,856					344,856
C1C26	Coord. Human Services Transportation	15,000					15,000
D-1.26	Public Outreach and Civil Rights	150,480			115,000		265,480
E-1.26	UPWP Management	225,761					225,761
	Total	3,000,120	50,000	1,444,886	115,000	0	4,610,006

**Continuing PL and 5303 funds are dedicated to complete contractual work started in the previous FY using funding from the current FY. Per LADOTD Policy, PL and 5303 Funds are ineligible for carryover from the previous fiscal year*

A-1.26 ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, & SAFETY

GOAL

A regional surface transportation system that is safe, well maintained, dependable, and useful for all users.

OBJECTIVES

- Streets that are safe to use by the most vulnerable members of our community
- Streets that are platforms for community wealth building and neighborhood vitality
- Streets, roads, and bridges that are maintained at levels commensurate to their value to the community
- Models that reasonably forecast conditions in a proposed transportation system
- Reliable methodologies for measuring conditions in the existing transportation system
- Accountability and guidance derived through consistent goal setting and performance measurement

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Annual report on performance measures
- Demand model updates

SUBTASKS

A-1A: SAFETY

- **Safety Data:** Staff will conduct an annual review of regional safety data to identify injury and fatality hot spots. The resulting analysis will be used to inform FY 27 study selection.
- **Performance Measures:** Pursuant to 23 USC 150, the MPO will either concur with LADOTD Highway Safety Improvement Program's five safety performance targets or will set its own targets by February 27, 2026.

Task A-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Safety Data Assessment				
FHWA Performance Measures				

A-1B: MULTIMODAL PLANNING

- **Multimodal Study Scoping:** Study scopes developed throughout the course of the year will incorporate the requirement to assess the viability of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities as part of other improvements except in cases where the use of these modes is restricted or otherwise not viable (ex. Transit service does not exist).
- **Bike/Ped Counting and Safety Assessments:** Bike/Ped counts will be taken in studies except in cases where their travel is restricted. Safety assessments will include measures affecting safety of vulnerable users (such as observed vehicle speeds).
- **Regional Bike Share Expansion:** A study assessing the expansion of bikeshare facilities in the New Orleans region will take place during FY 26. Expansion will be explored in additional parts of Orleans Parish, St. Bernard Parish, and Jefferson Parish.

Task A-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Multimodal Planning				

A-1C: PARISH COORDINATION

- **Meetings:** Staff liaisons have been assigned to each parish in the MPA. In addition to serving as a point of contact for local government, these liaisons will meet at least quarterly with parish officials to:
 - Review upcoming (TIP) and ongoing projects to ensure readiness and progress.
 - Develop future studies and projects.
 - Collaborate on and coordinate on other MPO efforts.

Task A-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Quarterly Meetings				

A-1D: SUB-AREA & CORRIDOR STUDIES

- **Identification:** Potential studies will be identified through the TAG, through public input derived through the local government or through RPC's own public participation process, and/or via other coordination with Parish officials.
- **Scoping:** Staff will scope studies with assistance from Parish officials and LADOTD administrators. Scopes will be subject to LADOTD final approval before studies are undertaken. Scoping of FY27 projects will generally take place in Q2 of FY26.
- **Study Format:** Studies will be conducted in accordance with the RPC Project Management Guide.

Task A-1D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Sub-Area & Corridor Studies				

A-1E: PRESERVATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with state and local officials to identify segments of roadways and/or bridges that require overlays, rehabilitation, and other preservation methods.
- **Preservation Programs:** Staff will work with local parishes to create systematic, multi-year programs for conducting preservation on Federal-Aid roadways.

Task A-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Preservation Coordination				

A-1F: TRAVEL DEMAND MODELLING

- **Development and Maintenance:** The existing four-step model will be maintained in-house and by a contractor.
- **Execution:** Staff will use the model on a project-by-project basis to provide future travel demand scenarios based on projected demographics and network geometry. Staff may also provide model outputs to partner stakeholders and other requestors.

Task A-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Travel Demand Modelling				

A-1G: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

- **Congestion Management Process:** Staff will continue to implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP is iterative and ongoing, and includes monitoring congestion on major roadways, identifying bottlenecks on the congestion management system, and proposing network improvements.
- **Transportation Demand Management:** Beyond multimodal improvements described elsewhere, studies will emphasize other transportation demand management and operational improvements to relieve corridor congestion, including geometric modifications and signal upgrades. Opportunities for corridor length or system-wide signalization plans will be pursued.

Task A-1F Timeline & Deliverables

Congestion Management Planning

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

A-1H: SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE

- **Routine Traffic Counting Program:** Staff will conduct its annual traffic counting program in Fall 2025 through Spring 2026, addressing roadway segments where counts are at or over 3 years old, or where conditions otherwise warrant a more up-to-date measurement.
- **Project Based:** Study scoping will include, as appropriate, the collection of average daily traffic, peak travel periods, vehicle speed, intersection level of service, and other traffic data.
- **Counting Methodology:** Staff will continue to work with state and Federal partners on documenting and implementing best practices in traffic counting and count reporting.

Task A-1G Timeline & Deliverables

Annual Counting Program

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

A-1I: INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- **ITS Architecture:** Staff will coordinate with the state to ensure that the regional ITS architecture is up to date. Updates requiring systems engineering reports, if any, will be conducted in coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, and local agencies.
- **Incident Management:** Staff will coordinate with local and national disaster management and emergency response stakeholders as needed to prepare for hazards and threats to the transportation system and identify strategies for incident response and recovery.

Task A-1I Timeline & Deliverables

ITS

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

A-1J: STUDIES

- Through the TAG Call for Studies and through Parish and other intergovernmental collaboration, staff has identified the following subjects as meriting further study in FY 2026. In some instances these projects began late in FY 25 and will continue into 2026, as noted. Other studies may be similarly identified during the course of the year.
 - Barriere Road in Plaquemines Parish as a potential primary access route to the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base. This study began in FY 2025 and is anticipated to be completed in FY 26 or early FY 27.

- Strategic Plan for the sustainable expansion of the bikeshare program in New Orleans. This project was identified in FY 2025. This study is anticipated to be completed in FY 26 or early FY 27.
- An alternatives study for a north-south bicycle pedestrian crossing of I-10 in Jefferson Parish. This study was identified in FY 2025. This study is anticipated to be completed in FY 26 or early FY 27.

Task A-1J Timeline & Deliverables

FY 26 Studies

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-1K: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - **Traffic Data:** Procurement or renewal of a software as a service application used by staff to inform traffic surveillance and planning, will take place in Q3.

A-1L: DISASTER MANAGEMENT

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- Barriere Road Stage 0
- Routine Traffic Count Report
- Congestion Management Plan Updates

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$441,119 (33%)	FHWA	\$1,032,895	RPC
Consultant	\$850,000 (66%)	State/Local	\$258,224	
Total	\$1,291,119			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jeff Roesel, AICP

A-2.26 RESILIENCY AND LAND USE

GOAL

Planning for transportation systems that will endure stress caused by natural disasters, and that will further support resilient communities through encouraging sustainable development, contributing to stormwater management, improving public health and, where necessary, providing safe evacuation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- Transportation facilities that are resistant to chronic and acute hazards and stressors.
- Transportation or transportation adjacent facilities and features that contribute toward the public health of communities that face challenges from hazards and stressors.
- A resiliency plan that identifies assets and vulnerabilities in both communities and within existing infrastructure that are impacted by hazards and prioritizes measures to improve resilience.
- A unified land use and transportation planning approach that considers the impacts of transportation investments on accessibility to housing, services, and public health.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- None

SUBTASKS

A-2A: INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

- **Resilience Plan Implementation:** Staff will work to implement the recommendations of the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP). Activities will include studying opportunities to implement resilience strategies and advancing specific projects identified in the plan through the project development process. Staff will work with federal, state, and local partners to identify funding sources, strategies, and priorities for the hardening or elevating of vulnerable infrastructure.
- **Scoping:** All study scopes that include alternatives with potential rehabilitation or reconstruction of transportation facilities, particularly in locations identified as high risk in the Resiliency Plan, should consider the ability to harden, elevate, or otherwise increase the facilities' ability to resist flooding, heat, and other hazards.

Task A-2B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Study Scoping and Funding Coord.				

A-2B: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will include, with rare exceptions, an analysis of land-use characteristics surrounding a project corridor. These data will inform travel characteristics, and measures of accessibility to housing, employment, and critical services (medical, childcare, education, etc.) of the project area, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- **Sub-Area and Corridor Studies:** Staff will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to provide transportation planning elements that supplement local land use planning efforts.
- **Public Health:** Staff will evaluate public health Impacts of new or planned transportation infrastructure funded through the MPO. Consideration will be given to changes in vehicle emissions, air quality, or other

exposure to toxins, opportunities for active transportation, shade and other cooling effects, access to greenspace, access to medical services, access for the disabled and/or elderly, etc.

Task A-2C Timeline & Deliverables

Study Scoping

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-2C: AIR QUALITY

- **Low-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure:** Staff will coordinate with the state and with local governments on the funding and effective deployment of infrastructure to support low-emission vehicles and clean fuels in local communities and on regional corridors.
- **Planning:** Planning efforts will focus on measures such as reduced VMT, transit access, reduction of single occupancy vehicle use, minimization of roadway expansion, and other measures that reduce the impact of private vehicles' impact on air quality.

Task A-2D Timeline & Deliverables

EV Coordination

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-2D: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-2E: EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain the continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- None

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$424,273 (100%)	FHWA	\$339,418	RPC
Total	\$424,273	State/Local	\$84,855	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Thomas Haysley, AICP

A-3.26 FREIGHT AND INTERMODAL

GOAL

A comprehensive freight planning program that is responsive to the movement of goods at a regional, national, and global scale, and promotes safe and efficient interactions between freight and the rest of the region's transportation system.

OBJECTIVES

- Improved movement of national and international freight rail, passenger rail, truck, and waterborne transport in and through the New Orleans region.
- Improved safety through the removal and/or mitigation of conflicts and better integration of freight movement with regular motorized or non-motorized traffic.
- Communication with modal stakeholders and industries that fosters collaborative decision making regarding multi-modal planning and implementation.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- None

SUBTASKS

A-3A: FREIGHT ROUNDTABLE

- **Meetings:** The primary A-3 task in FY26 will be hosting the Freight Roundtable, a forum for coordination among key stakeholders on all modes of freight movement.

Task A-3A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Freight Roundtable				

A-3B: PORT ACCESS

- **Port of New Orleans:** Staff will be assisting St. Bernard Parish and the Port of New Orleans in the planning of roadway/truck access to the proposed Louisiana International Terminal.
- **Port of New Orleans:** Staff will continue to assist the port in developing strategies for managing the ingress and egress of trucks.
- **Port of South Louisiana:** Staff will continue to assist the port in developing strategies for managing access to port facilities from I-10.
- **Port of St. Bernard:** Staff will continue to assist the port with access improvement projects.

Task A-3B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Port Access Studies				

A-3C: URBAN FREIGHT PLANNING

- **Safety:** Corridor studies with identified truck or rail interaction will emphasize measures to decrease conflicts.

- **Truck Routes:** Staff will continue to work with local agencies on developing strategies for safely routing trucks through urban areas. Focus in FY26 is identifying data solutions to tracking origins and destinations of freight carrying trucks.
- **Intercity Rail:** As the state of Louisiana refines intercity rail planning, the MPO will assist on identifying last mile connections and complementary land use planning at existing and planned passenger rail terminals, and give input on the corridor redevelopment process.

Task A-3C Timeline & Deliverables

Urban Freight Planning

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

A-3D: FREIGHT CONGESTION

- **Performance Metrics:** Staff will establish and report on performance targets for freight congestion in March of 2026.

Task A-3D Timeline & Deliverables

Annual Report – Freight Performance

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-3E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-3F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- Annual Performance Report – Freight Congestion

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$278,741 (40%)	FHWA	\$558,902	RPC
Consultant	\$419,886 (60%)	State/Local	\$139,725	
Total	\$698,627			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

A-4.26 CORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

GOAL

Creating, refining, and implementing the core MPO products, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain the three primary planning documents for the New Orleans UZA Metropolitan Planning Area: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Foster constructive dialog with key stakeholders and the public that informs the priorities of the metropolitan planning process.
- Shepherd and track the progress of projects from prioritization to implementation.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and Progress Reports
- FY 2025 Obligated Projects
- CY 2024 Annual Report

SUBTASKS

A-4A: TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

- **Quarterly Meeting:** The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will meet on a quarterly basis. The TAG will review and make recommendations to TPC regarding core metropolitan planning products as well as receive updates on MPO initiatives. RPC staff will be responsible for all meetings and materials.
- **Subcommittees:** Issue specific subcommittees may meet on a self-defined basis and will make regular reports to the TAG. The TAG may create temporary or permanent subcommittees.

Task A-4A Timeline & Deliverables

TAG Meetings

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

A-4B: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **Monthly Review:** Staff will conduct a monthly review of the FY 23-26 TIP to ensure projects are progressing toward obligation at an expected rate.
- **Amendments:** Staff will recommend amendments to the TIP to the TPC as needed. Amendments will be incorporated into the TIP master document by staff and tracked in the project database.
- **TIP:** Staff will be conducting extensive work to update the TIP, with an anticipated adoption date in FY 2027.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will conduct regular outreach to LADOTD and local governments to ensure that the TIP still reflects state priorities and to assist local agencies in moving their programmed projects toward obligation.

Task A-4B Timeline & Deliverables

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

TIP Maintenance
TIP Update



A-4C: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- **Amendments:** Staff will recommend amendments to the MTP to the TPC as needed, including integration of approved performance measures as needed. Amendments will be incorporated into the MTP master document by staff.
- **MTP Update:** Staff will be conducting extensive work to update the MTP, with an anticipated adoption date in FY 2027. Tasks will include:
 - Public and Stakeholder Outreach
 - Policy Development
 - Project Development
- **Certification Review:** Staff will continue to ensure internal policy practices that adhere to recommendations in the FY 23 Joint Certification Review.

Task A-4C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
MTP Update				

A-4D: MPO ANNUAL REPORT

- **Annual Report:** Staff will create and distribute (via the website, TAG, subcommittees, and the RPC mailing list) an annual report summarizing:
 - Progress in strategies identified in the MTP in CY 2025
 - Tracking of demographic and transportation metrics during the calendar year.
 - Planning Studies undertaken in CY 2025 and anticipated CY 2026 studies.

Task A-4D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report				

A-4E: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- **Progress Reporting:** Staff will prepare monthly reports describing progress on tasks/sub-tasks in the FY 26 UPWP, for submission to LADOTD and FHWA
- **Internal Review:** Staff will conduct quarterly internal reviews of the UPWP to determine progress on subtasks and associated timelines and assess potential need for amendment.
- **FY 27 UPWP:** The draft FY 27 UPWP for the New Orleans UZA will be prepared in Q2 and Q3. The draft will be submitted to the TAG, FHWA, LADOTD for review in Q3. Pending favorable review and recommendation by the TAG, the draft will be submitted to the TPC in Q4 for final approval in May.
- **Modifications:** Staff will determine, in collaboration with LADOTD and federal partners, when changes to the UPWP during the fiscal year are appropriate. A TPC approved amendment to the UPWP will be needed if such changes include a budget change of 20% or more to any given task, or if significant changes to the text are required (such as the addition of a new task). Otherwise staff may modify the document as needed with LADOTD concurrence.

Task A-4E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Progress Reporting				



A-4F: OBLIGATED PROJECTS

- **Documentation:** Projects obligated in FFY 2026 will be mapped and categorized by type and funding source to measure success toward a reasonable distribution of project types and modal emphasis areas. The report will be published on the website.

Task A-4E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Obligated Projects				

A-4G: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

- **Agreement Updates:** Staff will update agreements with LADOTD, local parishes, and public transit agencies, defining roles, responsibilities, and deliverables, pending resolution of the establishment of metropolitan planning area boundaries (see below)
- **Parish Working Groups:** Staff liaisons will be assigned to maintain communications with one or more parishes over the course of the year, to assist in defining local transportation needs and priorities. Meetings with Parish public works, planning departments, and other appropriate administrative entities will take place on at least a quarterly basis.
- **Joint Certification:** Staff will continue to work with FHWA and FTA to ensure compliance with Federal MPO requirements.

Task A-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Agreements				
Parish Working Groups				
Metro Planning Area Boundaries				

A-4H: PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- **FHWA/FTA PBPP:** Staff will attend to all DOT requirements regarding the establishment of performance targets and measuring progress toward targets.
- **Target Setting:** Staff will coordinate with LADOTD on the establishment of performance metrics. Projects added to or amended in the TIP will be assessed for conformity with performance targets.
- **Report:** A report on performance measures will be prepared and distributed to the TPC and TAG.

Task A-1G Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Report				

A-4I: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-4J: DISASTER RESPONSE

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- TIP/UPWP/MTP Amendments as needed
- FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Planning Annual Report
- Obligated Projects Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$390,437 (80%)	FHWA	\$392,350	RPC
Consultant	\$100,000 (20%)	State/Local	\$98,087	
Total	\$490,437			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

A-5.26 COMPLETE STREETS

GOAL

Preparation for region-wide Complete Streets Planning that will account for the roadway needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, motorists, and freight.

OBJECTIVES

- Development of a regional Complete Streets Policy Guide

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets regional literature and policy review
- Complete Streets Working Group

SUBTASKS

A-5A: STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- **Hosting:** Staff host a stakeholder committee to guide the development and eventual implementation of the Complete Streets policy and guide. The meetings will be held as needed to guide development of the guidebook (see below).
- **Local Government Survey:** A survey of local agencies will be conducted to determine the status and needs for complete streets planning in the region.

Task A-5A Stakeholder Group

Meetings

Local Government Survey

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-5B: COMPLETE STREETS GUIDEBOOK AND POLICY UPDATE

- **Scoping:** Staff will prepare and propose a scope for the development of a Complete Streets Policy and Guide.
- **Guidebook Development:** Per the scoping described in A-5B, staff will begin work on a Complete Streets guide and policy that provides a framework for identifying opportunities to fund and implement complete streets improvements on the region's roadways, both for MPO use and for use by local governments. Anticipated completion of the document will be in Q4 of FY 26 though may continue into FY 27.

Task A-5A Plan Development

Scoping

Guidebook

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-5C: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$127,790 (51%)	FHWA	\$252,790	RPC
Consultant	\$125,000 (49%)	State/Local	\$0	
Total	\$252,790			

DELIVERABLES

- Complete Streets Policy and Guidebooks Scope
- Complete Streets Policy and Guidebook

STAFFING

Supervisor: Kathryn Zeringue

B-1.26 GIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Responsible stewardship of the region's geographic and demographic data resources, including storage, security, analysis, and distribution.

OBJECTIVES

- Up-to-date analysis of socio-economic data that will support travel and land-use modelling, economic development planning, and Title VI/Environmental Justice activities.
- A database of transportation related data for use in identifying new projects, informing existing projects, and in the development of the miscellaneous planning products
- Coordination with local, state, and federal partners on prioritization of large and/or costly data acquisitions, policy, and procedures
- Maintenance of the MPO's internal information technology systems and safeguarding of nonpublic or proprietary data

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 23-26 TIP data layers, amendments
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan data layers
- FFY 25 Obligated Projects data layers
- Processed Census 2020 data
- Regional Boundaries
- Social Vulnerability Index

SUBTASKS

B-1A: DATA DEVELOPMENT

- **Development:** Staff will coordinate the development and calibration of various demographic, land-use, employment, and transportation datasets in support of other tasks in the UPWP and of studies conducted through the MTP, including the development of the TIP and the MTP.
- **Coordination:** Staff will enter into contracts to foster partnerships and administer sharing agreements with data producing entities to ensure access to the most accurate available data and up-to-date knowledge of data management best practices.
- **Census Data:** Staff will continue to process 2020 decennial and ACS census data for local transportation and land use planning purposes. B-1 will include mapping and data assessments.

Task B-1A Timeline & Deliverables

Ongoing Data Development

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

B-1B: PROJECT SUPPORT

- **General:** Staff will continue analyses and geo-processing of datasets for internal project development and prioritization, performance metrics, emergency preparedness, environmental planning, local and regional land use planning, and consultant activities.
- **Applications:** Processed data will be used to populate the Travel Demand Model and used as inputs into the Social Vulnerability Index, resiliency planning, the Congestion Management Process, and other project support as needed.
- **Visualization:** Custom visualization of geo-data will be produced for internal analysis, presentation to the TAG and the TPC, publication in the Annual Report, the MTP, and as needed for other MPO products.

Task B-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Ongoing Project Support				

B-1C: GIS COORDINATION

- **Meetings:** Staff will host a quarterly meeting of GIS users from throughout the region and from various stakeholders to discuss data needs and availability, policy, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration.

Task B-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Consortium Meetings				

B-1D: PROJECT TRACKING & OBLIGATED PROJECT MAPPING

- **Tracking:** Staff will track projects in a database throughout their study, development, and implementation. Staff will continue to customize the project tracking database for use by staff, including further addition from study archives.
- **Mapping:** Projects in the database will be mapped. They will be modified as TIP and/or MTP documents are amended.
- **Obligated Projects Mapping:** Mapping of obligated projects will be take place annually, concurrently with A-4D.

Task B-1D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Obligated Projects Maps				

B-1E: IT & AV EQUIPMENT, DATASET ACQUISITION

- **Inventory:** Staff will work with the IT Consultant to ensure the IT equipment used for MPO planning is adequate for agency needs.
- **Needs Assessment:** Staff will assess any data needs for upcoming or ongoing initiatives, including distribution to local partners, and identify/prioritize means for acquisition.

B-1F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, GIS meetings at local, state and federal levels, memberships in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

B-1G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- Obligated Projects Mapping
- TIP Mapping

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$278,703 (100%)	FHWA	\$222,962	RPC
Total	\$278,703	State/Local	\$55,741	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Lynn Dupont, ASLA, GISP

C-1.26 PUBLIC TRANSIT PLANNING

GOAL

Planning for the region's public transit systems, with focus on improving connectivity within and between systems, maintaining and modernizing transit infrastructure, fostering transit supportive land use, and identifying associated transportation infrastructure enhancements that would increase access to and efficacy of the system.

OBJECTIVES

- Assisting transit agencies with maintaining fleets and facilities and infrastructure
- Facilitating coordination between transit agencies and planning and public works departments, to foster relationships that will accelerate first-last mile access, transit priority road treatments, and communication about respective projects that potentially impact roadway function.
- Roadways and facilities that incorporate the needs of public transit.
- Management and oversight of FTA grants and other transit associated financial and civil rights obligations

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Program of Projects, Annual Distribution

SUBTASKS

(NOTE: LRP = LONG RANGE PLANNING; PS = PROGRAM SUPPORT)

C-1A: INTERAGENCY COORDINATION (LRP)

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy.
- **Other:** Staff will participate in the Surface Transportation Working Group in respect to roadway use of public transit and associated infrastructure

Task C-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Committee Meetings				

C-1B: CORRIDOR PLANNING (LRP)

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with transit agencies and local public works and planning departments to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit via infrastructure and land use planning.
- **Project Identification:** Staff will work to identify corridors for further study, based on high public transit usage, safety issues for transit access and operations, future land use planning, and/or other opportunities to improve corridor mobility. Studies may include recommendations on streetscaping, street geometry, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, transit lanes, signal priority, etc. Identified studies may be conducted using 5303 funding.

Task C-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Coordination and Identification				

C-1C: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (LRP)

- **Funding:** The Transit element of the TIP will be monitored for adherence to strategies that will assist the region in achieving regional Transit Asset Management performance targets.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Staff will continue to monitor individual agency asset management plans. Staff will report on progress toward identified transit asset management targets in the annual performance report.

Task C-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Transit Asset Monitoring				

C-1D: TRANSIT METRICS (LRP)

- **Collection and Tracking:** Staff will utilize the National Transit Database and the assistance of the members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee to collect and track regional public transit metrics. These metrics will be used for internal analysis, project identification, and as study inputs.
- **Reporting and Visualization:** Staff will share regional metrics, with longitudinal comparisons and visualization, with the Public Transit Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis. The Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (A-4C) will include these metrics.

Task C-1D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Transit Metric Monitoring				

C-1E: TRANSIT FUNDING (LRP)

- **Annual Apportionments:** With the guidance of the Public Transit Advisory Committee, staff will develop the annual Program of Projects for FTA formula funds, following the public outreach methodology described in the MPO Public Participation Plan.
- **Discretionary Funding:** Staff will continue to monitor for opportunities for grants that would fund projects directly or indirectly contributing to public transit mobility. Assistance will be offered to agencies applying for funding.
- **Revenue Stabilization:** Staff will work with operators to identify strategies to maintain continuity of operations through stabilization of local/state/federal funding or inter-agency cooperation.
- **Agency Support:** Staff will assist local agencies in identifying potential funding avenues for identified programs or projects.

Task C-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Apportionments and POP				

C-1F: FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION (PS)

- **Grant Requirements:** Staff will conduct the activities required of a designated recipient of transit funds including progress and financial reporting, National Transit Database reporting, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise reporting and Title VI compliance.
- **Procurement:** Staff will ensure that any MPO procurements using FTA funds will follow RPC's FTA approved procurement manual.

- **Federal Coordination:** Staff will continue to coordinate with FTA Region VI to ensure compliance with federal regulations regarding funding eligibility and assistance to direct recipients.

Task A-C1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
NTD Reporting				
DBE Semiannual Reporting				

C-1G: FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION (LRP)

- Through the TAG Call for Studies and through Parish and other intergovernmental collaboration, staff has identified the following subjects as meriting further study in FY 2026. Other studies may be similarly identified during the course of the year.
 - Complete Streets and Transit Access Improvements of Chef Menteur in New Orleans East.

Task C-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Estimated Study Completion				

C-1H: SUPPORT (PS)

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - The MPO intends to continue its annual subscription to the REMIX software platform, for use in collaborative transit planning with agency partners.

C-1I: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION (PS)

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- Annual Program of Projects
- Studies

FUNDING

Program Support				
Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible agency
RPC	\$322,960 (100%)	FTA	\$258,368	RPC
Total	\$322,960	State/Local	\$64,592	
Long Range Planning				
Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$344,856 (100%)	FTA	\$275,885	RPC
Total	\$344,856	State/Local	\$68,971	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

C1C26 COORD. HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION

GOAL

To improve coordination of transportation services and provision of accessible transportation infrastructure for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a forum for non-profit providers of human services transportation to coordinate and share best practices and information.
- Assist the state in the apportionment of FTA 5310 and 5311 funds.
- Identify other barriers in the transportation system for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Quarterly Meetings of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee

SUBTASKS

C-1CA: WORKING GROUP

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy.
- **Other Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with LADOTD and with non-profit advocates for disadvantaged populations to inform activities and potential coordination opportunities.

Task C-1C24A Timeline & Deliverables

Working Group Meetings

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

C-1CB: PLAN UPDATE

- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will work with key stakeholders to:
 - Update inventory of human services providers in the region
 - Identify Barriers
 - Provide updates to MPO partners.Draft presentations will be provided to the Coordinated Working Group, the Public Transit Advisory Group, the Transportation Advisory Group, and the Transportation Policy Committee.
- **Preparation:** Staff will update the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. Updates and draft presentations will be provided to the Coordinated Working Group, the Public Transit Advisory Group, the Transportation Advisory Group, and the Transportation Policy Committee.
- **Submittal and Approval:** A final draft will be submitted to LADOTD and FTA for final approval.

Task C-1C24B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Coordination				
Preparation				
Submittal and Approval				

C-1CC: FUNDING

- **Application Support:** Staff will review applications for 5310 funding, as submitted to the MPO by LADOTD. Staff will fill out LADOTD score sheets for each application.

Task C-1C24A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Application Review				

C-1CD: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

DELIVERABLES

- Committee Meetings
- Plan Update

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$15,000 (100%)	LADOTD	\$15,000	RPC
Total	\$15,000	State/Local	\$0	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Tosha Shanableh

D-1.26 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CIVIL RIGHTS

GOAL

To ensure that the agency's planning and policy is guided by public input, particularly from those that are traditionally underrepresented. Further, ensuring that no person, on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin, is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any MPO program or activity.

OBJECTIVES

- Diverse and innovative community outreach techniques and participation efforts reaching a wide cross-section of the region's population.
- Ensure involvement is inclusive when traditionally underrepresented populations are potentially impacted by studies and projects.
- Compliance with the requirements of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and the agency's Title VI Plan
- RPC policy and procedures for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) consultant selection, negotiation, and administration of consultant contracts, and ample outreach to DBE firms.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Updated Title VI Program
- Updated Title VI methodology
- Updated Public Participation Plan

SUBTASKS

D-1A: TITLE VI

- **Policy:** Staff will undertake planning activities per the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan, as approved by FTA. Staff will conduct an annual review of the program to ensure compliance.
- **Project Scoping:** Staff will employ the social vulnerability index for all studies to identify appropriate outreach strategies and goals for those living in project areas.

Task D-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Title VI Implementation				

D-1B: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)

- **Outreach:** Staff will work to increase DBE participation, including through hosting or co-hosting workshops with DBE or potential DBE contractors.
- **Procurement:** Having established DBE goals, staff will ensure the goal is met through established procurement policies and best practices.

Task D-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
DBE Implementation				

D-1C: METROPOLITAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- **Agency Branding:** Staff will conduct an internal agency identification exercise that will consider standardized branding for documents, outreach materials, etc. Consideration will be given to an update to the MPO guidebook, public perception of the agency, the agency logo, public and stakeholder perception of the MPO, and other elements as determined in the exercise.
- **Public Participation Plan:** Staff will conduct its annual review of the public participation plan to guarantee consistency with current planning priorities and soundness based on national best practices. Any updates to the plan will be submitted to FHWA and FTA.
- **Newsletter:** Staff will produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter that will include: a summary of an ongoing study or studies, an educational brief on MPO practices, updates on other RPC/TPC initiatives, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Task D-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Branding Exercise				
Participation Plan Review				
Newsletter				

D-1D: PROJECT OUTREACH

- **Education:** Staff will deploy project specific outreach mechanisms, including neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, community workshops, pop-up events, and news media engagement, and others as appropriate.
- **Methodology:** The Social Vulnerability Index and coordination with citizen and advocacy groups will assist in determining appropriate methods and extent of outreach for a given project.

Task D-1D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Project Outreach				

D-1E: ONLINE PRESENCE

- **Website:** Standard maintenance of the website, social media, utilization of online surveys, and development/upkeep of online interactive data maps and dashboards.

Task D-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Website Maintenance				

D-1F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

D-1G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- Quarterly Newsletters
- Branding Documents

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$150,480	FTA	\$212,384	RPC
Consultant	\$115,000	State/Local	\$53,096	
Total	\$265,480			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Malissa Givhan

E-1.26 UPWP MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Conducting the day to day administrative, contract management, and financial planning activities that ensure that the MPO functions of the staff and the TPC, and its conformity to adopted policy, as well as state and federal requirements.

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination of the Transportation Policy Committee and all administrative and public requirements
- Preparation and management of contracts and agreements
- Fiscal responsibility and financial transparency
- Human resource functions which are necessary to ensure that staff have the wherewithal to conduct the everyday functions of the agency.

FY 25 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Updated onboarding documentation
- Annual audits
- Updates to project management manual

SUBTASKS

E-1A: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Procurement:** Staff will prepare and oversee contracts and intergovernmental agreements, ensuring that the necessary legal and contractual provisions, and guarantee these provisions are followed through the lifetime of the contract or agreement.
- **Organization:** Project files and associated contractual documents will be archived in RPC's standard online filing system for ease of access later, as needed.

Task E-1A Timeline & Deliverables

Contract Management

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

E-1B: TPC COORDINATION

- **Monthly Meetings:** Staff will coordinate with the local elected officials and citizen representatives, including those that make up the Committee, and conduct of the monthly TPC meetings themselves, including preparing agendas, minutes, meeting packets/material, scheduling guest speakers, preparing budget and financial reports, making provisions for public participation, and preparing public notices announcing the meetings.

Task E-1B Timeline & Deliverables

TPC Meetings and Docs

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

E-1C: STAFF MANAGEMENT

- **UPWP:** Supervisors will oversee staff workflow, internal resource allocation, and staff development to fulfill the tasks of the UPWP and creation of its associated products within stated budgets and timelines.
- **Staff Meetings:** Planning staff will hold meetings every two weeks to better coordinate efforts and participate in agency decision-making.
- **Annual Reviews:** All staff will undergo annual performance reviews in the spring.
- **Employee Handbook:** Reviewed by attorney and management for compliance.

Task E-1C Timeline & Deliverables

Performance Reviews

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

E-1D: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Finances:** Staff will conduct the necessary activities to ensure the timely processing of invoices, including coordination with DOTD financial sections. Grant balances, per contracts with LADOTD, will be tracked throughout the year to ensure appropriate workflow distribution. Annual audits of the agency will take place. Monthly budget reports will be prepared.
- **Human Resources:** The Director of Management & Finance will oversee hiring/onboarding, employee benefits administration, employee trainings, payroll functions, retirement, safety and compliance.”
- **Onboarding:** New planning staff will undergo a comprehensive month-long onboarding process to familiarize them with roles and responsibilities, metropolitan planning functions, and standard operating procedure for common tasks.

Task E-1D Timeline & Deliverables

Financial Management

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

E-1E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, membership in relevant organizations, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff’s ability to conduct the described work tasks.

E-1F: DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

DELIVERABLES

- TPC Meeting Packets
- Annual Audits

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$225,761 (%100)	FHWA	\$180,609	RPC
Total	\$225,761	State/Local	\$45,152	
		Total	\$225,761	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Megan Leonard

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10 Veterans Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, immediately following the meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Meetings are open to the public.

Officers:

Cynthia Lee Sheng, Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish
Robby Miller, 1st Vice Chairman - Tangipahoa Parish
Louis Pomes, 2nd Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish
LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman – Orleans Parish
Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman – Plaquemines Parish
Mike Cooper, 5th Vice Chairman - St. Charles Parish
Matt Jewel, Secretary – St. Tammany Parish
Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer - St. John The Baptist Parish

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker
Mayor Tim Baudier (Harahan)
Lee Giorgio
Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell
Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno
Citizen Member (open)
Citizen Member (open)

Plaquemines Parish:

Councilmember Tyronne Edwards
Councilmember Mark Cognevich
Robert Hopkins
Allen Hero

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran
Councilmember Ryan Randall
Joe Montalbano
Susan Klees

St. Charles Parish

Councilmember Bob Fischer
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels
Garret C. Monti
Thomas Hines

St. John The Baptist Parish

Councilmember Robert Arcuri
Councilmember Tammy Houston
Bonnie Dinvaut
Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin
Councilmember Pat Burke
Chris Masingill
Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial
Mayor Wes Daniels (Ponchatoula)
Carlo Bruno
Citizen Member (open)

DOTD

Secretary Terrence "Joe" Donahue

APPENDIX B – RPC TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (3/1/25)

The RPC Transportation Policy Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10 Veterans Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, at 12:30 PM. Meetings are open to the public.

The Transportation Policy Committee consists of the membership of the RPC (see Appendix A) plus:

Mayor Bill Borchert (Slidell)

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

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Beth Ann Branch (Port)

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)

Lona Hankins (RTA)

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)

Ninette Barrios (JP Transit)

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)

Renee Amar (LMTA)

APPENDIX C – RPC TECHNICAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

AARP

Senior Program Specialist

Advocacy Center

Director, Public Policy

Bike Easy

Executive Director

Education Programs Director

City of Covington

Assistant Director of Planning

City Engineer

Director, Public Works

Administrative Officer

City of Gretna

Director, Planning and Major Projects

Planning and Zoning Official

City of Hammond

Director, Administration

Director, Planning

City of Kenner

Director, Public Works

Director, Planning

City of Mandeville

Director, Planning and Development

Director, Department of Public Works

City of New Orleans

Manager, Policy and Programs, Mayor's Office of Transportation

Director, Department of Public Works

Traffic Engineer, Public Works

Director, City Planning Commission

City of Pontchatoula

Streets Supervisor

City of Slidell

Director, Engineering

Transportation Engineer

Director, Planning

Federal Transit Administration

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration	Community Planner
Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission	General Manager
Greater New Orleans Foundation	Director Environmental Programs
Jefferson Parish	Director, Engineering Director, Planning Parish President's Office - Land Use and Development Director, Public Works Director, Ecosystem and Coastal Management Director, Transit Administration
LA DOTD	Highway Safety Manager MPO Urban Systems Coordinator Urban Transit Program Manager Planning Program Administrator Director of Planning District Administrator, District 02 District Administrator, District 62 Urban Systems >200k Program Manager Urban Systems <200K Program Manager
Lighthouse Louisiana	Director of Public Policy Citizen Advocate
Louisiana Motor Transportation Association	Renee Amar Executive Director
National Safety Council	President and CEO - South Louisiana Chapter
New Orleans Aviation Board	Executive Director Deputy Director
New Orleans Port Authority	President and CEO
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad	General Manager
Plaquemines Parish	Parish Engineer GIS Manager

Port of New Orleans	Chief Operating Officer
Plaquemines Port Harbor Terminal District	Assistant Port Manager
Ride New Orleans	Executive Director
Regional Transit Authority	Executive Director Director, Planning and Scheduling Director, Strategic Planning Senior Transportation Planner
St. Bernard Parish	Director, Community Development Director, Public Works Transit Manager Director, Community Development
St. Charles Parish	Director, Planning and Zoning Director, Public Works Grants Manager
St. John the Baptist Parish	Director, Public Works Manager, Planning and Zoning Manager Chief Administrative Assistant Coastal & Water Management Division
St. Tammany Parish	Chief Operating Officer Parish Engineer Grant Project Manager-Transit Director, Planning
Tangipahoa Parish	Parish Engineer Director, Community Development Parish Engineer Director, Parish Planning

APPENDIX D RECORD OF MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

June 2025: Administrative modification regarding the dates of some activities and their completion

July 2025: Administrative modification regarding the addition of a support subtask to A-5.

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
Citizen Member- Absent

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:

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.

April 8, 2025 Minutes
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
Citizen Member- Absent

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 Dinvaute- 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

Attendance: 30

Consultants:

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

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.

May 13, 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, May 13, 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:** John Lane- Present
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish **Designee:** Kelly DiMarco- Present
Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Present
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent
Mayor Tim Baudier- Absent
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
Citizen Member- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Absent
Councilmember Mark Cognevich **Designee:** Patricia McCarty- Present
Robert Hopkins- Absent
Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

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

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent
Garret C. Monti- Present
Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

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

St. Tammany Parish:

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

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Present

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)- Present

Beth Ann Branch (Port)- Absent

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present

Lona Hankins (RTA) **Designee:** Dwight Norton- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (JeT)- Present

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent

Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 33

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 April 8, 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: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula
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.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Kevin Dolliole 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 pages 3-5 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 John Lane and seconded by Kelly DiMarco. 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 6 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 Parish President Mike Cooper 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 7 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 Mayor Bill Borchert and seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Strickland. 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 7 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: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans 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 QR code to download the final document of the Unified Planning Work Program FY26. He explained that this document is inclusive of all four urbanized areas in the region and includes the work tasks and budgets for each task, for all of the Urban Areas combined.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula). It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and

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

8. 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.

May 13, 2025 Minutes
Regional Planning Commission
For

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 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:** John Lane- Present
Mayor LaToya Cantrell, 3rd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Dan Jatres- Present
Parish President Keith Hinkley, 4th Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish **Designee:** Kelly DiMarco- Present
Parish President Mike Cooper, 5th Chairman- St Tammany Parish- Present
Parish President Matt Jewell, Secretary- St. Charles Parish- Present
Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Treasurer- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker- Absent
Mayor Tim Baudier- Absent
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
Citizen Member- Absent

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Tyronne Edwards- Absent
Councilmember Mark Cognevich **Designee:** Patricia McCarty- Present
Robert Hopkins- Absent
Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

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

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Present
Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent
Garret C. Monti- Present
Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

St. John the Baptist Parish:

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

St. Tammany Parish:

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

Chris Masingill- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial- Absent

Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

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

Attendance: 26

Consultants:

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

RPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - Budget and Personnel Committee
 - Other Committee Reports
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Financial Report
5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget
6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
7. Resolution: Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission
8. Resolution: Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission
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 April 8, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 8, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and seconded by Mayor Wesley Daniels.

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 10 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,064,349.85.

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 Christopher Abadie. 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 11 of the meeting packet for the monthly budget report ending March 31, 2025. He explained there was a budget amendment reducing the 'Contract Personnel' budget by \$21,000, adding \$5,000 to 'Dues and Subscriptions', \$1,000 to 'Reference Materials', and \$15,000 to 'Online Data Subscriptions'.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the budget amendments. It was so moved by Chris Masingill and seconded by Susan Klees. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 12 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Activities Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this has been reviewed and recommended by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY26 Local Activities Budget. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri 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.

6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel noted this has been reviewed and recommended by the Budget & Personnel Committee.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY26 Operating Budget. It was so moved by Councilmember Bob Fisher 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.

7. Resolution: Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the Resolution for The Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission and the QR code to the Final Draft of the Title VI Policy and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Title VI Policy for the Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Bonnie Dinvaut and seconded by Carlo Bruno. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

8. Resolution: Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 15 of the meeting packet for the Resolution for The Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission and the QR code to the Final Draft of the DBE Policy and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the DBE Policy for the Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Allen Hero 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.

9. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the Travel Requests for two staff members to attend the Annual Disaster Response/ Data Mining Geospatial Workshop June 5-6, 2025 in Lafayette, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Susan Klees 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: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 for the contract extension for the Agency Branding and Communications Project RPC Task: D-1.25; State Project Number: PL 80-36-25. The extension is for time only.

Chris Masingill requested an update on the Agency Branding Project. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the RPC is waiting on contract documents from the consultant. Project Manager and RPC Public Outreach Coordinator, Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, explained the project should kick off soon with a discovery period in which the parishes will contribute.

There being no questions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Garret Monti 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: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 17 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 Jimmy Strickland and seconded by Chris Masingill 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.

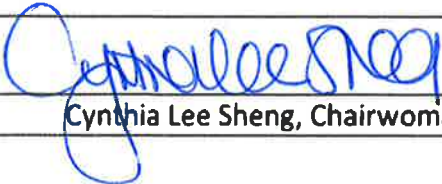
12. Consideration: Other Matters

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 Robby Miller and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairwoman.

Scan the QR code for a copy of the
Unified Planning Work Program for FY-26 for the New
Orleans Planning Area containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs):
(New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and
Hammond-Ponchatoula)



For Board approval at the May 13, 2025	
	
Cynthia Lee Sheng, Chairwoman	Robby Miller, 2nd Vice Chairman

RESOLUTION

Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission for
JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. TAMMANY,
& TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

**Contractual Authority 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)**

Introduced by Mayor Tim Baudier, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Corbin,
on the 8th day of April, 2025.

WHEREAS, Section 104(f) of Title 23, U.S.C., authorizes the apportionment of funds from the Highway Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed one percent of the funds apportioned for expenditure on programs authorized under this Title, for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of 23 USC 134 and provides further that such funds be made available by the State to the Metropolitan Planning Organization designated by the Governor and units of general purpose local government; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes has been designated by the Governor of the State of Louisiana as the recipient agency of the funds for the New Orleans Urbanized Area (containing the 4 Urban Areas (UAs): New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Hammond-Ponchatoula) in order to fulfill the requirements of Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C.; and 23 CFR 450.300, and

WHEREAS, a formula has been developed by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and approved by the Federal Highway Administration to apportion these funds equitably among the eligible urbanized areas within the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Department, with the assistance of the Federal Highway Administration, desires to engage the Commission to undertake the development of transportation plans and programs pursuant to Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., 23 CFR 450.306, and in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Unified Work Program for Transportation Planning for the local fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, has been developed which identifies \$2,979,927.00 of FHWA "PL" funds.

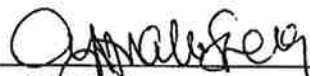
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Policy Committee that the Chairperson and/or Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission is authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of the Commission, to effectuate this resolution and to execute contracts with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development related to this application for federal assistance together with any other documents and appendices on which his signature may be required;

AND, FURTHER, that the Commission hereby pledges local matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$681,784.00 to be used as local match for the above amount of \$2,979,927.00 of FHWA "PL" funds.

Whereupon, after discussion, the question was called and resulted in the following:

AYES: 36 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

and the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly carried.


CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
CHAIRWOMAN


JACLYN HOTARD
TREASURER

RESOLUTION

Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission for
JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. TAMMANY,
& TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

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

Introduced by Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels, seconded by Joe Montalbano,
on the 8th day of April, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Transportation Planning for the local
fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, has been developed and adopted which includes the planning activities to be
undertaken; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Director, acting within his duties and responsibilities set out in the Policy
and Procedures Manual, has authorized the preparation of an application for \$746,637.00 to the Louisiana
Department of Transportation and Development for submission to the Federal Transit Administration; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Committee hereby ratifies the
action of the Executive Director, for and on behalf of the Commission, to submit an Application to the
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Federal Assistance to the FTA for \$746,637.00 in
Metropolitan Transportation Planning activities pursuant to 49 USC 5303 and \$15,000.00 for Regional Human
Services Transportation Coordination (100% Funds).

FURTHER, that the authority of the Chairperson and/or the Executive Director of this Commission is
hereby confirmed to execute contracts related to this application together with all other documents and
appendices on which his signature may be required;

AND, FURTHER, that the Commission hereby pledges local "matching" funds in an amount not to
exceed \$186,659.00 for the \$746,637.00 in federal funds.

Whereupon, after discussion, the question was called and resulted in the following:

AYES: 36

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

and the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly carried.


CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
CHAIRWOMAN


JACLYN HOTARD
TREASURER