

January 13, 2026 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, January 13, 2026

Time: 12:30 pm

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

Committee Members:

Officers:

Parish President Robby Miller, Chairman- Tangipahoa Parish- Present

Parish President Louis Pomes, 1st Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish **Designee:** John Lane- Present

Mayor Helena Moreno, 2nd Vice Chairwoman- Orleans Parish **Designee:** Stephen Nelson- Present

Parish President Keith Hinkley, 3rd Vice Chairman- Plaquemines Parish **Designee:** Shannita Carter- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, 4th Vice Chairman- St. Tammany Parish- Present

Parish President Matt Jewell, 5th Vice Chairman- St. Charles Parish- Present

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, Secretary- St. John The Baptist Parish- Absent

Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Treasurer- Jefferson Parish- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jennifer Van Vrancken- Present

Mayor Belinda Constant **Designee:** Amelia Pellegrin- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell **Designee:** James Baker- Present

Councilmember At-Large Matthew Willard- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Chris Schulz- Present

Councilmember Patricia McCarty- Present

Robert Hopkins- Absent

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher **Designee:** Michelle Impastato- Present

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent

Garret C. Monti- Absent

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 **Designee:** Jimmy Strickland- Present

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

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair Brigitte Hyde- Absent
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present
Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Glenn Ledet- Absent

TPC Members:

Mayor Randy Fandal (Slidell)- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)- Present
Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee:** Chris Gilmore- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present
Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Mario Bazile (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 35

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 December 9, 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: MTP Call for Projects – Announcement and Next Steps
Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner
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 December 9, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 9, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Clay Madden 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 Chairman.

3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel directed members to the handout with the corrected New Orleans Highway TIP amendment and to the bottom of page 3 in the meeting packet for the New Orleans Transit Elements TIP, and he gave a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Matthew Willard 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 Chairman.

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 Chairman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by President Mike Cooper and seconded by Mayor Randy Fandal. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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: MTP Call for Projects – Announcement and Next Steps
Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Nicolette Jones, RPC Senior Transportation Planner, to the board. Ms. Jones referred the members to page 5 for the QR Code to the RPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan- 2056 Update page containing the Call for Projects. For a copy of the presentation or additional information, please contact Nicolette Jones at njones@norpc.org

8. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Jeff Roesel noted the quorum is still established, the Chairman proceeded to the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

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RPC Agenda

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2. Consideration: Approval of the December 9, 2025 minutes
3. Consideration: Committee Reports:
 - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
 - (b) Other Committee Reports
4. Consideration: Financial Report:
 - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
 - (b) Monthly Budget Report
5. Presentation: Adams and Reese LLP
Jeff Brooks, Partner
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Contract Extensions
8. Consideration: Consultant Billings
9. 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 December 9, 2025 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the December 9, 2025 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Jeff Corbin and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Van Vrancken.

There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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 7 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending November 30, 2025. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,262,363.25.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Councilmember Robert Arcuri 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 Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet, which contains the monthly budget reports for the period ending November 30, 2025. He also stated that no budget amendments were required at this time. No action or motion was needed for this item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Jeff Brooks to the Board. For a copy of the presentation please contact Mr. Jeff Brooks at Jeffrey.Brooks@arlaw.com

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet for a retroactive Travel Request for one staff member to attend the annual Delta Regional Authority training February 26-27, 2026, in Memphis, TN and one staff member to attend the Green Truck Summit March 9-11, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Councilmember Ryan Randall and seconded by Mayor Pete Panepinto. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

7. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no contract extensions, and we could proceed to the next item.

8. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on pages 10-17 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Councilmember Chris Schulz and seconded by Allen Hero. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel welcomed the new board members and encouraged them to contact staff with any questions or needs for assistance.

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