

March 10, 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, March 10, 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:** Shannta Carter- Present

Parish President Mike Cooper, 4th Vice Chairman- St Tammany Parish **Designee:** Gina Hayes- 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- Absent

Mayor Belinda Constant- Present

Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

Orleans Parish:

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

Councilmember At-Large Matthew Willard **Designee:** Julius Feltus- Present

Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Chris Schulz- Present

Councilmember Patricia McCarty- Present

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Absent

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall- Absent

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

St. Charles Parish:

Councilmember Bob Fisher- Absent

Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Present

Garret C. Monti **Designee:** Jay Robichaux- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Present

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Present

Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Jeff Corbin- Present

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

Adam Acquistapace- Present

Christopher Abadie- Present

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair Brigette Hyde- Absent

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Present

Carlo Bruno- Absent

Citizen Member- Absent

DOTD:

Secretary Glenn Ledet **Designee:** Scott Boyle- Present

TPC Members:

Mayor Randy Fandal (Slidell) **Designee:** Daniel McElmurray- Present

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

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

Beth Ann Branch (Port)- Absent

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present

Lona Hankins (RTA)- Present

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Absent

Ninette Barrios (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Absent

Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- 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 February 10, 2026 minutes
3. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Mandeville-Covington Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements
6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Urban Area Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
7. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the February 10, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 10, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Michelle O’Daniels and seconded by Adam Acquistapace.

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 referred members to pages 3–4 of the meeting packet outlining the New Orleans TIP Highway and Transit Elements, gave a brief explanation, and noted that the amendment should reflect that the project LA 52 from Angus Drive to LA 18 is in Phase Three.

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 Mayor Pete Panepinto 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 the bottom of 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 Gina Hayes and seconded by Daniel McElmurray. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

6. Consideration: Amendment to the South Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Element

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the South Tangipahoa TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman 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 Chairman.

7. 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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2. Consideration: Approval of the February 10, 2026 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. Resolution: Legal Services to the Regional Planning Commission
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 February 10, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 10, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Councilmember Jimmy Strickland and seconded by Pastor Thomas Hines.

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 January 31, 2026. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,491,739.72.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Susan Klees and seconded by Stephen Nelson. 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 January 31, 2026. He also stated that no budget amendments were required at this time. No action or motion was needed for this item.

5. Resolution: Legal Services to the Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced the resolution to the board and referred the members to page 9 of the meeting packet and explained the need for the resolution for the Legal Services to the Regional Planning Commission.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman call for a motion to approve the Resolution for Legal Services to the Regional Planning Commission. It was so moved by Councilmember John Corbin and seconded Councilmember Chris Schulz. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairwoman.

6. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for a Travel Request for five staff members: Lynn Dupont, Malissa Dietsch-Givhan, Tosha Shanableh, Kathryn Zeringue, and Leslie Couvillion to attend the annual Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Workshop April 14-16, 2026, in Lafayette, LA and one staff member: Megan Leonard, to attend the Government Finance Officers Association 2026 Spring Conference April 28-30, 2026 in Lake Charles, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Christopher Abadie and seconded by Councilmember Patricia McCarty. 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 11-16 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 Jack Stumpf 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 Chairman.

9. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced RPC's Brownfields and Economic Development Manager, Adam Tatar, to the board. Mr. Tatar referred the members to the handout containing Economic Development Updates. For questions or a copy of the handout, contact Adam Tatar at atatar@norpc.org

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to a second handout containing RPC's 2025 Annual Report. For questions or a copy of the report, contact RPC's Deputy Director, Jason Sappington at jsappington@norpc.org

There being no other matters, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Matt Jewell and seconded by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.