

May 12, 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, May 12, 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

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Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, Treasurer- Jefferson Parish **Designee:** Mark Drewes- Present

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Jennifer Van Vrancken- Absent

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Lee Giorgio- Present

Jack Stumpf- Present

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Citizen Member- Absent

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Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Chris Schulz- Absent

Councilmember Patricia McCarty- Present

Robert Hopkins- Present

Allen Hero- Present

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Josh Moran- Absent

Councilmember Ryan Randall **Designee:** Councilmember Amanda Mones- Present

Susan Klees- Present

Joe Montalbano- Absent

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Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels- Absent

Garret C. Monti- Present

Pastor Thomas Hines- Absent

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Councilmember Tammy Houston- Present

Bonnie Dinvaut- Absent

Jonathan Perret- Present

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Councilmember Pat Burke- Absent

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- 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)- Absent

Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present

Ninette Barrios (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present

Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington) **Designee:** Callie Baker- Present

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 14, 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: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 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 14, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 14, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Chris Gilmore and seconded by Kevin Dolliole.

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 page 3-5 of the meeting packet outlining the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements, gave a brief explanation.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP, Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Councilmember Bob Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Amanda Mones. 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 referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the Mandeville/Covington TIP, Highway and Transit Elements and provided a brief explanation. He noted that the Mandeville/Covington TIP, Highway amendment had a change due to an error. The error was noted and the Board was advised that it would be corrected prior to submission to LADOTD.

There being no questions, the Chairman 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 Adam Acquistapace. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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 Chairman called for a motion to approve the Slidell TIP amendments for the Highway and Transit Elements. It was so moved by Mayor Randy Fandal 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 Chairman.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to the bottom of page 8 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, 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: Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 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 9 of the meeting packet for the QR code to the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 Final 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. We are submitting this as the final version that has been reviewed by DOTD and FHWA, and their comments incorporated.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-27 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 James Baker and seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy Committee members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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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2. Consideration: Approval of the April 14, 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. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Local Activities Budget
6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
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 April 14, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the April 14, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Robert Hopkins 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.

**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 11 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2026. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of \$2,305,104.99.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 12 of the meeting packet, which contains the monthly budget reports for the period ending March 31, 2026. He explained there was a budget amendment moving \$45,000 out of 'Audio/Visual Equipment' and into 'Computer Hardware' and moving \$175,000 from 'Grant Contingency' into 'GIS Data Acquisition.'

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the budget amendments. It was so moved by John Lane and seconded by Mark Drewes. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

5. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Local Activities Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 13 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2027 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 FY27 Local Activities Budget. It was so moved by Jack Stumpf 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 Chairman.

6. Consideration: Regional Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred members to page 14 of the meeting packet for the Fiscal Year 2027 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 FY27 Operating Budget. It was so moved by Julius Feltus 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.

7. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 of the meeting packet for a Travel Requests for one staff member: Aspen Nero to attend the Clean Cities and Communities Training Workshop September 1-3, 2026 in Kansas City, MO and one staff member to attend the HUD-OIG Mandatory Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Training Conference June 9-11, 2026 in Baton Rouge, LA.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Travel Requests. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston 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 Chairman.

8. Consideration: Contract Extensions

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 15 for the contract extension for the Stage 0 Feasibility Study Barton Avenue (LA 3060) Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Study (US 90 to LA 18) RPC Task A-1.26STC; FY-26 UPWP. The extension is for time only.

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the contract extension. It was so moved by Garret Monti and seconded by Councilmember Bob Fisher. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

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 Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Amelia Pellegrin 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 Chairman.

10. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the final draft of the Lake Pontchartrain Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan is available for review and comment. EPA will be accepting comments on the plan until June 14, 2026. It is a very detailed review and update to the 1995 original plan and the 2006 Habitat Management Plan. Mr. Jeff Roesel then referred the board to the handouts with the QR code to the website. Upon accessing the QR Code, it was determined that the QR code did not work properly. He announced that the correct link would be emailed after today's meeting.

Mr. Carlton Dufrechou said that Regional Planning Commission, in particular Jeff Roesel, has been a cornerstone for the Lake Pontchartrain Restoration program for many years, asked that anyone interested in getting involved contact Parish President Mike Cooper.

There being no other matters, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Keith Hinkley and seconded by Parish President Mike Cooper and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.