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

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Councilmember At-Large Jennifer Van Vrancken- Absent
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Jack Stumpf- Present

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Nissan Patel- Absent

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Robert Hopkins- Present
Allen Hero- Present

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Councilmember Robert Arcuri- Absent
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Councilmember Jeff Corbin **Designee**: Kevin Davis- Present
Councilmember Pat Burke- Present
Adam Acquistapace- Present
Christopher Abadie- Present
Tangipahoa Parish:
Council Chair Brigette Hyde- Present
Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)- Absent
Carlo Bruno- Absent
Citizen Member- Absent
DOTD:
Secretary Glenn Ledet **Designee**: Nelson Capote- Present
TPC Members:
Mayor Randy Fandal (Slidell)- Present
Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)- Absent
Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director) **Designee**: Ronaldo Nodal- Present
Beth Ann Branch (Port) **Designee**: Chris Gilmore- Present
Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)- Present
Ronald Baptiste, Jr (RTA)- Absent
Carlton Dufrechou (GNOEC)- Present
Ninette Barrios (Jefferson Parish Transit)- Present
Mayor Wesley Daniels (Ponchatoula)- Present
Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)- Absent
Renee Amar (LMTA)- Absent

Attendance: 40
Consultants:
Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Ms. Joan Rupp, et al

TPC Agenda

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period
2. Consideration: Approval of the September 8, 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. Public Hearing: FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area
8. Resolution: Adoption of the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area
9. Public Hearing: 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area
10. Resolution: Adoption of the 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area
11. Discussion: DOTD Project Development Process
    Dawn Sholmire, Transportation Planning Administrator, and Eric Dauphine, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
12. Consideration: Other Matters

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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.

The chairman welcomed New Orleans District Administrator for LADOTD, Nelson Capote, and St. Bernard Citizen Member, Heather Fandino, to the board.

1. Consideration: Public Comment Period

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

2. Consideration: Approval of the September 8, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 8, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by Mayor Wesley Daniels 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.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no New Orleans TIP amendments and we could proceed to the next item.

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 and we could proceed to the next item.

5. Consideration: Amendment to the Slidell Transportation Improvement Program, Highway and Transit Elements

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no Slidell TIP amendments and we could proceed to the next item.

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

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no South Tangipahoa TIP amendments and we could proceed to the next item.

7. Public Hearing: FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members of the board to page 3 for the QR code for the FFY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area. He then opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

8. Resolution: Adoption of the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members of the board to page 4 for the Resolution to adopt the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area.
It was so moved by Councilmember Brigette Hyde and seconded by Councilmember Michelle O'Daniels.

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

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9. Public Hearing: 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members of the board to page 5 for the QR code for the 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area. He then opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

10. Resolution: Adoption of the 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members of the board to page 6 for the Resolution to adopt the 2056 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Southeast Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area.
It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Randall.

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

11. Discussion: DOTD Project Development Process
Dawn Sholmire, Transportation Planning Administrator, and Eric Dauphine, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Transportation Planning Administrator, and LADOTD Chief Operating Officer Eric Dauphine to the members of the board.

Mrs. Sholmire and Mr. Dauphine held a discussion regarding the DOTD Project Development Process. For questions, please contact Dawn Sholmire at Dawn.Sholmire@LA.GOV and Eric Dauphine at Eric.Dauphine@LA.GOV

12. Consideration: Other Matters

The Chairman asked if there were any other matters.

Mr. Jeff Roesel reported that the RPC filed a Notice of Intent to Participate with the Surface Transportation Board regarding the proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern Railroad merger. The filing will allow the RPC to monitor developments, given the significant presence of both railroads in the region.

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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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: Travel Request
6. Consideration: Contract Extensions
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. 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 September 8, 2026 minutes

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the September 8, 2026 minutes. It was so moved by James Baker and seconded by Robert Hopkins.

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

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Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 8 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending August 31, 2026. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, and Fund Balance are in the amount of $2,583,915.72

There being no questions, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet. It was so moved by Amelia Pellegrin 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 9 of the meeting packet, which contains the monthly budget reports for the period ending August 31, 2026. He also stated that no budget amendments were required at this time. No action or motion was needed for this item.

5. Consideration: Travel Request

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 10 of the meeting packet for a Travel Requests for one staff member, Megan Leonard, to attend the 2026 NADO Annual Training Conference October 19-22, 2026 in Reno, NV.

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

6. Consideration: Contract Extensions

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

7. Consideration: Consultant Billings

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills beginning on page 11 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 Patricia McCarty. There being no objections this item is approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission 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, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng and seconded by Mike Palamone and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

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