

COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 10:00 AM

COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Chairman Flozell Daniels, Commissioner Laura Bryan, Commissioner Fred Neal, Jr, Commissioner Mark Raymond, Commissioner Walter Tillery, Commissioner Art Walton and Commissioner Sharon Wegner

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Commissioner Mostofa Sarwar

1. Consideration: Approval of Minutes
Deferred

2. Consideration: RTA Chairman's Report
No Report

3. Consideration: Jefferson Parish Report
Commissioner Wegner announced the new Director of Transportations was Ninette Barrios.

She also stated that a meeting was held in January with JeT and RTA and announced Jefferson Parish's Mardi Gras Hot Line Number was 504-248-3900.

4. Consideration: RTA General Counsel's Report
Sundiata Haley stated that his report will be given in Executive Session.

5. Consideration: RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report
The CEO was beginning the Regional Collaboration between JeT and the RTA and was preparing for an Innovation and Equity Summit.

The CEO introduced Darwyn Anderson, Chief of Human Resources and Mike Smith, Chief Safety Officer.

6. DBE Report:
The DBE Report was found in the Board File Folder.

In response to Chairman Daniels, Alex Wiggins stated that it's the Industry Standard to meet with DBE's on a quarterly basis.

7. Consideration: Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA)
Samuel Buckley stated that a stakeholder meeting was held regarding the Draft Service Concepts for Orleans and Jefferson Parish and the concepts were cost neutral and stated that on February 11, 2020 staff will roll out the concepts to the riding public.

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In response to Commissioner Wegner, Samuel Buckley stated that there were going to be two meetings each day at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm and the meeting information could be found on the RTA and RPC websites. Commissioner Neal stated that he was interested to see what the public was going to say about the 3 Scenarios. In response to Chairman Daniels, Samuel Buckley stated that an update would be given to the City Council's Transportation Committee.

8. Consideration: Finance Committee Chairman's Report

No Report

9. Consideration: Procurement Items

10 – Axle/Differential Overhauls

Commissioner Tillery moved and Commissioner Raymond seconded to approve the award of **10- Axle/Different Overhauls to Irwin Transportation**. Resolution No. 20-001 was adopted unanimously.

DC Traction Motor Rebuilds, Armature Assemblies

Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to approve the award of the **DC Traction Motor Rebuilds, Armature Assemblies to Irwin Transportation**. Resolution No. 20-002 was adopted unanimously.

Bio-Diesel Fuel for Ferries and Buses

Commissioner Wegner moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to approve the award of the **Bio-Diesel Fuel for Ferries and Buses to Mansfield Oil Company**. Resolution No. 20-003 was adopted unanimously.

10. Consideration: Procurement Status Report

The report was found in the Board Binders.

11. Consideration: Operations and Administration Committee Chairman's Report

Commissioner Neal stated staff focused on the New Links Project and alternate bus routes due to the Hard Rock Hotel collapse.

12. Consideration: Riders Advisor Committee Liaison Report

Commissioner Neal stated that the committee discussed how to change the direction of the meeting and the next meeting was scheduled for February 5, 2020 and the New Links Project will be discussed.

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13. Bus Shelters Update

The Bus Shelters Update was found in the Board File Folder.

14. 2020 Grant Opportunities

The 2020 Grant Opportunities Report was found in the Board File Folder.

15. Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

- **City of New Orleans – NOPD – Mardi Gras 2020**
Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Wegner seconded to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans-NOPD. Resolution No. 20-004 was adopted unanimously.
- **City of New Orleans – Sanitation Department – Mardi Gras 2020**
Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans NOSD. Resolution No. 20-005 was adopted unanimously.

16. Consideration: New Business

None

17. Consideration: Audience Question and Comments

- Alex Posorske stated that he understood that the Downtown Transit Center was going to be at the UPT and this would be a hardship for riders. Chairman Daniels stated that the RTA has a process to go through before a decision would be made on the site and the public will be involved in that decision. Alex Wiggins stated that the study would be completed in mid-February and will be brought before the Board and the public.
- Alan Drake stated that the RTA need to stock pile the necessary PPE's for the riding public due to the COVID-19. Chairman Daniels stated that the RTA was going to work very close with the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana.
- In response to Fred Robertson, Mark Major stated that at the February Finance Committee Meeting, the RTA's Financial Advisory was going to do a presentation regarding the RTA Bond Debt.

Fred Robertson asked that the RTA Ridership Numbers be placed on the RTA website so that the public can obtain the information.

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Alex Wiggins stated that monthly ridership information would be placed on the website.

In response to Fred Robertson, Sundiata Haley stated that two red streetcars would be on placed on the St. Charles Streetcar Line and these cars would stop at the designated ADA stops.

- Brenda Holmes stated that she would like to thank the RTA for putting up the Bus Shelter on Chef by the Walmart.
Brenda Holmes would like to the know the changes that were proposed on Route 80 and can the RTA put back the 3 buses on the Franklin line and can the buses coming across Canal Street pick up on Cleveland and Elks Streets that would make it easier for the passengers to catch the streetcars.
Brenda Holmes asked if the bus stop on Claiborne by the interstate be moved away from the interstate.
- Loraine Washington stated that the Duncan Plaza location was not a good place for a Downtown Transit Center she stated that when it rains Duncan Plaza becomes very muddy.
- Ernest Johnson stated that he rides Bus Route 28 to get to work and he was a frequent rider of Bus Route 94 and 202 and he relies on the RTA to get around the City. Mr. Johnson agreed that the UPT was not a good place for a Downtown Transit Center and would create a hardship for passengers. He asked to expand the bus route 202 because this bus stop running in the afternoon around 1:00 p.m. and the passenger need better bus service to the airport.

18. Consideration: Executive Session (2/3 Vote to Consider)

Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Wegner seconded to go into Executive Session on the matter of

- **Transdev Services, Inc.**

The Motion 20-0013 was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Wegner seconded to come out of Executive Session. The Motion No. 20-002 was approved unanimously.

19. Consideration: Adjournment

Commissioner Wegner moved and Commissioner Raymond seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting of January 28, 2020. The Motion No. 20-003 was approved unanimously.