

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Tim Coulon, Treasurer; Donald Sharp, Secretary

ABSENT: P. Lindsey Williams, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Robert Graham; Lt. Mike Kelly; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Sherri LeBas and Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Volkert and Associates; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineering; General John Basilica, HNTB; Bert Moore, Gresham Smith; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities Group; Rene Chopin III, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Christopher Dodt, Kapsch TrafficCom; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 29, 2019 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou reported in May the Drawbridge operations included 17 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were no fog days.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 368 breakdown responses in May on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 227 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 141

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were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 29 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 23 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 6 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 397 breakdown responses for both bridges in May.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of May there were a total of 9 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 3 occurred Northbound and 6 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of May, 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 6 Eastbound and 5 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

On April 22, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported both spans on the Causeway Bridge were closed from 5:50 pm to 6:52 pm for a two car crash with injuries.

Mr. Dufrechou also reported the Southbound span closed on June 9, 2019 from 9:32 am through 10:30 am due to a vehicle crash and fire.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint updating significant events since the last Commission meeting.

Dr. Jim Martin, with Design Engineering, presented a PowerPoint regarding unexpected drilling challenges encountered with the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements. Mr. Coulon asked, since the As-Built drawings are inaccurate for the rebar location, has Design Engineering estimated impact upon the completion time of the Rail project. Dr. Martin explained that it is unknown at the moment but the contractor, GEC, staff, and Design Engineering are trying to find ways to minimize any impact. Mr. Dufrechou

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explained they have known about this rebar problem for three weeks and he anticipates having a better grasp on how long this issue may impact completion shortly. Dr. Martin stated the contractor has added drilling specialist and added various types of drills to help with the process. Mr. Dufrechou reported that Design Engineering is on top of resolving this problem and keeps pressing forward. He stated that this issue may have slowed things down but the project is still progressing.

On the 6C Protocol Transponders, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to select a proposal. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on February 6, 2019, the GNOEC issued RFP No. 2019-TT01, seeking Statements of Proposals to provide the capability of interoperability to the toll tag system in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2234, et seq to provide 6C protocol transponders. Two proposals were received. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2234, hereby selects Kapsch to implement the 6C protocol transponders. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Kapsch to implement the 6C protocol transponders. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

Also on the Hazard Incident Lighting (HIL) Callbox Station, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Request for Proposals. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the GNOEC desires to procure wireless network equipment, LED lights, and other related equipment in order to improve the**

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functionality of the existing Hazard Incident Lighting (HIL) Callbox Station. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to issue and advertise a Request for Proposal, under La. R.S. 38:2234, et seq., to provide for the wireless network equipment, LED lights, and other related equipment for the HIL Callbox Station. The GNOEC hereby further authorizes its General Manager to contract when available with approved state vendor(s) under contract with the State of Louisiana, under La. R.S. 39:1701, et seq., to provide for the wireless network equipment, LED lights, and other related equipment for the HIL Callbox Station. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

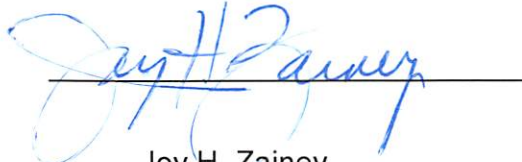
Mr. Coulon asked about the latest regarding the Call Boxes and their functionality. Mr. Dufrechou explained that, since the original Call Boxes were 1970's technology, they are no longer supportable. He further explained that the Call Boxes have become obsolete because of cell phones. Mr. Coulon asked about the resolution. Mr. Dufrechou replied that we hope to update hazard lights with LED's and install modern communication equipment to operate the lights. Ms. Zainey asked about the visibility of the hazard lights. Mr. Dufrechou stated the lights are 4 tenths of a mile apart and the existing lights are incandescent. He explained the new lights are LEDs and should be more visible.

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Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled July 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris  
Chair



Joy H. Zainey  
Vice Chair