

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 10, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Infrastructure Advisory Board (IAB) was held on March 10, 2022 at Woodward Design+Build – 2nd Floor, 1000 South Norman C. Francis Parkway, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following IAB members were present:

1. Paul Flower, Chair
2. Karen Raymond
3. Elisa Speranza
4. Chuck Morse

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Presentations

Eric Smith, city of New Orleans, provided an update on Fair Share Agreement revenues. As of February 15, 2022, the City transferred \$35.6M in one-time funds to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO), which represents no change since the December 2021 IAB meeting. Smith explained City revenue is similar to pre-Covid-19 numbers, representing a recovery from both Covid-19 and Hurricane Ida. In January 2022, the City collected \$1.8M compared to \$452,109 in January of 2021; these numbers met 2019 projections. Notable Fair Share Agreement undertakings include: (1) city of New Orleans Department of Finance began integration of new software for Short Term Rental Equalization and Local Privilege tax (STR) enforcement; and (2) the city of New Orleans Department of Public Works (DPW) continued expansion of its Maintenance Division. Smith also provided an update on the Downtown Development District's installation of permeable pavement in seven (7) City corridors, explaining the RFP is expected to issue no later than March 31, 2022; DPW expects to complete the preliminary survey and design by August 1, 2022, with the bid and award occurring in September and construction beginning November 2022. Smith also provided an update on capital outlay sequencing spending by SWBNO.

Christy Harowski, chief of staff, SWBNO, reported a total revenue of \$16M collected through February 2022. Expenditures related to Meter Reading Initiatives, SELA Algiers Drainage Project, SWBNO Strategic Plan development, Turbine 7 design, and Smart Metering Program

(AMI) total approximately \$6.3M, with increased spending on Turbine 7 design and AMI. Ghassan Korban, executive director, SWBNO, requested approval to use Fair Share Agreement revenues to update SWBNO inventory and begin working on lead service line replacement projects to maximize the expected infusion of federal infrastructure-related funds. Harowski shared updates on priority projects: (1) the survey for AMI is complete and a RFP has issued and received seven vendor responses, the selection committee is expected to select a vendor later this month; (2) the permitting process and specs for Turbine 7 are complete and SWBNO issued a RFP for the work and has already received responses which are awaiting approval; (3) the Asset Management Program is moving forward and SWBNO anticipates spending on implementing the system in Q3/Q4 of 2022; (4) Turbine 6 had a spending adjustment, saving \$2M which SWBNO plans to transfer to the West Power Complex; and (5) SWBNO Board of Directors adopted the SWBNO Strategic Plan in February 2022. Tyler Antrup, director of planning and strategy, SWBNO, provided an overview of the SWBNO Strategic Plan. Ron Spooner, interim general superintendent, SWBNO, detailed the need for \$4M of funding for a high-priority operations project “construction of a new Bulk Chemical Feed and Storage facility”.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Quorum

There were not enough IAB members present to constitute a quorum and thus there was no approval of minutes, agenda, or of the Fourth Quarter 2021 Quarterly Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:43 p.m.