

**MINUTES OF THE
FIX MY STREETS FINANCING WORKING GROUP**

City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70124

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016
10:00 AM**

Board Members Present:	Dr. Norma Mattei James Amdal Damon Burns Aaron Clark-Rizzio Todd James Kara Johnson Robert Lupo Chris Morvant Wayne Neveu Jeff Roesel Eric Songy Barbara Woolfolk Freddy Yoder	Chair UNO Transportation & Development Munivestor Hon. Jason R. Williams Mathes Brierre Architects Hon. Nadine Ramsey Lupo Enterprises Dr. Shawn Wilson National Assoc. of Bond Lawyer Walter Brooks Bocage Neighborhood Assoc. Villa Sites Neighborhood Assoc. Durr Heavy Construction
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Board Members Absent:

Others Present:	Joseph Becker Ryan Berni Dr. Eric Caulfield Dani Galloway Cedric S. Grant Hon. Stephanie Hilferty Mark Jernigan	Sewerage & Water Board N.O. City of New Orleans Caulfield Consulting Group City of New Orleans Executive Director, SWBNO Louisiana House of Representatives Department of Public Works
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Agenda Item I. Call to Order. Dr. Norma Jean Mattei recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item II. Roll Call. Dr. Mattei noted the board members present. The group unanimously agreed to approve the previous Fix My Street meeting's minutes.

Agenda Item III. Pavement Assessment. Mark Jernigan, Director, Department of Public Works, reviewed the city's pavement assessment results. The city has more than 1500 miles of city-owned streets. 69% of those streets are local thoroughfares. The design life of a street ranges between 20-30 years depending on the kind of pavement used. The pavement assessment report examined several factors that determine pavement conditions, their ratings, and future pavement condition predictions. Jernigan explained that pavement deteriorates over time at a rate depending on factors such as soil conditions, high ground water table, sediment and subsidence. He highlighted that the increased amount of truck traffic applies heavy loading onto the streets and causes it to deteriorate more quickly. Also, water events like a sustained amount of flooding for example, post-Katrina flooding, can quickly deteriorate the condition of the pavement.

He stated that pavement planning should be cost-effective; data-driven, systematic and must include a long-term vision. A national best practice for pavement planning is to assess current conditions and predict future deterioration. This will help with funding estimations and recommendations for the type of paving treatments to use in the future. Ideally, the city can have fair or better streets with normal routine maintenance and rehab treatments towards the end of the street's design life.

Agenda Item IV. Public Financial Management. Eric Caulfield, CEO, The Caulfield Consulting Group, discussed his plan to assess the city's financial options. He will summarize all of the different financing options on the binding side for both the City and Sewerage & Water Board. He will compile a list of all of those options that will be available for infrastructure financing for the next 30 years. Dr. Caulfield will then assess what successful financial plans are being used internationally and decide which plans can be implemented in New Orleans and how much of it can go toward closing the financial gap.

Agenda Item V. Fix Our Streets Information Presentation. Freddy Yoder, Business Development Director, Durr Heavy Construction, presented the group's recommendations for the future. The list of recommendations included developing a long-term plan for street maintenance and rehabilitation; providing additional funding sources for street maintenance; reviewing current timelines for expenditure of FEMA's \$2+ billion settlement; implementing water and green space initiatives; improving coordination between DPW and SWBNO; developing opportunities to increase funding; and implementing new methods to prevent duplication of work.

Robert Lupo, Lupo Enterprises, suggested that DPW's processes become more transparent to the public. He highlighted the FMS group's recommendation for three key committees: a construction committee with DPW, a gap finance committee, and a long-term finance committee.

He stated the construction committee's responsibilities will include surveying what work needs to be done and developing a plan based on those needs, taking estimates to determine actual costs, researching other financial plans, deciding where the city will spend the funds, and determining the availability of contractors and sub-contractors.

The gap finance committee will determine how to close the financial gap and discern how the group will obtain that funding.

The long-term committee will determine what it will cost to maintain streets 20 years from now.

Agenda Item VI. Other Business.

Agenda Item VII. Public Comment.

Agenda VIII. Adjournment. Dr. Mattei called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm.