

March 2016 SCTPO eNews

SPACE COAST TPO'S TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2015



Space Coast TPO celebrated the organization's Top Ten accomplishments from 2015 at the February 11th TPO Board meeting. These accomplishments are based on the goals and objectives that are outlined in each year's strategic plan. Highlights included adoption of the **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**, adoption of the **ITS Master Plan**, opening the **Apollo Bridge**, and numerous corridor studies, Complete Streets and safety analysis reviews.

SCTPO 2015 Top Ten: <http://spacecoasttpo.com/plan/strategic-plan/>

DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON MARCH 15



The Space Coast TPO is preparing a draft FY17 – FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that defines the TPO's activities for the next two fiscal years. The draft UPWP is submitted to state and federal agencies for review, along with local agencies involved in transportation. Upon approval by the TPO Board in May and later by state and federal agencies in June, the UPWP becomes the

basis for the award of the TPO planning grant funds for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2016.

A summary of the draft document is currently posted for review. Beginning March 15, 2016 the full draft document will be available to download and view. Comments on the draft document will be received until April 15, 2016 and can be sent via e-mail, fax or USPS to the TPO offices. For questions, please contact TPO staff member Laura Carter at 321-690-6890.

Draft FY17-FY18 UPWP (available March 15):

<http://spacecoasttpo.com/plan/unified-planning-work-program/>

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PROPOSED CANDIDATE SITES FOR BREVARD RAIL STATIONS



The Space Coast TPO Board will hear recommendations for proposed future passenger rail station locations in Central and South Brevard County on March 10, 2016.

All Aboard Florida (AAF) is planning a limited stop high-speed interregional passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando International Airport. It is being privately funded as a for-profit venture and AAF seeks to earn revenue both through passenger fares and ancillary development near its stations.

Currently, there is not a planned rail station in Brevard County. Any additional rail station sites in the County need to meet the multiple objectives of attracting passengers and supporting ancillary development and investment for AAF. To serve these demands, SCTPO, Port Canaveral, and local municipalities have

worked together to identify potential sites that may match AAF's profitability criteria.

Orlando Business Journal article:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/blog/2016/02/miami-to-orlando-train-may-consider-future-stop-on.html?ana=fbk>

DRIVE A SCOUT TO SCHOOL DAY



NASCAR driver Scott Lagasse, Jr. gave Golfview Elementary school student Sammy the ride of his life on February 18, 2016 as part of the Drive a Scout to School day. Sammy was selected from a pool of Cub Scouts who worked on their bicycle safety loop recently. As it happens, Sammy is a graduate of Space Coast TPO's bicycle and pedestrian safety education program.

Sammy met Scott at Kennedy Middle School, where Sammy got lots of time exploring the car. Before they left for the one-mile ride to Golfview Elementary, Scott presented Sammy with a signed NASCAR helmet, which he proudly put on his head and declared, "This is going to be the best day of my life!"

Hundreds of students and teachers greeted the pair when they arrived at Golfview Elementary. Scott and Sammy demonstrated why wearing helmets is important, and each student received a signed card from Scott.

Drive a Scout to School day is a partnership between Boy Scouts of America, NASCAR Xfinity Series driver Scott Lagasse Jr. of TeamSLR and the Alert Today Alive Tomorrow campaign from Florida Department of Transportation. Space Coast TPO is proud to have played a role in Sammy's bicycle safety, and to encourage all pedestrians and bicyclists to wear protective gear.

Check our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for photo albums and posts about the day.

Space Coast TPO Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program:

<http://spacecoasttpo.com/modes/walkbike/bicyclepedestrian-education/>

Alert Today Alive Tomorrow: <http://www.alerttodayflorida.com/>

SPACE COAST TPO JOINS ALERT TODAY FLORIDA TO EDUCATE RACE FANS



[Alert Today Alive Tomorrow](#) (ATAT) is the Florida Department of Transportation's state-wide bicycle pedestrian focused initiative aimed at reducing the high number of crashes resulting in death or serious injuries to these vulnerable road users. Brevard and Volusia rank in the top 15 counties for these types of crashes.

In February, Space Coast TPO staff joined the ATAT team for the 4-day race weekend at Daytona International Speedway. The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's premier event, presenting a valuable opportunity to talk to Florida residents and visitors about the dangers facing Florida's pedestrians and cyclists. Race fans that stopped by the ATAT booth were asked to complete a survey aimed at testing their knowledge of traffic laws pertaining to bicyclists and pedestrians. The safety team reviewed their answers with them and clarified any areas of confusion about traffic laws. Participants were also asked to record their opinion of how roadway safety and driver behavior affect bicyclist and pedestrians. The 1500 surveys that were collected will be sent to the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation (CUTR) to be analyzed.

MARCH IS FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH



March is recognized as Florida Bicycle Month. The Space Coast TPO would encourage everyone to get on a bicycle and enjoy our beautiful county. We also remind motorists and bicyclists to share the road safely by following these tips:

Bicyclist

Always wear a helmet

Ride in the same direction as traffic

Obey traffic signs, signals and lane markings

Be visible - at night, the law requires a headlight and taillight

Motorist

Avoid distractions, focus on the road

Pass bicyclists safely, minimum of 3 feet – it's the law

Slow down around bicyclists, speed is the cause of 32% of all fatal crashes

UPCOMING TPO MEETINGS

Monday, March 7, 9:30am – 11:30am, Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees: <http://spacecoasttpo.com/lead/march-7-2016-technical-and-citizens-advisory-committees/>

Thursday, March 10, 9am - 11am, TPO Governing Board

<http://spacecoasttpo.com/lead/march-10-2016-transportation-planning-organization-planning-board/>

Monday, March 21, 5:30pm – 7:00pm, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee <http://spacecoasttpo.com/event/bicycle-pedestrian-and-trails-advisory-committee-8/>

WELCOME MAYOR KATHY MEEHAN AS NEW TPO CHAIR



We welcome City of Melbourne Mayor Kathy Meehan as the new TPO Chairwoman. Ms. Meehan was elected at the February TPO Governing Board meeting. We thank Jerry Allender for his years of service as the Chairman. Jerry will continue to serve on the TPO Board representing the Canaveral Port Authority.