



**Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Technical Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee**

Florida Department of Health
2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida
Bill Posey Conference Room

Meeting Date: September 6, 2016

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees
2. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2016
3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Actions
4. Bicycle Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)
5. Regional Coordination Report
6. Adoption RE: Central Florida MPO Alliance 2017 Regional Project Priorities
7. Adoption RE: 2017 Transportation Project Priorities
8. Appointment to General Planning Consultant Selection Committee
9. Update RE: Viera Boulevard Interchange
10. Staff Report
11. Local Government Report
12. Florida Department of Transportation Report
13. Public Comment
14. Adjourn

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Conroy Jacobs	Brevard County Planning & Development
Erin Sterk (alt)	Brevard County Planning & Development
Devin Swanson	Brevard County Public Works
David Lindemann	Brevard County School Board
Ed Wegerif	City of Cocoa
Bob Torres	City of Cocoa Beach
Scott Nickle	City of Indian Harbour Beach
Todd Corwin (alt)	City of Melbourne
Stuart Buchanan	City of Palm Bay
Michael Jarusiewicz (alt)	City of Rockledge
Kwabena Ofosu	City of Titusville
Scott Morgan	City of West Melbourne
Cliff Graham	Melbourne Airport Authority
Jim Liesenfelt	Space Coast Area Transit
Steve Szabo	Space Florida
Christopher Chinault	Town of Indialantic
Don Krieger	Town of Malabar
Dona Wayman	Van Pool Services, Inc.
Janna Taylor	Florida Department of Transportation (non-voting)

Citizens Advisory Committee Members Present:

Bob Klaproth	City of Melbourne
Jim Brown	City of Melbourne
Howard Ralls	City of Melbourne
Philip Weinberg	City of Palm Bay
Pete Petyk	City of Titusville
Sandra Michelson	City of West Melbourne
Rodney Honeycutt	BOCC District 1
Bob Baugher	BOCC District 2
Tony Sasso	BOCC District 2
George Bovell	BOCC District 4

Francis Clifford
Leeanne Saylor
John Price

BOCC District 4
BOCC District 5
North Beaches Coalition

Others Present:

Mark Owen
Georganna Gillette
Sarah Kraum
Kellie Smith
Christine Bacomo
Lisa Hickman
Laura Carter
Tuck Ferrell
Elia Twigg
Carol Holden

Transystems, Inc.
Space Coast TPO Staff
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Florida Department of Transportation
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Friends of the Parkway
Target Engineering Group
Space Coast TPO Staff

Item 1. Call to Order

TAC Chairman, Scott Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2016

TAC motion by Mr. Krieger, second by Mr. Swanson, to adopt the amended meeting minutes of July 11, 2016.

CAC motion by Ms. Michelson, second by Mr. Baugher, to concur with the TAC motion.

Hearing no objections, the CAC motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Actions

Ms. Gillette reported the actions taken at the July 14, 2016 TPO Board meeting are summarized in the TAC/CAC agenda package and include:

- Adopted the FY 17 Transportation Improvement Program
- Adopted the 2017 Strategic Highway System Project Priorities
- Adopted the FY 17 SU Funding Direction
- Adopted a motion to concur with the City of Rockledge's requested changes to the Fiske Blvd. Corridor Study

CAC – Mr. Petyk requested a presentation on the attributes of using roundabouts.

Ms. Gillette responded FDOT will be providing a roundabout presentation later this year.

TAC – Mr. Chinault requested FDOT provide locations of existing effective roundabouts so members can visit them.

CAC – Mr. Sasso stated engineers are well aware of the attributes of roundabouts, but the public and elected officials need to be informed.

Item 4. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

Ms. Gillette reported the BPTAC met on July 18 to discuss bicycle/pedestrian project applications for potential TA funds. John Rodes Blvd. sidewalk design and construction from Eau Gallie to Aurora Road and a sidewalk connection feasibility study at Grissom and Fay Blvd. in Port St. John scored highest in prioritization. Sun Trail funding for SR 3 alignment from SR 528 to federal land is eligible for Tier III funding. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th. Walk to School Day is October 5th this year.

Item 5. Regional Coordination Report

Ms. Gillette provided the complete list of regional prioritized projects to be discussed in Item 6.

Item 6. Adoption RE: Central Florida MPO Alliance 2017 Regional Project Priorities

Ms. Gillette summarized the complete list of project priorities including regional projects and stated the list would be forwarded to the Central Florida MPO Alliance upon adoption. Tier 1 funding includes the Coast to Coast Connector Trail project and Tier 2 funding includes the St. Johns River to Sea Loop. Both projects are fully

funded through construction.

TAC motion by Mr. Graham, second by Mr. Chinault, to adopt the Central Florida MPO Alliance 2017 Regional Project Priorities.

CAC motion by Mr. Sasso, second by Mr. Weinberg, to concur with the TAC motion.

Hearing no objections, the CAC motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Adoption RE: 2017 Transportation Project Priorities

Ms. Gillette summarized the regionally significant project priorities.

TAC – Mr. Buchanan requested changing Non-SIS project # 9, Malabar Road, from Palm Bay Parkway to St Johns Heritage Parkway and adding right of way acquisition to the project.

Ms. Gillette responded the changes would be made.

CAC – Mr. Petyk asked if Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) capabilities would be incorporated into the new projects.

Ms. Gillette replied yes, ITS capabilities will be incorporated into the project designs.

TAC – Ms. Sterk asked for clarification on regional trail project prioritization.

Ms. Gillette expounded on the functional classification network prioritization process.

TAC motion by Mr. Buchanan, second by Ms. Sterk, to adopt the 2017 Transportation Project Priorities.

CAC motion by Ms. Michelson, second by Mr. Price, to concur with the TAC motion.

Hearing no objections, the CAC motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. Appointment to General Planning Consultant Selection Committee

Ms. Carter stated the in-house general planning consultant contract is expiring in March, 2017. A General Planning Consultant Selection Committee is being established to select new in-house consultants. Ms. Carter state the committee will consist of one TPO Board member, two TAC members, one CAC member, and the TPO Executive Director. She then asked for committee volunteers.

TAC volunteers – Stuart Buchanan, City of Palm Bay and Jim Liesenfelt, Space Coast Area Transit

CAC volunteer – Pete Petyk, City of Titusville

TAC motion by Mr. Swanson, second by Ms. Wayman, to appoint Stuart Buchanan and Jim Liesenfelt to the General Planning Consultant Selection Committee.

CAC motion by Ms. Saylor, second by Mr. Weinberg, to appoint Pete Petyk to the General Planning Consultant Selection Committee.

Hearing no objections, the CAC motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 9. Update RE: Viera Boulevard Interchange

Mr. Mark Owen, Transystems, Inc., provided a presentation on the status of the Viera Boulevard Interchange. The project goals are to provide a new interchange at Viera and I-95, relieve traffic congestion on Wickham Road and Fiske Blvd., and implement a Federal Highway Administration approved diverging diamond interchange concept. The Public Workshop is scheduled for October 13th. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2017 and is anticipated to take 14-16 months to complete with a cost estimate of \$14 million.

TAC – Ms. Sterk inquired if landscaping and maintenance has been addressed for this project.

Ms. Christine Bacomo responded landscaping isn't part of the project. The County owns the roadway and can apply for landscaping grant monies.

Mr. Owen stated a landscape opportunity plan was developed and would be shared with the County.

Item 10. Staff Report

Ms. Gillette reported an updated strategic plan is included in the package. The TPO is hosting the October 6th Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee (MPOAC) meeting, including presentations by Mark Bontrager (Space Florida) and Rusty Roberts (All Aboard Florida) as well as a tour of Kennedy Space Center.

Ms. Saylor requested an email invitation be sent out to members.

Ms. Gillette replied an invitation would be sent out to members.

CAC – Mr. Petyk asked if a letter was submitted to the County Manager from the TPO regarding Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) funding.

Ms. Gillette responded yes, Mr. Kamm sent a letter requesting additional funding for SCAT. The letter is included in Item 11.

CAC – Ms. Saylor requested the ridership and schedule studies that were performed.

TAC – Mr. Liesenfelt stated new fixed route and para-transit route studies will be conducted in October/November.

CAC – Ms. Saylor suggested looking at ridership study statistics to signify where more funding is needed.

CAC – Mr. Petyk indicated statistics can prove misleading in that if a particular route is desired but not available, the study would not reveal the need.

TAC – Ms. Sterk suggested discussing whether the TPO Board and or local municipalities might allocate additional funding for SCAT as well as other modes of travel.

Ms. Gillette explained the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) is a mandated committee of the TPO under the Board of County Commissioners and is requesting funds to maintain and expand their services.

TAC – Mr. Morgan requested a presentation from Mr. Liesenfelt on both nationwide and local transit funding.

TAC – Ms. Sterk proposed it would be more appropriate for TPO staff to provide an expenditure analysis.

Ms. Gillette stated TPO SU funds cannot be used for SCAT operations.

TAC – Ms. Sterk responded DDR money can be used for SCAT operations, and perhaps other funding resources are available that haven't yet been explored.

Ms. Gillette responded she would discuss the matter with Mr. Kamm.

CAC – Mr. Petyk asserted transit's importance and urged the exploration of avenues for additional funding.

TAC – Mr. Liesenfelt stated the TDLCB funding request did focus on the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The BOCC will vote next week on raising local funding by nearly 10% which will allow every route to have Saturday service.

CAC – Ms. Saylor asked for a project update on NASA Blvd.

Ms. Janna Taylor, FDOT Liaison, stated she would look into it.

TAC – Mr. Graham stated the project is expected to finish in October or perhaps November. FDOT is experimenting with a different surfacing method on the east bound lanes.

Item 11. Local Government Report

TAC – Mr. Wegerif stated the City of Cocoa would like to thank FDOT for finishing the US 1 project.

TAC – Mr. Buchanan stated the City of Palm Bay is working closely with FDOT on the St Johns Heritage Parkway extension from the new interchange to Babcock Street. The City of Palm Bay expects to award a contractor in early January.

Item 12. Florida Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, introduced the new Space Coast TPO Liaison, Janna Taylor, and provided an update on current projects in Brevard County.

Item 13. Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.