



Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board Meeting

Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida
Florida Room, Building C, 3rd Floor

Meeting Date: February 13, 2020

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

1. **Call to Order of the SCTPO Governing Board and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Reports**
 - A. Executive Director's Report
 - B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
 - C. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Report
 - D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Committee
 - E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval RE: SCTPO Governing Board Minutes – December 12, 2020
 - B. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
 - C. Approval RE: Transit Asset Management Plan
 - D. Finance and Budget
 - E. Approval RE: First Amendment to Restated Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Report
 - F. Approval RE: Resolution 20-10, SCTPO Safety performance Measures and Targets
5. **Presentations**
 - A. 2020 Census, Counting Every Resident
 - B. US 1 Corridor Planning Study – FDOT
 - C. SR A1A Pedestrian Safety
6. **Adjourn**

Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Board Members:

Commissioner Jerry Allender	Canaveral Port Authority		Present
Council Member Paul Alfrey	City of Melbourne	Absent	
Deputy Mayor Brian Anderson	City of Palm Bay		Present
Council Member Jeff Bailey	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Vice Chair Frank Forester	City of Rockledge		Present
Commissioner Kristine Isnardi	BOCC District 5		Present
Council Member Kenny Johnson	City of Palm Bay		Present

Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Board Members (continued):

Mayor Walt Johnson	City of Titusville	Present
Council Member Robert Jordan	City of Titusville	Present
Commissioner Bryan Lober	BOCC District 2	Present
Chair Kathy Meehan	City of Melbourne	Present
Council Member Yvonne Minus	City of Melbourne	Present
Council Member James Nolan	South Beaches Coalition	Present
Commissioner Rita Pritchett	BOCC District 1	Absent
Commissioner Curt Smith	BOCC District 4	Present
Commissioner John Tobia	BOCC District 3	Absent
Mayor Jake Williams, Jr.	City of Cocoa	Present
Commissioner Skip Williams	North Beaches Coalition	Absent
Council Member Andrea Young	City of West Melbourne	Present
Council Member Lorraine Koss (ALT)	City of Cocoa	Present

Non-Voting, Advisor:

Jamie Kersey	Florida Department of Transportation	Present
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel	Present
Georganna Gillette	SCTPO Executive Director	Present

Others Present:

Lisa Hickman	Space Coast TPO staff
Steven Bostel	Space Coast TPO staff
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO staff
Chelsea Forgenie	Space Coast TPO staff
Laura Carter	Space Coast TPO staff
Abby Hemenway	Space Coast TPO staff
Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO staff
Sarah Kraum	Space Coast TPO staff
Veronica Narvaez-Lugo	Canaveral Port Authority
Travis Hills	Kittelson
Terry Jordan	Space Coast Area Transit
Siaosi Fine	Turnpike
Scott Nelson	SCAT
Joel W. Bassett	Citizen
Kenneth A. Liles	Main Street Cocoa Beach
Jesse Blouin	Inwood
Gary Huttman	MetroPlan Orlando
Drew Melville	Melville Law, P.A.
Pat Woodard	District 4
Loreen Bobo	FDOT
Liz Alward	Satellite Beach
Mo Hassan	FDOT

Ennis Davis	FDOT
Heather Garcia	FDOT
Jessica Ottaviano	FDOT
Mel Scott	Atkins
Adrienne Cronebaugh	Senator Mayfield Office
Scott Nickle	City of Indian Harbour Beach
Courtney Barker	City of Satellite Beach
Frank Catino	City of Satellite Beach
David Wilkison	DRMP, Inc
Mark Ryan	City of Indian Harbour Beach
Scott Ellis	Brevard County Clerk
Craig Wallace	Citizen, Satellite Beach
Emily Brown	CFX

Agenda Items:

Item 1. Call to Order of the Space Coast TPO Governing Board and Pledge of Allegiance

SCTPO Governing Board Chair, Kathy Meehan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

Reports:

Item 3.A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Georganna Gillette, Executive Director – Space Coast TPO, reviewed/updated on the following items:

- MPOAC Legislative Newsletter, January 2020
 - SB 1000 and HB 1371-pedestrian crosswalks bill
 - Whit Blanton, Executive Director-Forward Pinellas letter to Representative Randy Fine
- SCTPO 2020 Member Orientation Summary Report
- Governing Board FY 2020-2022 Strategic Plan Progress Report
- SCTPO Member Retreat, April 24, 2020, Center for Collaboration, 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Ms. Kim Smith, Education and Safety Coordinator-SCTPO presented the Serious Injury and Fatalities Crash Report data from January 2019 thru December 2019 and gave a brief update on the Vision Zero Task Force.

Mr. Steven Bostel, Transportation Program Manager-Space Coast TPO presented the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Choices Survey. The survey is now open and asked

everyone to participate and share the survey link with their organizations, agencies and municipalities. Long Range Transportation Plan Public meeting dates:

- February 11, 2020, 4:30-6:00 pm - Cocoa City Hall
- February 18, 2020, 4:30-6:00 pm - Satellite Beach City Hall
- February 19, 2020, 4:30-6:00 pm - Veteran's Memorial Complex, West Melbourne

Item 3.B. Technical Advisory and Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Gillette summarized the TAC/CAC action items from the February 10, 2020 meeting to include:

- Approved Consent Agenda:
 - TAC/CAC Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2019
 - Transit Asset Management Plan

Ms. Gillette also stated the TAC/CAC heard the presentation, SR A1A Pedestrian Safety and there were no negative comments and the committee felt the presentation cleared up some misconceptions.

Motion by Commissioner Lober, second by Ms. Minus, to acknowledge receipt of the TAC/CAC Draft Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2019 and the 2019 Attendance record.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3.C. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

Ms. Sarah Kraum, Multi Modal Program Specialist – SCTPO, gave a brief update on the BPTAC:

- BPTAC meeting was held on January 27, 2020
 - Election of BPTAC 2020 Officers: Chair, Alix Bernard and Vice Chair, Angelika Keene
 - Adopted the 2020 BPTAC Action Plan
 - Approved 2019 BPTAC Award Nominations
 - Approved the Regional Indian River/Brevard Trail Map
- Gator Bots Team, FIRST Lego League Robotics Team, presented a brief overview of their pedestrian safety project of artificial intelligent cameras utilizing machine learning
- The Trail Trifecta in Titusville:
 - March 18, 2020: Florida Bicycle Tourism Conference
 - March 19, 2020: St. Johns River to Sea Loop Summit
 - March 21, 2020: Gear Up, Ride It Down Bike Ride
- Next BPTAC meeting will be a walking workshop on Hickory Street, March 30, 2020

Item 3.D. Transportation Disadvantage Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Committee

Mr. Scott Nelson, Transit Services Director-Space Coast Area Transit gave a brief update on the actions taken at the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Committee on January 27, 2020.

- Welcomed new Chair, Andrea Young

- Received one new bus and several others will be delivered within the next few months, including 2 new beach trolleys
- Fourteen new bus shelters
- In contract negotiations with ETA Transit for the ITS bus project
- Received Presentation on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Commissioner Lober stated Merritt Island Redevelopment Association (MIRA) donated a substantial amount of money to help offset the cost of 4 new bus shelters in Merritt Island.

Mr. Jordan asked how SCAT determines where the bus shelters are placed.

Mr. Nelson stated they use ridership numbers, bus driver input, staff recommendations and they work with municipalities for bus shelter locations within the city.

Mr. Jordan suggested a better process for obtaining new bus shelters to make it fair and for municipalities to understand how the process works.

Mr. Nelson acknowledged Mr. Jordan's suggestion.

Mr. Jordan asked for an approximate cost of a bus shelter.

Mr. Nelson stated each bus shelter is \$6,000.00. The project cost, however, for design, permitting and land development, can be as much as \$30,000.00 per bus shelter location.

Item 3.E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Ms. Jamie Kersey, SCTPO Liaison – FDOT District 5 presented and updated on the following:

- January 24, 2020 – Project Status Report
- US 1 Corridor Planning Study meeting, City of Rockledge, February 12, 2020

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Gillette read aloud the consent agenda:

Item 4.A. Approval RE: TPO Board Minutes – December 12, 2019

Item 4.B. Approval RE: Committee Appointments

Item 4.C. Approval RE: Transit Asset Management Plan

Item 4.D. Finance and Budget

Item 4.E. Approval RE: First Amendment to Restated Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Transportation Planning Organization

Item 4.F. Approval RE: Resolution 20-10, SCTPO Safety Performance Measures and Targets

Commissioner Lober requested Item 4.C. Transit Asset Management to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a brief summary by staff.

***Motion by Commissioner Lober, second by Mr. Jordan, to approve the consent agenda except for Item 4.C. Transit Asset Management Plan.
Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Kraum and Mr. Nelson provided a brief summary of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. These plans provide an inventory of assets, their condition, capital investment strategies and a prioritized list of projects or programs to manage the transit system.

Motion by Commissioner Lober, second by Mr. Jake Williams, to approve Item 4.C. of the consent agenda.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Item 5.A. 2020 Census, Counting Every Resident

Ms. Channa Lloyd, Partnership Specialist-U.S. Department of Commerce presented on the 2020 Census and the importance of obtaining a correct count. \$400 Billion Dollars a year is distributed using census numbers for health, education, housing, transportation, economic development and other essential areas.

Mr. Williams asked for the rate of pay and hours required for Census workers.

Ms. Lloyd stated \$18.00 and up and the hours are flexible due to a 24-hour schedule.

Mr. Jordan asked what positions are available

Ms. Lloyd stated numerators, clerical staff, IT, and recruiting.

Item 5.B. US 1 Corridor Planning Study

Mr. Jesse Blouin, Planning and PD&E Project Manager – Inwood Consulting Engineers provided an overview of the US 1 Corridor Planning Study to evaluate short- and long-term transportation improvement to the approximately nine-mile section of US 1 from Pineda Causeway to Park Avenue in Brevard County.

Item 5.C. SR A1A Pedestrian Safety

Ms. Gillette summarized the history of the midblock pedestrian crosswalks in Satellite Beach.

Ms. Gillette stated that over the years, residents along A1A have desired more pedestrian crossings to provide safer connectivity to the beach, parks and shopping areas. In 2014, FDOT began the design for resurfacing of A1A from Pineda Cswy to US 192. In this effort, FDOT worked closely with TPO staff and local municipalities to understand the vision and address any issues along the corridor. The mid-block crosswalks were designed and installed through extensive local agency coordination and focused pedestrian studies.

Ms. Loreen Bobo, Director of Transportation Development – FDOT reviewed the safety improvements that are in place and future improvements on A1A in Satellite Beach. The current safety improvements include: sixteen Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) installed; and intersection and crosswalk lighting at all RRFB locations. Proposed improvements include: advanced Flashing Warning Signs (warning drivers they are entering a pedestrian area and to be looking for pedestrians wanting to cross the roadway; Gateway

Signs, approximately three-foot high signs, a total of six to be installed at each RRFB (3 in each direction), Updated Detector Signs (instructions for the pedestrian), and a Speed Management Program (reducing the speed to 35 mph).

Mr. Jordan asked if the proposed legislation passed, requiring the RRFBs to be removed, would the rectangular signs be removed as well, leaving only the crosswalks.

Ms. Bobo stated the gateway sign could stay but, the flashing lights would not.

Mr. Johnson stated he has written a letter to Jared Perdue, Interim Secretary, District Five, FDOT requesting FDOT to re-evaluate and replace the RRFB crosswalk located at the intersection of US1 North and Julia Street with a traffic light.

Ms. Bobo stated they have been reviewing that area since they received the letter in January. She would like to meet with Mayor Johnson and review what can be done at that intersection.

Commissioner Lober asked for a timeline for the improvements mentioned.

Ms. Bobo stated they need to prepare the work order, procure the materials, and the units need to be made. This could be done by summer, it should take months not years.

Ms. Minus asked about the reduced speed limit and why the HAWK isn't being used.

Ms. Bobo stated the distance it takes the driver to break at 35 mph is much shorter than at 45 mph. In order to install a HAWK system there are a number of requirements that need to be met. These areas may or may not meet the requirements.

Mr. Frank Catino, Mayor of Satellite Beach summarized the need for the mid-block crossings on A1A and the continuous requests from their community for lower speed limits and safe crossings. Satellite Beach is unique with sixteen public beach access points along A1A.

Ms. Courtney Barker, City Manager-Satellite Beach presented the enforcement and education related to "Crosswalk Safety". The City of Satellite Beach Council approved adding two new police officer positions for enforcement. The city will be utilizing their Youth Council among other education activities.

Mr. Forester asked for the number of fatalities not in a crosswalk and asked for further explanation on the HAWK system.

Ms. Barker stated there have been five fatalities on A1A between Pineda and 192 in the past five years, three of them in Satellite Beach. All five fatalities were not at an intersection or at a crosswalk. Ms. Barker stated the HAWK system wouldn't be ideal since there is a crosswalk about every block to reach the beach access. The HAWK system is a red light and traffic would have to stop at every block and it would affect traffic flow and likely increase driver frustration. When planning a multi-use road, a balance for all users is what we strive for.

Ms. Isnardi stated that she understands the need for the crosswalks and the desire for beach access, however every precaution should be taken to ensure that the crosswalks are safe for pedestrians. Many drivers that travel the corridor don't live in those communities. Implementing the Hawks to have red lights is a better choice even if it means that there would not be as many crosswalks.

Mr. Johnson asked if the yellow bulbs could be changed to red bulbs.

Ms. Bobo stated the RRFB's, which are off to the side of the road, and HAWK systems are over-head, are two different assemblies and changing the color bulb on the RRFB would not be following the national standard.

Ms. Smith gave a brief overview of the Space Coast TPO Education efforts. RRFB Pop-Up Education Events, Family-friendly Community Chat, Safe Walking for Life Workshop, Partnership with Brevard Public Schools -RRFB flyers and news features.

Ms. Bobo presented the FDOT Education Efforts, Pop-Up Events, temporary signs at crossings, mailed flyers and Public Service Announcements (PSA)-Alert Today. Ms. Bobo also discussed the considerations for long-term improvements, overall vision for SR A1A corridor, complete streets collaboration, workshop to be scheduled in early spring and HAWK system evaluation.

Ms. Meehan asked what the next step would be to get the speed limit lowered by 10 mph.

Ms. Bobo stated FDOT is committed to getting the speed lowered and are working with the City of Satellite Beach on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the enforcement. FDOT will be working with the other municipalities as well. They are looking at the appropriate limits for speed drops and although there is not a specific date yet, they will keep the SCTPO Executive Director up to date.

Public Comment:

Joel M. Bassett, 2465 S. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 – spoke about his property in unincorporated Brevard County between the south Cocoa Beach City limits and north of Patrick Air Force Base. They do not have crosswalks or traffic lights to assist pedestrians to cross A1A and vehicle traffic does speed through this area. He would like to see the speed limit lowered to 35 mph from Cocoa Beach to Patrick Airforce Base and the County Sheriff to make the effort to enforce the speed limit.

Commissioner Lober stated he will talk to Dan Singleton who is the Commander for that area and see what they can do.

Ken Liles, 2850 S. Atlantic Ave. #208, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 – spoke about living in unincorporated Brevard County and concerned about the excessive speeding vehicles. He requests the speed limit to be lowered to 35 mph in this area for the safety.

Drew Melville, 308 West Arlington St., Satellite Beach, FL 32937 – spoke about living in South Patrick Shores and agrees with the lower speed limit and switching out some of the RRFBs to HAWK systems. The intersections of A1A and Berkley as well as Shearwater leave pedestrians contending with left turning vehicles. He would like to have all intersections have the same signal improvements as Pinetree and A1A which gives pedestrians their own light to walk and all other traffic lanes must stop.

Adjournment:

Item 8. Adjourn

Ms. Meehan announced the next Governing Board Meeting, March 12, 2020 in the Florida Room at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing no further discussion, Ms. Meehan adjourned the Space Coast TPO Governing Board meeting at 3:42 p.m.