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**SPACE COAST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 10TH, 2011 MEETING MINUTES
 BREVARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
 2725 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY
 BLDG. C, 3RD FLOOR, FLORIDA ROOM
 MELBOURNE, FLORIDA**

TPO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Anderson	BOCC District 5
Commissioner Bolin	BOCC District 4
Councilwoman Kathleen Burson	City of Titusville
Councilwoman Stephany Eley	City of West Melbourne
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay
Councilman Mark LaRusso	City of Melbourne
Councilwoman Kathleen Meehan	City of Melbourne
Commissioner Chuck Nelson	BOCC District 2
Councilman Mike Nowlin	City of Melbourne
Councilwoman Michele Paccione	City of Palm Bay
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville

TPO MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman William Higginson	South Beaches Coalition
Mayor Rocky Randels	North Beaches Coalition
Mayor Larry Schultz	City of Rockledge
Councilman Jake Williams	City of Cocoa

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steven Bostel	Bostel Consulting
Barry Brown	City of Cape Canaveral
John Porter	A1A Coalition
Tony Sasso	A1A Coalition
William 'Tuck' Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway
Lisa Frazier	Kimley Horn & Associates

OTHERS PRESENT (CONTINUED):

Sue Hann	TAC/Palm Bay
Tres Holton	Senator Altman's Office
Greg Kern	RS&H
Jim Liesenfelt	SCAT
Linda Mannier	BOCC District 3
George Lovett	FDOT
Susan Sadighi	FDOT
Lorena Valencia	FDOT
Bob Kamm	SCTPO Staff Director
Paul Gougelman	SCTPO Attorney
Kim Smith	SCTPO Staff
Laura Carter	SCTPO Staff
Diana McCartney	SCTPO Staff
Sue Colas	SCTPO Staff (Spherion)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Kathleen Meehan called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Mary Bolin, second by Mayor Jim Tulley to approve the minutes of the December 9th, 2010 meeting Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

3A. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE/CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Hann reported that the TAC/CAC endorsed and recommended approval of Work Order 11-06K for the State of System Report.

Ms. Hann stated that the committee's also spent some time discussing Resolution 11-17 Endorsement of Programming Actions and recommended you to approve as amended.

Ms. Hann stated that the TAC/CAC also recommended creation of a working group of municipal, county, TPO and FDOT staff to work on establishing a priority list through a process that works for everybody.

3B. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Smith informed members that the next BPTAC meeting will be Monday, February 21st.

Ms. Smith reported that advertising for the website Feet Not Fuel.com started January 31st. There will be almost 700 spots airing on the Disney channel, Nickelodeon, Toon and other cable channel orientation toward young audiences.

Ms. Smith stated that through the Safe Routes to School Program, three schools Sable Elementary (Melbourne), Surfside Elementary (Satellite Beach), and Ralph Williams Elementary (Viera) will be receiving bike racks.

Ms. Smith reported on two recent trainings. One was held January 20th, the Student Health and Safety Development Workshop. There were 26 attendees including PE teachers, administrators, and District 5 Bike/Ped coordinators. The focus was on childhood obesity and how walking to school keeps children active.

Ms. Smith continued by stating that the second event, a teacher training, took place on February 4th. There were 16 physical education teachers trained in the bike/ped curriculums, and they now will be able to utilize the TPO's bike/ped trailers and conduct education programs at their schools.

Ms. Smith concluded by advising the members that they will be getting a presentation on the FeetNotFuel.com website at the March meeting.

Mr. Kamm then took a moment to commended Ms. Smith for her work with the Brevard County School Board's re-accreditation committee.

3C. CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO ALLIANCE AND MPOAC REPORT

Mr. Kamm reported on the Central Florida MPO actions taken at their January 14th 2011 meeting and the MPOAC meeting on January 27, 2011.

Mr. Kamm stated that the US DOT, HUD and EPA have embarked on a program concerning community livability. On the transportation side this involves transit, sidewalk availability, and so on. The Complete Streets Program has elements of the livability program.

Mr. Kamm then informed members that there will be a Livability in Transportation Peer Exchange at the end of March to discuss best practices, share ideas and concepts, and identify issues that need to be resolved. It will be held at the Disney Entrepreneur Center on March 29-30 in Orlando.

Mr. Kamm stated that at the Central Florida Alliance there were reports from five transit operators from Central Florida about their financial condition. All five of the transit operators, including Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) are all facing some level of deficit beginning this year and in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Kamm stated that another initiative that Federal Highway is beginning is called Every Day Counts. Federal Highway and other partners will be looking systematically at ways to streamline the processes to expedite product delivery. This could change the permitting and reviews process that have to take place.

Mayor Tulley stated that the MPOAC went through legislative priorities including support for space policies.

Mr. Kamm then stated that the MPOAC, whose attorney is also Mr. Gougelman, is drafting a model staff services agreement that other MPO's and TPO's across the State could use to modify their relationship with their host government. Mr. Gougelman is using our agreement as the template.

Motion by Councilwoman Eley second by Councilwoman Paccione to be in receipt of the TAC/CAC report, the MPO Alliance and MPOAC report, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee Report.

Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

3D. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD REPORT

Mr. Liesenfelt reported that the State of Florida has a Transportation Disadvantaged Funding Program which has two requirements for each county. One is a local coordinating board, which is an advisory board for the program, and each County must have a Community Transportation Coordinator or CTC. The local coordinating board is a committee of the TPO or the regional planning council. For Brevard, Space Coast Transit staffs the committee and we are also the CTC.

Mr. Liesenfelt stated that in December there were two actions taken. One is the Volunteers in Motion Program is funded through Community Care for the Elderly. A legislative decision in Tallahassee was made declaring these funds no longer eligible for transportation and the board has given permission to talk to the Department of Elder Affairs to see if we can change this decision.

Mr. Liesenfelt concluded by stating that their second action was to begin the process to re-appoint CTC appointees which must be done every five to six years.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4A. APPROVAL RE: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Andy Anderson stated that at the County's Board meeting, Mr. Milo Zonka was appointed to replace Ms. Hernandez and requested that this be included in the committee appointments.

4B. APPROVAL: RE: FINANCE AND BUDGET

4C. APPROVAL RE: WORK ORDER 11-06K, 2010 STATE OF THE SYSTEM

Motion by Commissioner Bolin, second by Commissioner Anderson to approve the consent items 4A, 4B and 4C, as amended. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

5A. APPROVAL RESOLUTION 11-17, RE: ENDORSEMENT OF PROGRAMMING ACTIONS

Mr. Kamm stated that the City of Palm Bay has requested that the TPO consider a Resolution to endorse the programming actions in the FDOT's Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Kamm went on to state that since the TPO's meeting in December, project amounts and allocations have changed. The information in the agenda packet is a request for the TPO, by resolution, to endorse these programming actions, which include a number of projects that are funded with SU funds.

Of particular note were: *Apollo Blvd Extension* – Actions were taken to rearrange funds to allow the extension project to advance to FY 2015.

Space Florida - Central office programmed \$15 million, which is the first time funding has been given to Space Florida.

St. Johns Heritage Parkway - Allocations from Malabar to Ellis for the Parkway. The first segment is within Palm Bay city limits, and the second is outside the city limits. \$9 million is programmed for this project. Last year City of Palm Bay received a \$4 million grant from the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, which is for roadway construction and \$2.5 million of local funds from impact fees will be used. The city has a total budget of \$6.5 million to begin construction.

Mr. Kamm explained that City of Palm Bay would like construct all of the Malabar to Emerson section as they already have plans, permits and right-of-way. From Malabar to Emerson is about 3 miles plus the connector roads. The total cost of the project is \$11 million. So \$4.5 million in TPO funds have been programmed on the Parkway to fill in the gap between the Cities \$6.5 million and the total \$11 million needed. The Parkway now has funding for construction for the entire Malabar to Emerson segment.

Mr. Kamm stated that the other portion, on the county side, is to augment the continuing right of way acquisition. The county portion is longer than that which is in Palm Bay so there is more right-of-way to acquire. The \$4.5 million will be provided to assist the county in right-of-way acquisition.

Mr. Kamm stated that there is an understanding between the TPO and City of Palm Bay Senior staff that if the bid comes in low, any freed-up Federal funds will be transferred to the County portion but will stay on the Parkway.

Motion by Councilwoman Stephany Eley, second by Councilwoman Michele Paccione to approve Resolution 11-17, RE: Endorsement of Programming Actions. The motion was approved unanimously.

6A. ELECTION OF 2011 SCTPO OFFICERS

Mr. Gougelman explained that he spoke with Mayor Schultz and Mr. Schultz indicated that if it is the pleasure of the Board, he would be interested in serving for another year. Mr. Gougelman opened up nominations for TPO Chairman and noted that under Robert's Rules of Order, nominations do not require a second.

Commissioner Andy Anderson moved to nominate Mayor Larry Schultz as Chairman. There being no other nominations, the motion was accepted and nominations were closed.

Motion by Councilman LaRusso, and seconded by Councilwoman Eley to elect Mayor Larry Schultz as Chairman by acclamation. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gougelman stated that he has talked with Councilwoman Meehan, and she indicated she would be interested in serving as Vice-Chairman.

Councilwoman Paccione moved to nominate Councilwoman Meehan as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, the motion was accepted and nominations were closed.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Councilwoman Eley that Councilwoman Meehan be elected as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gougelman then asked for nominees for Secretary, explaining that they must be a member of the governing board.

Commissioner Bolin moved to nominate Councilwoman Stephany Eley as Secretary.

Commissioner Infantini moved to nominate Commissioner Chuck Nelson.

Commissioner Nelson respectfully declined the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the motion was accepted and nominations were closed.

Motion by Councilwoman Paccione, and seconded by Commissioner Anderson that Councilwoman Eley be elected as Secretary by acclamation. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gougelman explained that in the past Mr. Kamm has been appointed as Assistant Secretary. Under the TPO rules, the Assistant Secretary does not have to be a member of the governing board. The purpose in appointment Mr. Kamm was to have someone available if something had to be attested to.

Motion by Commissioner Bolin, and seconded by Mayor Tulley to reappoint Mr. Kamm as Assistant Secretary. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gougelman stated that there are two TPO Executive Committee at large member positions. The first position is currently held by Commissioner Nelson and the second position is held by Mayor Randels

Mayor Tulley moved to nominate Commissioner Nelson for the first at large seat on the TPO Executive Committee. There being no other nominations, the motion was accepted and nominations were closed.

Motion by Councilman LaRusso, and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to elect Commissioner Nelson to the Executive Committee by acclamation. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved to nominate Mayor Randels for the second at large seat on the TPO Executive Committee. There being no other nominations, the motion was accepted and nominations were closed.

Motion by Councilman LaRusso, second by Commissioner Anderson to elect Mayor Randels to the Executive Committee by acclamation Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

6B. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mr. Bob Kamm reported that Governor Scott has appointed transition teams and Mr. Doug Callaway was appointed Chairman of the transition team for transportation.

Mr. Kamm stated that they received many applicants for FDOT Secretary which will be narrowed down to three candidates and submitted to the Governor. Stephanie Kopelousos will stay on until another Transportation Secretary is selected.

Mr. Kamm continued by saying that the Governor's budget for transportation looks pretty good. According to reports, there is a \$3.5 to 4 billion deficit that needs to be made up.

Mr. Kamm stated that of special local interest is the Growth Management Act. Senate Bill 360 passed two years ago and has faced many court challenges. One in particular was it violated the single subject rule. The Bill has now been split into three separate bills.

Mr. Kamm then stated that there is a new congress in Washington DC. One of their first actions was to take away the guarantee to have multi-year funding. The Transportation Department has had multi-year funding since 1998.

Mr. Kamm stated that this leaves uncertainty since the House originates all money bills. Some say it allows the House to raid the Federal trust fund and use it on other projects. The House promised a cut of \$100 billion in spending. So there were fears that money would be diverted from the trust fund. Representative Mica, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, has assured it will not happen. However the new Congress promised their constituency they would balance the budget.

Ms. Holt stated that there is a quote by Senator Fasano saying that the Governor's budget takes \$200 million from the trust fund. However, there is general consensus that the full work program for this year and next year is funded.

Ms. Holt went on to state that the Governor's budget is very vague on the comprehensive rail network. At this point we do believe the \$118 million for the Flagler line from Jacksonville to Miami is still in the budget.

Ms. Holt explained that the Space Florida budget, while it is being reported that it has been cut does not explain that part of the \$31 million from last year was infrastructure money from the Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT has put \$15 million in the work program for space projects, and that does not show up as a separate appropriation.

Ms. Holt reported that the Kennedy Space Center Sea Loop Trail has funding in the work program for PD&E.

Councilman Greene asked if the \$15 million is recurring for Space Florida. Ms. Holt replied that it is only for one year, and is for a specific project, a launch complex.

Mayor Tulley stated he noticed funding for the Loop Trail shows \$450,000 for PD&E but it says from State Road 406 to Maytown Road.

Mr. Kamm explained that the Sea Loop Trail PD&E is for the alignment that would go over the bridge, onto Federal property and into Volusia County. SR406 is Brewer Bridge and Maytown Road was identified as the connection back to the Rail Trail.

7A. ORLANDO-ORANGE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, SR528 UPDATE, OOCEA STAFF

Mr. Snyder stated that in response to calls from Brevard County and at the request of TPO staff, this presentation is to provide a status on activities occurring on the SR Beachline.

Mr. Snyder explained that along the Beachline, there are actually three jurisdictions. The Expressway Authority operates 23 miles from McCoy to SR 520, the FDOT owns 9 miles from SR 520 east to the coast, and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise owns 8 miles from I-4 to south of McCoy Rd.

Mr. Snyder stated that there is a toll inequity at the east end of the Beachline. Those who get off the expressway at Monument pay more per mile traveled than those who continue west. The unequal tolls are being alleviated through the split of the toll booths at the Dallas Plaza so everyone pays the same per lane mile.

Mr. Snyder then explained that they have an upcoming project at the airport express lane plaza. It will be a split plaza to implement express lanes at the airport to keep traffic moving safely. Construction will begin in 2012 and will take 18 months to complete.

Contact information: Expressway Authority, 4974 Orlando Tower Rd, Orlando, FL 32807 Phone: 407-690-5000 Email: info@oocea.com

Mr. Kamm asked about clarification regarding the portion of the expressway that is maintained by the FDOT and where the tolls go for that portion.

Mr. Snyder responded that \$.25 of the Beachline toll goes to the FDOT. The section from SR 520 to I-95 is still a toll road that is maintained by the FDOT. In order to fund and construct the widening of SR 520, the \$.25 was used as leverage for a bond, but when the bond commitment is retired, there is still accumulated maintenance to be paid.

Commissioner Infantini inquired about toll increases and how it would be equitable if this new toll plaza received the same rate increase as all the others, the net increase for a vehicle would be .50 instead of .25. Mr. Snyder responded that they would look at the entire network and there may be cases where some toll plazas are raised, and others are not. They try to maintain a uniform per mile rate throughout their toll roads. Until recently, they had not raised their tolls in nineteen years.

Mr. Snyder explained how the OOCEA board reviews tolls and the need for not only maintaining existing facilities but how to expand and fund those improvements. There are numerous reasons why the board has been reviewing and in some cases, increasing tolls.

Mr. Gougelman inquired about the long term status of tolls and could they ever go away. Mr. Snyder responded that their debt is \$2.7 billion. Someone would have to step in and pay off the bonds. The road system still has to be maintained and maintenance is about \$30 million per year. No one has that amount of funds so for now, the tolls will stay.

7B. PROJECT PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES, FDOT DISTRICT 5 STAFF

Mr. Lovett stated that the DOT was able to address most of the priorities on the TPO's priority list. So the Department is asking the TPO to amend the priority list so new projects are in place and when funding becomes available project can advance. FDOT is now required to spend any low bids within 90 days of when the funds are released. Many corridors are completed so we need to immediately start to look at transportation projects and what can be completed fastest.

Mr. Lovett went on to state that if we have additional projects, whether bicycles, pedestrian, etc. we need to sequence them to get the biggest bang for the buck. We must work on trail programs, Complete Streets, bike and pedestrian use just as hard as we do on road projects. Mr. Lovett stated that Complete Streets in one community is not the same as in every community. Between now and September the District we will be looking at ways to use urban and district funds for trails.

The DOT will help identify and give direction to the TPO's on how to prioritize each of those projects, and the DOT will be looking for management at the local level, that is someone to manager a project from scoping to delivery. Mr. Lovett stated that once we identify a project, and we know what the priorities are, we will make sure we have a good scope for that project. We will know what the limits are going to be, what the nature of the project is, and a reasonably good estimate. We need that information to program aggressively and take advantage of the funding.

Mr. Lovett continued by stating that when we resurface a state road every 10-15 years, including the Interstate, we will also be looking to advance Complete Streets with landscaping, bike and pedestrian trails when there is an opportunity.

Mr. Kamm asked Mr. Lovett if he could explain what format the District would prefer for funding projects in phases. Mr. Lovett explained that no individual phase such as the PD&E is going to get all the money. We can't put all of our money into construction. Some need to go into the design and the PD&E. We have to make sure we are ready with a ten year plan from paper to concrete.

Mr. John Porter and Mr. Tony Sasso representing the SR A1A Improvement Advisory Committee both addressed the members in support of the A1A Corridor project.

Mr. Porter stated that we have been very involved in meetings with the City of Cocoa Beach, Cape Canaveral, the Port, FDOT, Ms. Valencia, Commissioner Nelson, TPO staff, and business owners to develop a concept to improve the A1A corridor. We have a need to upgrade our look and increase jobs, and at the same time encourage local businesses to invest in improving their properties as well.

Mr. Sasso stated that in regards to discussions about complete streets, they are willing to be the test project for this. If we do it right, it is going to be a benefit everywhere from Palm Bay to Titusville.

General discussion about and recognition for all involved with the recent funding provided for the St. Johns Heritage Parkway ensued.

7C. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Kamm reported that there will be a Complete Streets Workshop on Monday, February 28th at the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce on Strawbridge and US1.

Mr. Kamm advised members that a revised calendar has been provided that reflects the 8:30 am start time.

Councilwoman Isnardi stated that she would like to propose the idea of going back to the 9:00 am meeting start time. There is more traffic to get through because of school hours.

Councilman LaRusso expressed his concern that several members were inconvenienced but asked if they would wait one more meeting before they decide.

Motion by Councilwoman Isnardi and seconded by Commissioner Infantini to change the TPO meeting start time back to 9:00 am. Voting in favor were Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bolin, Councilwoman Eley, Councilwoman Isnardi, Commissioner Infantini, Councilwoman Meehan, Commissioner Nelson, Councilwoman Paccione, and Mayor Tulley. The motion passed by simple majority.

Voting in opposition were Councilman Nowlin, Councilman LaRusso, Councilwoman Burson, Commissioner Fisher and Councilman Greene.

7D. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REPORT

Mr. Kamm provided an update on the Brevard County Parkway portion by stating that the County intends to close on the Platt property by mid-March. Right of way is required on only two parcels in order to have a complete corridor between Malabar Rd. and US 192.

7E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Ms. Valencia updated members on road closures, and other upcoming road work, and that the Max Brewer Bridge opening had a ribbon cutting ceremony this past weekend.

Commissioner Bolin asked for a status update of when the Pineda Interchange would be opened. Mr. Lovett advised Commissioner Bolin that in speaking with Mr. Denninghoff that the contractor has until November this year to finish, however they are substantially ahead of schedule. Perhaps maybe April but will follow-up with a estimate from the contractor.

Commissioner Robin Fisher stated that he had noticed some guardrails are going up on I-95 from Garden Street north to SR 46. Will the future widening project require them to be removed? Mr. Kamm responded that the Department programmed money several years ago to put in median guardrails on the sections of I-95 that were not in immediate widening status for safety reasons. The construction schedule for the north part of the county is in FY 2016 so there is a 5 year period yet before construction will occur. The guardrail will protect motorist during this timeframe from crossover accidents.

Commissioner Fisher stated that he thought he understood that construction had been moved up. Mr. Lovett responded that there is a project early next spring to go from SR 406 to SR 46 and if there are low bids, along with 3 other major projects this year, then the project could be extended north.

Commissioner Fisher asked Mr. Lovett that he had noticed recently on the bridges in Tampa that they have “blue” lights. Is that something that they would do for the Max Brewer. Mr. Lovett responded that they are included in the early development stage of the project, and are generally locally funded.

8A. COMMUNICATIONS

No action taken.

8B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.