



Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order of the Space Coast TPO Governing Board
2. Presentation and Discussion RE: FDOT FY 2014 thru FY 2018 Tentative Five Year Work Program
3. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2012
4. Reports from Committees
 - A. Technical Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee Report
 - B. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee Report
 - C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
 - B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget
 - C. Approval RE: Resolution 13-10, Approval of the Florida Department of Transportation Being the Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration Formula-Based (Section 5310) Funds for the Palm Bay-Melbourne Urban Area
 - D. Approval RE: TPO Board and Committee Recognition Program
 - E. Approval RE: Resolution 13-09, Support Passage of Distracted Driving Law
6. Action Items
 - A. Committee Appointments RE: TPO Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), Central Florida MPO (CFMPO) Alliance and Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)
 - B. Approval RE: Resolution 13-11, Amendment to FY 2012/2013 thru FY 2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program
 - C. Discussion and Approval RE: WO13-10R 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
 - D. Discussion RE: TPO Redesignation, Reapportionment, and TPO Boundary Modification
7. Reports and Presentations
 - A. Presentation RE: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project, Mr. Cumber, FEC Industries, Inc.
 - B. Staff Report
 - C. Local Government Report
 - D. Florida Department of Transportation Report
8. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications
 - A. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Board Members:

Commissioner Jerry Allender	Canaveral Port Authority	Present
Commissioner Andy Anderson	BOCC District 5	Present
Councilman Don Boisvert	City of Cocoa	Present
Commissioner Mary Bolin-Lewis	BOCC District 4	Present
Councilwoman Stephany Eley	City of West Melbourne	Present
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1	Present
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay	Present
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3	Present
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay	Present

Councilman Greg Jones	City of Melbourne	Present
Councilwoman Martha Long	City of Titusville	Present
Councilwoman Kathy Meehan	City of Melbourne	Present
Commissioner Chuck Nelson	BOCC District 2	Present
Councilman Scott Nickle	South Beaches Coalition	Absent
Councilman Mike Nowlin	City of Melbourne	Present
Councilwoman Michele Paccione	City of Palm Bay	Absent
Councilman Pat O'Neill (alternate)	City of Rockledge	Present
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville	Present
Commissioner Skip Williams	North Beaches Coalition	Present

Others Present:

Bob Kamm	Space Coast TPO Executive Director
Georganna Gillette	Space Coast TPO staff
Laura Carter	Space Coast TPO staff
Diana McCartney	Space Coast TPO staff
Leigh Holt	Space Coast TPO staff
Steven Bostel	Space Coast TPO staff
Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO staff
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO staff
Lorena Valencia	FDOT
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel
Rick Cloutier	Melbourne Airport Authority
Scott Swearngen	Renaissance Planning Group
John Plotnicky	Merritt Island resident
Scott Gunnerson	Florida Today
Frank O'Day	FDOT
Chris Chinault	Town of Indiatlantic
Chris Sinclair	Renaissance Planning Group
William (Tuck) Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway
Mark Bontrager	Space Florida
Holly Woolsey	Commissioner Fisher (D1) staff
Husein Cumber	FEC Industries
Linda Mannier	Commissioner Infantini (D3) staff
Robert Butterfield	Kelly Collins & Gentry, Inc.
Mary Schoelzel	FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order of the Space Coast TPO Board

Chairman Allender called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Item 2. Presentation and Discussion RE: FDOT FY 2014 thru FY 2018 Tentative Five Year Work Program

Ms. Valencia presented a video featuring the FDOT Five Year Work Program process and stated the public hearing was held on December 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in DeLand. Ms. Valencia provided members with a report of programmed projects for Brevard County with associated costs.

Mr. Williams asked for details on Project "J" regarding rail access at Port Canaveral.

Ms. Valencia replied the Port requested these funds for rail access analysis in FY 2018.

Mr. Nelson stated the verbiage on Project "A" and "B" are reversed. Project "A" is the Southern Interchange, while Project "B" is the Northern Interchange.

Ms. Valencia concurred on the incorrect verbiage.

Mr. Mark Bontrager, Space Florida, stated his appreciation to the TPO Board and staff for all the work done to enable the Spaceport to be institutionalized by FDOT as a mode of transportation.

Mr. Greene asked who was responsible for Space Florida projects.

Mr. Kamm responded the TPO is responsible for planning only, with Space Florida accountable for the projects. The FDOT funding for the projects must be matched by the private sector.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2012

Motion by Ms. Eley, second by Ms. Bolin-Lewis, to approve the TPO minutes of October 11, 2012. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4A. Technical Advisory/Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Kamm reported on the actions taken by the TAC/CAC at their December 10, 2012 meeting to include approval of all actions on the agenda. In addition, the committees adopted a motion to state support of any rail project that provides access to Brevard County residents.

Motion by Ms. Meehan, second by Mr. Boisvert, to be in receipt of the TAC/CAC Draft Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2012. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4B. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Smith reported the BPTAC discussed the Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program and received an update on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan at their October 22nd meeting. FDOT held a public meeting concerning the Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program on November 30, 2012, where signage and thermoplastic pattern concerns were voiced by bicyclists. Signage and thermoplastic concerns as well as the Sea Loop Trail will be discussed at the next BPTAC meeting to be held on January 28, 2012. Ms. Smith distributed FDOT pamphlets and passed around a sample of the proposed thermoplastic material. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Steering Committee met on December 10th to discuss the Mobility Plan. The City of Melbourne was awarded a Safe Routes to School grant for sidewalk improvements near Sherwood Elementary School. The initial Commit 2B Fit program has been very successful, with additional schools requesting to be included next year. Ms. Smith requested any groups planning to give away bicycles as part of the upcoming holiday season contact the TPO office regarding free helmets.

Ms. Eley asked if there were any plans for bike lanes on John Rodes Blvd.

Mr. Anderson stated John Rodes Blvd. has been evaluated for bike lanes, but it is not plausible.

Mr. Tulley asked if the BPTAC was aware of a new cross-Florida trail extending from St. Petersburg to Titusville which uses the same property as the Sea Loop Trail from Titusville to the Volusia County line.

Ms. Smith responded the BPTAC will be apprised of the situation.

Item 4C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report

Mr. Kamm provided a brief review of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Report.

Consent Agenda:

Item 5A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments

Item 5B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget

Item 5C. Approval RE: Approval RE: Resolution 13-10, Approval of the FDOT Being the Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration Formula-Based (Section 5310) Funds for the Palm Bay-Melbourne Urban Area

Item 5D. Approval RE: Approval RE: TPO Board and Committee Recognition Program

Item 5E: Approval RE: Resolution 13-09, Support Passage of Distracted Driving Law

Mr. Kamm informed the group of additional CAC appointments by the City of Palm Bay.

Motion by Mr. Greene, second by Ms. Eley, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Allender moved Item 7A forward in the meeting.

Item 7A Presentation RE: All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Project

Mr. Cumber, FEC Industries Inc., provided a presentation of the All Aboard Florida passenger rail project. The new privately funded passenger rail service would offer:

- 3 hour service between Orlando and Miami
- Premium amenities for passengers
- Hourly train departures
- Connections to existing and future transportation networks

Construction of the rail project is expected to begin in calendar year 2013.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the Titusville Intermodal Terminal presented on the All Aboard Florida map.

Mr. Cumber responded FEC's freight railroad has a relationship with Norfolk Southern Railway which provides an intermodal freight-only terminal in Titusville.

Ms. Bolin-Lewis inquired about the time allotment for boarding the train at each projected stop.

Mr. Cumber replied slightly over one minute.

Ms. Bolin-Lewis asked if a stop could be scheduled for Brevard County if the timetable would only be affected by an additional minute.

Mr. Cumber responded adding a stop entails an additional fifteen minutes due to acceleration and deceleration times.

Ms. Eley asked what the actual additional time allotment would be for a Brevard County stop, considering the deceleration required for making the curve in Brevard County between Orlando and Miami.

Mr. Cumber replied All Aboard Florida has purchased land to allow the curve to be transited less abruptly and at the normal 125 mph speed.

Ms. Eley stated Brevard County has an equally large and busy port with many passengers who could benefit from service between Orlando and Port Canaveral.

Mr. Cumber responded the challenge is the substantial cost of building bridges over two bodies of water to reach Port Canaveral.

Mr. Greene asked about the expected growth of travel in Florida.

Mr. Cumber replied the passenger rail service as well as the expanded vehicle lanes on I-95 will be necessary to meet anticipated Florida travel growth.

Mr. Greene inquired if Brevard's existing railroad tracks are compatible with high speed passenger rail.

Mr. Cumber responded the existing tracks will be upgraded and expanded to meet high speed rail standards.

Mr. Nowlin asked if coordination attempts had been discussed with Amtrak thereby enabling local municipalities to anticipate rail stations.

Mr. Cumber responded Amtrak's focus is moving passengers along the entire U.S. east coast, while All Aboard Florida is only concerned with Florida transit. Amtrak is currently challenged by a lack of available grant funding, however, linking the two systems could eventually benefit all.

Mr. Tulley asked if the All Aboard Florida project could continue, if an agreement isn't reached with the Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority.

Mr. Cumber responded yes, the project has other options available.

Mr. Jones asked if break even studies have been performed regarding ticket prices.

Mr. Cumber replied yes, project costs and revenues have been evaluated. The cost of airfare from Orlando to Miami purchased in advance is \$79-\$89. The cost of driving a car for that same distance using federal mileage rates is approximately \$115. All Aboard Florida will need to entice passengers to consider rail as a viable option.

Mr. Fisher inquired how Brevard County residents would be served by All Aboard Florida.

Mr. Cumber responded the initial trunk system could expand into an express service as well as a local service, possibly extending throughout Florida.

Ms. Long asked if public funds would be needed for infrastructure.

Mr. Cumber replied no public funds are being requested.

Ms. Long asked how many cars each train would consist of.

Mr. Cumber responded trains are 7 – 8 cars long, with 32 trains per day, 7 days per week.

Ms. Long stated Brevard County residents would be required to wait at railroad crossings for an additional 32 trains per day while receiving no rail services in return.

Mr. Cumber responded an environmental assessment will be required once the corridor is finalized. The environmental assessment will evaluate road impact, vibration, noise, etc. The vehicle wait time at railroad crossings is expected to be 52 seconds.

Ms. Long asked for an update on negotiations with Amtrak for an east coast line.

Ms. Holt responded FDOT has instructed FEC and Amtrak to reach an amicable agreement on track usage issues. All Aboard Florida has delayed all communication with Amtrak.

Mr. Kamm stated the Regional Planning Council is working with Fire Rescue and the Police Department on a rail safety plan as passenger rail will enlarge the obligation for first responders. In addition, existing structures inside the FEC right of way will need to be removed to allow for additional tracks.

Ms. Bolin-Lewis inquired if FEC has infrastructure set up for questions from the public.

Mr. Cumber responded a public relations firm has been retained.

Mr. Jones inquired if FEC will have the capacity and the willingness to partner with other entities in the future.

Mr. Cumber responded yes, FEC will have the capacity and would be willing to partner with other entities in the future.

Item 6A. Committee Appointments RE: TPO Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), Central Florida MPO (CFMPO) Alliance and Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)

Ms. Infantini volunteered to serve as the member, and Mr. Randels volunteered to serve as alternate for the MPOAC.

Ms. Meehan, Ms. Eley, and Mr. Randels volunteered to serve as members on the CFMPOA.

Mr. Randels volunteered to continue serving on the TDLCB.

Motion by Mr. Boisvert, second by Ms. Infantini, to approve the Committee Appointments RE: TPO MPOAC, CFMPO Alliance, and TDLCB. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6B: Approval RE: Resolution 13-11, Amendment to FY 2012/2013 thru FY 2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Gillette summarized three amendments to the FY 2013 through FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program requested by FDOT, including receiving an additional \$3 million in current year Federal SU funding to complete the right of way phase for the SJHP in Brevard County.

Mr. Fisher stated the first project is called Sand Point Park, not Wayside Park as listed.

Ms. Gillette responded the name would be corrected.

Motion by Ms. Eley, second by Mr. Tulley to approve Resolution 13-11, Amendment to FY 2012/2013 thru FY 2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program with the additional correction of Sand Point Park not Wayside Park. The motion passed 17-0 via roll call vote.

Motion by Ms. Bolin-Lewis, second by Mr. Anderson, to add the Washingtonia connection to the TPO Project Priorities. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6C: Discussion and Approval RE: WO13-10R 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Due to time restraints, no discussion was held.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mr. Anderson, to approve the WO13-10R, 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6D: Discussion RE: TPO Redesignation, Reapportionment, and TPO Boundary Modification

Mr. Gougelman informed the group after every census TPOs throughout Florida are asked to reconsider:

1. Redesignation
2. Reapportionment
3. Boundaries

Mr. Gougelman stated the requested action is to direct staff to:

1. Examine what changes, if any, should be made to the apportionment plan
2. Confirm Brevard County boundaries
3. Map urbanized areas within Brevard County
4. Bring these items back to the Board for approval in February 2013

Motion by Mr. Anderson, second by Ms. Long, to direct staff to perform the actions stated by Mr. Gougelman. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7B. Staff Report

Mr. Kamm summarized the strategic plan update and informed the group the next TPO Board meeting will be in February.

Item 7C. Local Government Report

There was no discussion.

Item 7D. Florida Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Valencia provided an update on completed and current projects under construction in Brevard County. The Max Brewer Bridge regional award and photo of the People's Choice national award were displayed for the Board members.

Item 8A. Public Comment

No comments were heard.

Item 9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Attest: _____
Carol Holden, SCTPO

As Approved by the TPO on _____