



**Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee**
Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida
Building C, 2nd Floor, Space Coast Room

Meeting Date: September 10, 2012

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

1. Call to Order of the Space Coast TPOs Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees
2. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2012
3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Actions
4. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee Report
5. Approval RE: Space Florida Contract Renewal
6. Approval RE: Resolution 13-05, FY 13 Unified Planning Work Program Federal Transit Administration Amendment
7. Approval RE: Draft 2013 Legislative Priorities
8. Approval RE: Resolution 13-06, FY 13 Operating Budget
9. Approval RE: Resolution 13-07, FY 13-17 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
10. Approval RE: US 192 Feasibility Study Recommendations
11. Discussion RE: 2011 State of the System/Adoption RE: FY 12 Non-Strategic Intermodal System Project Priorities
12. Staff Report
13. Local Government Report
14. Florida Department of Transportation Report
15. Public Comment
16. Adjourn

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

John Scott	Brevard County Emergency Management
Mike Connors	Brevard County School Board
Christine Hartnett	Canaveral Port Authority
Jeff Ratliff	City of Cape Canaveral
Ed Wegerif	City of Cocoa
John Adair (alternate)	City of Cocoa Beach
Bonilyn Wilbanks	Town of Malabar
Howard Ralls	City of Melbourne
Rick Cloutier	Melbourne Intn'l Airport
Sue Hann	City of Palm Bay
Michael Jarusiewicz (alternate)	City of Rockledge
Jim Liesenfelt	Space Coast Area Transit
Linsley Pietsch	Space Florida
Ann Benedetti	St. Johns River Water Management
James Brown	Van Pool Services, Inc.
Scott Morgan	West Melbourne
Arturo Interiano	City of Titusville

Citizens Advisory Committee Members Present:

Bob Lawton	Canaveral Port Authority
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James McCarthy	City of Cocoa
Anne Herzog Marhoefer	North Beaches Coalition
Rodney Honeycutt	BOCC District 1
Bob Baugher	BOCC District 2
Tony Sasso (alternate)	BOCC District 2
Peter Fusscas	BOCC District 3
Clarence Mills	BOCC District 4
Milo Zonka	BOCC District 5
Bob Klaproth	City of Melbourne
Jim Brown	City of Melbourne
Bob Wille	City of Titusville
Pete Petyk	City of Titusville
Sandra Michelson	West Melbourne

Others Present:

Bob Kamm	Space Coast TPO Executive Director
Laura Carter	Space Coast TPO Staff
Georganna Gillette	Space Coast TPO Staff
Diana McCartney	Space Coast TPO Staff
Lorena Valencia	Florida Department of Transportation
Leigh Holt	Space Coast TPO Staff
Steven Bostel	Space Coast TPO Staff
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO Staff
Karl Passetti	Consultant, Kittelson & Assoc.
Daryl DePencia	Consultant, Kittelson & Assoc.
Tuck Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway, IHB

Item 1. Call to Order

TAC Chairman, Sue Hann called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2012

TAC motion by Mr. Cloutier, second by Mr. Morgan, to adopt the meeting minutes of July 9, 2012.

CAC motion by Mr. Mills, second by Mr. McCarthy, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Actions

Mr. Kamm reviewed the significant actions from the July 12, 2012 meeting to include:

- Adoption of FY12-13 project priorities for the Strategic Intermodal System
- Approval of FY 12-13 Operating Budget
- Comments regarding the Pineda Bicycle Access Pilot Program presentation by FDOT (covered in Item 4)

Item 4. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Gillette reported the BPTAC Committee met on August 20, 2012 and discussed the Pineda Bicycle Access Pilot Program. Concerns were voiced on the thermoplastic material being used as well as the placement of the striping. The motion made by the committee was to support the Pineda Causeway Pilot Program and extend appreciation to FDOT for listening to bicyclists' concerns. FDOT has hired Inwood Consulting to conduct public outreach for the program, and they will provide a presentation to the BPTAC Committee. The Committee asked that FDOT provide outreach to motorists as well. Staff is working closely with Brevard Schools regarding International Walk to School Day on October 3, 2012. The bi-annual online travel survey will be going out to schools on September 12th. On September 19th, staff will work with ten schools to provide Commit to be Fit training to teachers.

Mr. Kamm stated two of the three FDOT bicycle pilot programs have been rejected. The Pineda project remains because staff and the bicycle community are working with FDOT to assure its success. We have asked the consultant to include motorists in the education of the new program.

TAC - Ms. Hann stated the Brevard bicycle community is concerned with the thermoplastic material and the cost of the project, but is working with FDOT to secure its success.

Item 5. Approval RE: Space Florida Contract Renewal

Ms. Holt reviewed the TPO staff's role in transportation infrastructure planning efforts concerning the Space Florida contract. The contract provides \$30,000 maximum compensation to the SCTPO for the period from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 for planning services.

TAC - Ms. Pietsch stated the contract has been a very valuable resource for Space Florida.

TAC motion by Ms. Pietsch, second by Mr. Cloutier, to approve renewal of the Space Florida Contract.

CAC motion by Mr. Wille, second by Mr. Baugher, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Approval RE: Resolution 13-05, FY 13-14 Unified Planning Work Program Federal Transit Administration Amendment

Mr. Kamm informed the group of an additional \$25,048 received from the Federal Transit Administration for non-motorized and planning activities in FY 13 - 14. Resolution 13-05 accepts the additional funds and amends the UPWP to reflect the increase.

TAC motion by Ms. Wilbanks, second by Mr. Jarusiewicz, to approve Resolution 13-05, FY 13-14 Unified Planning Work Program Federal Transit Administration Amendment.

CAC motion by Ms. Marhoefer, second by Mr. Mills, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Approval RE: Draft 2013 Legislative Priorities

Ms. Holt summarized the 2012 legislative accomplishments and proposed the 2013 TPO and Space Florida legislative issues. Ms. Holt stated adopting and submitting the legislative priorities early enables concerns to be represented on other agencies' legislative priorities.

TAC - Mr. Cloutier asked for clarification of language on the Ellis Road interchange improvements and to move the item higher on the list.

TAC - Ms. Hann requested continued support for the south SJHP interchange project be included on the list.

CAC - Mr. Zonka asked for clarification in the language regarding transportation funding and the SJHP project.

Mr. Kamm responded staff will revise the language on the transportation funding issue.

CAC - Mr. Fuscas inquired to what extent the priority to re-establish the East Coast Passenger Rail Service will affect the funds available from the State Transportation Trust Fund.

Ms. Holt replied the DOT currently has \$118 million budgeted in the next fiscal year for the Passenger Rail Service which is allocated from the Transportation Trust Fund.

CAC - Mr. Fuscas asked for data on the economic viability of the rail service.

Ms. Holt responded data indicates the rail service would be economically viable and not require a state subsidy.

CAC - Mr. Wille stated rail service decreases the pressure for road expansion. Reducing roadway traffic also curtails maintenance costs. Rail supports itself because it offsets expenses to road infrastructure. Mr. Wille then inquired about competition between FEC and Amtrak.

Ms. Holt stated the situation is competitive. Our legislative agenda is stated in general terms and does not reference Amtrak at all. The long range goal is to have rail stations developed in advance of the rail system expansion.

CAC - Mr. Petyk inquired about funding for the All Aboard Florida passenger rail proposal.

Mr. Kamm replied All Aboard Florida is being completely privately funded.

CAC - Ms. Marhoefer asked how much station development money is available.

Ms. Holt responded there is \$118 million in the FDOT budget for the development of eight rail stations, three of which will be in Brevard County.

Mr. Kamm informed the group the FEC proposal is different than the All Aboard Florida proposal. All Aboard Florida service is marketing to business travelers as an alternative to flying or driving between Florida cities. The FEC rail service is more traditional and will eventually connect with the national rail service. The goal is to have rail stations in place for upcoming rail service.

CAC - Mr. Fuscas stated he is opposed to subsidized rail service. Road infrastructure is fundamentally a national security and economic issue.

CAC - Mr. Zonka stated our purpose is to provide transportation planning perspective. The rail system is a viable option for moving people. If rail service is coming through Brevard, our job is to represent our communities in all transportation venues.

TAC – Ms. Hann asked Ms. Holt to expand on the space transportation priorities.

Ms. Holt reviewed the Space Florida legislative priorities, to include maintaining the current budget amounts, institutionalizing space within FDOT, removal of per company caps, and continued funding for the Space Exploration Research Institute.

The CAC considered a motion by Mr. Fusscas, second by Ms. Marhoefer, to remove the East Coast Passenger Rail Service item from the list of priorities. Mr. Fusscas and Ms. Marhoefer voted aye. All others were opposed. The motion failed.

TAC motion by Ms. Wilbanks, second by Mr. Ralls, to adopt the Draft 2013 Legislative Priorities with revisions.

CAC motion by Mr. Baugher, second by Ms. Michelson, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. Approval RE: Resolution 13-06, FY 13 Operating Budget

Mr. Kamm stated the only change to the operating budget presented in July is the addition of the Federal Transit money.

TAC motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Ms. Wilbanks, to approve Resolution 13-06, adopting the FY 13 Operating Budget.

CAC motion by Mr. McCarthy, second by Ms. Michelson, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 9. Approval RE: Resolution 13-07, FY 13-17 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mr. Kamm informed the group this resolution is to reconcile the Transportation Improvement Program to the dynamic DOT Work Program as of July 1, 2012.

Mr. Wegerif asked for clarification on the right of way funding change for SR 501 from Michigan Avenue to south of SR 524 project.

Ms. Georgette replied the right of way funding has been moved from FY 13 to FY 15.

Mr. Wegerif stated this is a significant change for an important project.

Mr. McCarthy stated the sidewalk near Wal-Mart is an unsafe situation. Moving the right of way out another two years is dangerous.

Ms. Valencia replied funding for the right of way is the hindrance.

Mr. Kamm asked for this discussion to be addressed by FDOT, TPO staff and the City of Cocoa.

The TAC/CAC members asked TPO staff to work with DOT and the City of Cocoa regarding ROW funding being postponed until FY 15 on SR 501 from Michigan Avenue to south of SR 524.

TAC motion by Mr. Cloutier, second by Ms. Wilbanks, to approve Resolution 13-07, FY 13-17 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

CAC motion by Mr. Wille, second by Mr. Baugher, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 10. Approval RE: US 192 Feasibility Study Recommendations

Mr. Passetti, from Kittelson & Assoc., provided a presentation regarding the necessity and feasibility of capacity improvements on US 192. The study recommendations included moving the SIS designation from US 192 to Ellis Road, intersection improvements on US 192 at Hollywood Blvd. and Wickham Road and eventually widening US 192 to six lanes between Wickham Road and Dairy Road.

TAC - Mr. Morgan complemented Kittelson, TPO staff, FDOT and others for undertaking this challenging concept that will ultimately save the community millions of dollars. He further stated the recommendations will minimize costs and maximize feasibility.

TAC - Mr. Ralls suggested looking into alternatives for bicyclists on US 192.

CAC - Mr. Wille inquired about the use of intelligent transportation system on US 192.

Mr. Kamm responded advanced traffic management systems are being installed on US 192.

CAC - Mr. Petyk stated the outside lane, closest to the bike lane, should be twelve feet wide.

Mr. Passetti replied this study was only for feasibility purposes. The actual right of way and lane sizes would be selected during PD&E.

CAC – Mr. Zonka inquired about the evaluation process used for right of way costs.

Mr. Passetti responded Kittelson relied on FDOT information regarding right of way acquisition costs.

TAC motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mr. Ralls, to approve the US 192 Feasibility Study recommendations.

CAC motion by Mr. Wille, second by Ms. Michelson, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 11. Discussion RE: 2011 State of the System/Adoption RE: FY 12 Non-Strategic Intermodal System Project Priorities

Mr. Kamm summarized the State of the System presentation by stating total traffic volume is beginning to increase in conjunction with the economic growth curves. The safety management system is being activated and transit ridership has increased consistently over the past five years.

Ms. Gillette reviewed the non-SIS regionally significant project priorities, as well as arterial and collector SU and SA funded project priorities.

TAC - Ms. Hann asked for clarification on ATMS projects in future reports.

CAC – Mr. Zonka inquired about adding the US 192 intersection projects before the SR A1A project on the non-SIS project priorities list.

Mr. Kamm replied the US 192 intersection improvements are straightforward and easier to fund in the work program, whereas the SR A1A corridor project is long-term, on-going and of unknown cost.

CAC – Mr. Wille inquired if the Traffic Management Center would be part of the Emergency Management System.

Mr. Kamm responded the Public Works Department is working with TPO staff to locate a suitable location for the Traffic Management Center.

CAC – Mr. Brown suggested identifying that Perimeter Road is at Space Coast Airport.

TAC motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Ms. Wilbanks, to adopt FY 12 Non-Strategic Intermodal System Project Priorities as modified.

CAC motion by Mr. Wille, second by Mr. Zonka, to concur with the TAC motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 12. Staff Report

Mr. Kamm summarized the strategic plan chart updates.

Item 13. Local Government Report

Ms. Hann informed the group of an October groundbreaking ceremony for the SJHP.

Item 14. Florida Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Valencia provided an update on current completed projects and projects under construction in Brevard County.

Mr. Kamm informed the group of the recognition Space is now receiving from FDOT.

Item 15. Public Comment

Mr. Tuck Ferrell, Friends of the Parkway, stated his support of the US 192 project and the SJHP project.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carol Holden, SCTPO

As Approved by the TAC/CAC on _____