



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, March 14, 2013

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order of the Space Coast TPO Governing Board
2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2013
3. Reports from Committees
 - A. Technical Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee Report
 - B. Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee Report
 - C. TPO Executive Committee
 - D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report
4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
 - B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget
 - C. Approval RE: Long Range Transportation Plan, Public Involvement Plan
5. Action Items
 - A. Approval RE: Executive Director's Contract Renewal
6. Reports and Presentations
 - A. Future Corridors Initiative, Bob Romig, State Transportation Development Administrator
 - B. Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Update, Renaissance Planning Group
 - C. Legislative Report
 - D. Staff Report
 - E. Local Government Report
 - F. 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	Absent	
Commissioner Mary Bolin Lewis	BOCC District 4		Present
Councilman Don Boisvert	City of Cocoa		Present
Councilmember Stephany Eley (arrived at 9:02)	City of West Melbourne		Present
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1	Absent	
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Councilman Scott Nickle	South Beaches Coalition	Absent	
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3		Present
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay		Present
Councilman Greg Jones	City of Melbourne		Present
Councilmember Martha Long	City of Titusville		Present
Mayor Kathy Meehan	City of Melbourne		Present
Commissioner Chuck Nelson	BOCC District 2	Absent	
Councilman Mike Nowlin	City of Melbourne		Present
Councilwoman Michele Paccione	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Councilwoman Georgia Phillips	City of Rockledge	Absent	
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville		Present
Commissioner Skip Williams	North Beaches Coalition		Present

Councilman Pat O'Neill (alt)	City of Rockledge	Present
Councilman Harry Santiago Jr. (alt)	City of Palm Bay	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
Carol Holden	Space Coast TPO Staff
Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO Staff
Lorena Valencia	Florida Department of Transportation
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel
Scott Swearingen	Renaissance Planning Group
Scott Gunnerson	Florida Today
Mary Schoelzel	Florida Department Of Transportation
Linda Mannier	BOCC District 3 Staff
Jim Liesenfelt	Space Coast Area Transit
Susan Sadighi	Florida Department Of Transportation
Tuck Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway
Ed Wegerif	City of Cocoa

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

Chairman Allender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2013

Motion by Ms. Meehan, second by Ms. Bolin Lewis to approve the TPO minutes of February 14, 2013. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3A. Technical Advisory/Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Kamm reviewed the actions taken by the TAC/CAC at their March 11, 2013 meeting to include approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan, Public Involvement Plan. In addition, members felt tourism should be addressed more explicitly as a ranking factor in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan, which will be presented later in the agenda.

Item 3B. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Kamm reported the BPTAC has been working on the Bicycle Pedestrian Mobility Plan which will be presented under Item 6B.

Item 3C. TPO Executive Committee Report

Ms. Carter reported on the significant actions from the February 28, 2013 Executive Committee meeting to include:

1. Recommendation to renew the Executive Director's contract for two additional years.
2. Annual evaluation of the Executive Director, the scores of which are being compiled by Mr. Gougelman, the TPO's attorney, and will be presented to the Executive Committee at their March 14, 2013 meeting.

3. Recommended a policy change to hold annual elections for the TPO, TAC, and CAC officers during the last meeting of each calendar year with January 1 of the following year being the effective date for new officers.
4. Recommended approval of the Space Coast TPO social media policy.

Item 3D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Report

Mr. Liesenfelt reported on the significant actions from the TDLCB February 25, 2013 meeting to include:

1. Discussion regarding legislative issues
2. Local Coordinating Board approval of Transportation Disadvantaged billing rates
3. Annual public hearing incorporated into meeting

Mr. Liesenfelt reported updated fixed route schedules will be available soon and become effective on March 30. New fixed routes include Palm Bay Hospital and MIMA on Malabar Road. Transit ridership continues to expand and is up 14.5% for the year.

Consent Agenda:

Item 4A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments

Item 4B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget

Item 4C. Approval RE: Long Range Transportation Plan, Public Involvement Plan

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

Item 5A. Approval RE: Executive Director's Contract Renewal

Mr. Gougelman informed the group Mr. Kamm's employment contract offers a two year renewal option, but must be acted upon by April 3. The TPO Executive Committee recommended approving the renewal, which will extend the contract through September 30, 2015.

Mr. Williams asked what the TPO Board's options would be in 2015 when the renewal expires.

Mr. Gougelman responded the TPO Board will have several options available, including entering into a new contract with Mr. Kamm if he is willing, or soliciting proposals from outside the agency.

Mr. Williams inquired if soliciting outside proposals might facilitate competitive compensation rates.

Mr. Gougelman replied compensation packages for TPO Executive Director's can be compared by TPO geographic area size and evaluated for competitiveness, as was recently done in the Cody Study for Mr. Kamm.

Motion by Mr. Tulley, second by Mr. Nowlin, to approve the TPO Executive Director's contract renewal. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6A. Future Corridors Initiative, Bob Romig, State Transportation Development Administrator

Mr. Bob Romig, FDOT, provided a presentation on the Future Corridors Initiative fifty year plan. Brevard County lies within the study area from Tampa Bay to Central Florida. The plan's focus is on:

- Meeting growing demand for moving people and freight to support economic development
- Provide solutions for or alternatives to existing congested corridors
- Improve connectivity between regions, states and nations
- Coordinate long-range growth/transportation plans and visions

Mr. Kamm inquired about funding for the new corridors.

Mr. Romig responded tolls will be critical for future capacity needs. Other funding mechanisms are being evaluated, such as public/private partnering, and moving from gas taxes to a vehicle miles user fee.

Mr. Gougelman asked if a parallel expressway could be built exclusively for commercial freight traffic to improve safety and alleviate congestion.

Mr. Romig replied exclusive truck lanes are being evaluated, however, the tolling aspect concerns the trucking industry.

Mr. Kamm remarked Central Florida is involved in four out of the five planned corridors, and inquired if a regional convergence plan could be developed.

Mr. Romig responded Central Florida is the epicenter for many of these plans and will require a comprehensive, interconnected approach.

Mr. Williams asked if FDOT will be evaluating the pilot study themselves or hiring a consultant to perform the study.

Mr. Romig replied the amount of work would necessitate FDOT's staff working together with a consulting team.

Mr. Williams requested FDOT use a statewide consultant so the separate corridor plans come together efficiently.

Mr. Romig responded FDOT will utilize a statewide consultant to ensure a smooth process.

Item 6B. Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Update, Renaissance Planning Group

Ms. Gillette informed the group the recent Federal Transportation Funding Act, MAP-21, consolidated four stand-alone programs into the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program. The TA program funding is evenly distributed to FDOT and TPO's (by geographic population). Ms. Gillette provided information on project eligibility and procedures for the TA program.

Ms. Holt presented a PowerPoint update on the status of SCTPO's Showcase Trails, and reviewed plans for the new Coast to Coast Connector Trail.

Mr. Kamm stated a regional effort involving the Central Florida MPO Alliance, FDOT and Space Coast TPO is being finalized to fill the gaps in the Coast to Coast Connector Trail.

Mr. Scott Swearngen, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG), concluded the presentation with an update on the Space Coast Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan. The plan provides a county-wide network of functional and recreational facilities that link people to destinations, natural resources, and amenities. Mr. Swearngen provided details on the plan's objectives, existing conditions, system plan, and project priorities.

Mr. Kamm stated a recommendation from the TAC/CAC meeting was to give a higher priority to beach access points in the plan.

Mr. Swearngen responded the recommendation will be addressed.

Mr. Tulley asked for an electronic copy of the presentation.

Mr. Kamm stated it would be available on the Space Coast TPO website by the end of the day.

Item 6C. Legislative Report

Ms. Holt apprised members on the TPO's legislative issues priority list including the distracted driving law and \$20 million per year set-aside for spaceport infrastructure in the transportation bill.

Mr. Tulley asked that "access to state parks" listed on page 3 of the priority list be changed to "access to state and national parks".

Ms. Holt responded the amendment request would be shared with our legislative delegation in Tallahassee.

Mr. Jones inquired about the noise mitigation requirements listed in section 4, and the impact it will have on Brevard County.

Ms. Holt replied Space Coast TPO staff is looking into the details of the noise mitigation requirement.

Mr. Kamm stated the requirement ensures local governments place noise mitigation responsibility on new community developers, instead of public funding.

Item 6D. Staff Report

Mr. Kamm reported All Aboard Florida (AAF) is planning a rail alignment along SR 528 that does not take into account the future widening of the Beachline from SR 520 to US 1. AAF's proposed rail alignment is based on four lanes on east SR 528, however FDOT's Strategic Intermodal System plan indicates by 2040, SR 528 will require eight lanes between SR 520 and I-95 and six lanes from I-95 to US 1. The concern is that a rail alignment occupying the available right of way adjacent to one side of SR 528 will preclude adding lanes to the outside of the east and westbound lanes, generally the least expensive and disruptive option. Instead, all widening must occur on the side opposite the railway, which will likely increase the cost, complexity and environmental impact of the improvement. The Space Coast TPO believes this issue requires attention before an agreement is reached between FDOT and AAF on the use of SR 528 right of way and before an environmental impact assessment begins.

Ms. Schoelzel, FDOT, responded she would address the concerns voiced by Mr. Kamm and provide Mr. Kamm with a response.

Item 6E. Local Government Report

Mr. Kamm reported a County Commissioner workshop will be held later today to discuss 2000 – 2018 Brevard County transportation projects by district. The total amount of transportation funding received in Brevard County during that time period, excluding stimulus funds, space, sea or airport funding, was \$1.17 billion.

Ms. Infantini inquired when the Babcock and Malabar Road intersection improvements and widening work is scheduled to begin, and requested a detailed analysis of the road capacity levels.

Ms. Valencia responded she would provide that information later today.

Item 6F. Florida Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Valencia provided an update on current completed projects and projects under construction in Brevard County. Ms. Valencia reported the annual SCTPO Joint Certification Review was performed in January and summarized the accomplishments that earned TPO staff an outstanding score.

Ms. Meehan asked when the SR 507 (Babcock Street) widening between Melbourne Avenue and Fee Avenue would be going out for bid.

Ms. Valencia responded a letting date would be provided.

Ms. Meehan inquired if the current construction on New Haven Avenue, just west of US 1 could be accelerated as it presents a major inconvenience to local businesses and area traffic.

Ms. Valencia replied she would look into it further.

Ms. Infantini asked for a revised FDOT Work Program Major Transportation Investments listing with modified dates be provided prior to the Commissioner's workshop meeting.

Mr. Kamm responded the information would be provided prior to the meeting.

Item 7A. Public Comment

Mr. Tuck Ferrell, 1300 Pine Tree Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, stated his support of the Future Corridors Initiative.

Item 8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.