



**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: October 7, 2013

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

1. Call to Order of the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees
2. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2013
3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Actions
4. Bicycle Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)
5. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Report
6. Approval RE: Legislative Agenda
7. Viera Blvd. Interchange Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Report
8. 2040 Long Range Plan: Transportation Symposium and Public Survey Results
9. Staff Report
10. Local Government Report
11. Florida Department of Transportation Report
12. Public Comment
13. Adjourn

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

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| John Scott | Brevard County Emergency Management |
| Rebecca Ragain | Brevard County Planning & Zoning |
| Devin Swanson | Brevard County Public Works |
| Ed Wegerif | City of Cocoa |
| Frank Guertin | Indian Harbour Beach |
| Jenni Lamb | City of Melbourne |
| Rick Cloutier | Melbourne International Airport |
| Kwabena Ofosu | City of Palm Bay |
| Jim Liesenfelt | Space Coast Area Transit |
| Linsley Pietsch | Space Florida |
| Scott Morgan | City of West Melbourne |

Citizens Advisory Committee Members Present:

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| Rodney Honeycutt | BOCC District 1 |
| Bob Baugher | BOCC District 2 |
| Peter Fusscas | BOCC District 3 |
| Clarence Mills | BOCC District 4 |
| Bob Klaproth | City of Melbourne |
| Jim Brown | City of Melbourne |
| Sal D'Amato | South Beaches Coalition |
| Sandra Michelson | City of West Melbourne |

Others Present:

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| 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 |
| Leigh Holt | Space Coast TPO Staff |
| Steven Bostel | Space Coast TPO Staff |
| Carol Holden | Space Coast TPO Staff |
| William "Tuck" Ferrell | Friends of the Parkway |

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| Lance DeCuir | Atkins/Florida Department of Transportation |
| Mary Schoelzel | Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) |
| Chris Rizzolo | United Research Services (URS) |
| Scott Swearingen | Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) |
| Amy Blaida | Reynolds, Smith & Hills, (RS&H) |
| Lara Bouck | Reynolds, Smith & Hills, (RS&H) |
| Bill Hoskovec | Town of Melbourne Beach |
| Chris Sinclair | Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) |

Item 1. Call to Order

TAC Vice-Chairman, Scott Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2013

Motion by Mr. Cloutier, second by Mr. Swanson, to adopt the meeting minutes of September 9, 2013 as presented.

The CAC did not attain a quorum, so no motion was heard.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Actions

Mr. Kamm summarized the significant actions from the September 12, 2013 TPO meeting to include:

1. Approved the FY 14 Operating Budget
2. Approved the Space Florida Master Agreement
3. Approved FY 2014 - 2018 TIP Amendments
4. Approved six designated Complete Streets Projects to receive partial TPO funding
5. Adopted the non-strategic intermodal system project priorities as recommended by the TAC/CAC

Item 4. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Report

Ms. Gillette informed the group Brevard County has 41 schools participating in the International Walk to School Day on October 9, 2013. TPO staff participated in the October 4th Triad Senior Festival at the Melbourne Auditorium. The next BPTAC meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013.

Item 5. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Report

TAC - Mr. Liesenfelt stated the annual operating report was approved at the August 26th TDLCB meeting. Several new routes to the system include Route 7 servicing the Murrell Road corridor. Two recently awarded Federal Freedom grants will provide additional funding to Brevard Alzheimers Organization and the Space Coast Center for Independent Living.

Item 6. Approval RE: Legislative Agenda

Ms. Holt introduced the 2014 draft legislative agenda which, with the exception of the texting while driving item which passed into law, is a replica of the 2013 legislative agenda.

Mr. Kamm asked for elaboration on the status of rail stations in Brevard County.

Ms. Holt responded Amtrak has provided FDOT with details of their proposed route from Jacksonville to Miami. The next step is negotiations between Amtrak, FDOT and Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway regarding the use of the line. FDOT has received a TIGER grant to build a rail segment connecting the FEC line with the Tri-Rail line in Palm Beach. This grant may allow FDOT funds allocated for that rail segment to be reallocated for

building rail stations.

Motion by Mr. Cloutier, second by Ms. Lamb, to approve the 2014 Legislative Agenda.

The CAC did not attain a quorum, so no motion was heard.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Viera Blvd./I-95 Interchange Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study

Mr. Chris Rizzolo, United Research Services (URS) provided a presentation regarding the Viera Blvd./I-95 Interchange PD&E study interchange options.

Mr. Kamm stated the TPO prepares and adopts resolutions for PD&E studies and asked when a resolution regarding this interchange might be appropriate.

Mr. Rizzolo responded the most opportune time for a resolution would be subsequent to the value engineering study on October 21 and prior to the public hearing scheduled for early 2014.

Mr. Kamm stated the Viera Company has agreed to fund the interchange as well as upgrades to Viera Blvd. A full list of improvements throughout the corridor including the intersection at US 1, with phasing, should be made available to the Viera Company and the County.

CAC – Mr. Fusscas stated his support for the diverging diamond interchange and inquired about cost in comparison to traditional options.

Mr. Rizzolo replied the cost variance is minimal as the diverging diamond interchange utilizes the existing bridge and requires less right of way and road surfacing costs.

Motion by Mr. Swanson, second by Mr. Cloutier, to endorse the Diverging Diamond Interchange design for the Viera Blvd./I-95 Interchange.

The CAC did not attain a quorum of members present, so no motion was heard. A statement of consensus was made by Mr. Baugher, second by Mr. Fusscas, to support the Diverging Diamond Interchange design for the Viera Blvd./I-95 Interchange. Hearing no objections, the statement of consensus passed unanimously.

The TAC motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. 2040 Long Range Plan: Transportation Symposium and Public Survey Results

Mr. Chris Sinclair provided a presentation on the status of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Public Survey results. Overall, the survey indicated public satisfaction with existing roadway conditions, with support for improved traffic flow.

Mr. Kamm presented the Transportation Revenue Public Survey results which indicated strong public support for utilization of existing revenues with impact fee assessment for new construction.

CAC - Mr. Baugher stated the Blue Ribbon Committee organized by BOCC, has recognized a substantial need for county road maintenance revenues. Road repair costs rise significantly when not performed in a timely fashion. The committee has found Brevard County transportation revenue to be significantly less than surrounding counties.

Mr. Kamm reported Brevard County receives an annual \$13 million in transportation revenue which is 50% less than surrounding county revenues.

Mr. Scott Swearngen, RPG, summarized the Space Coast TPO's LRTP Meta Plan and Transportation Symposium goals of integrating municipality and county transportation plans to achieve a county-wide comprehensive transportation system.

Item 9. Staff Report

Ms. Holt reviewed the Space Coast TPO Strategic Plan and requested input regarding 2014 goals and objectives.

Item 14. Local Government Report

TAC - Mr. Swanson provided a brief summary of current county transportation projects.

Item 15. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report

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

Mr. Scott thanked FDOT and the County Public Works department for their help with the Heritage Parade in West Melbourne on October 5th.

Mr. Kamm invited everyone to an October 22nd ground breaking ceremony for the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail Project to be held in Titusville.

Item 16. Public Comment

There was no discussion on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.