



## Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 10, 2013

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### Agenda

1. **Call to Order of the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Governing Board**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2013**
4. **Reports from Committees**
  - A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
  - B. Bicycle Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)
  - C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Report
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
  - B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget
6. **Action Items**
  - A. Approval RE: Legislative Agenda
7. **Reports and Presentations**
  - A. Viera Blvd. Interchange Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Report
  - B. 2040 Long Range Plan: Transportation Symposium and Public Survey Results
  - C. Staff Report
  - D. Local Government Report
  - E. 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	
Councilman Don Boisvert	City of Cocoa		Present
Commissioner Mary Bolin Lewis	BOCC District 4	Absent	
Council Member Stephany Eley	City of West Melbourne		Present
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1		Present
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3		Present
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Councilman Greg Jones	City of Melbourne		Present
Councilwoman Martha Long	City of Titusville		Present
Mayor 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	Absent	
Councilman Patrick O'Neill	City of Rockledge		Present
Councilman Harry Santiago, Jr.	City of Palm Bay	Absent	
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville		Present
Commissioner Skip Williams	North Beaches Coalition	Absent	
Mayor Rocky Randels (alternate)	North Beaches Coalition		Present
Councilwoman Betty Moore (alternate)	City of Melbourne		Present

**Others Present:**

Bob Kamm	Space Coast TPO Executive Director
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
Lorena Valencia	Florida Department of Transportation
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel
William "Tuck" Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway
Gil Ramirez	Lassiter Transportation Group, Inc.
Vickie Wyche	Florida Department of Transportation
Scott Swearingen	Renaissance Planning Group
Scott Gunnerson	Florida Today
Chris Rizzolo	United Research Services
Lydia Jackson	Board of County Commissioners District 1
George Lovett	GAI Consultants, Inc.
Jim Liesenfelt	Space Coast Area Transit
John Denninghoff	Brevard County Public Works
Amy Blaida	Reynolds, Smith & Hills
Curtis Leonard	Titan America
Chris Sinclair	Renaissance Planning Group
Jazlyn Heywood	Florida Department of Transportation
Tres Holton	The Holton Group, LLC

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

Chairman Allender called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance****Item 3. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2013**

*Motion by Mr. Boisvert, second by Ms. Meehan, to approve the TPO minutes of September 12, 2013. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Item 4A. Technical Advisory/Citizens Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. Kamm reviewed the significant actions taken by the TAC/CAC at their October 7, 2013 meeting to include:

- Recommended approval of legislative agenda as submitted
- Made a motion to support the diverging diamond concept for the I-95/Viera Blvd. interchange

*Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Ms. Eley, to be in receipt of the TAC/CAC Draft Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2013. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.*

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

Ms. Holt reported the TPO staff presented bicycle and pedestrian safety information at the October 5th Triad Senior Fest. Brevard County accounted for 41 of the District 5 schools participating in the October 9<sup>th</sup> International Walk to School Day event. Governor Scott is scheduled to attend the October 22<sup>nd</sup> ground breaking ceremony for the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail in Titusville.

**Item 4C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Report**

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

**Consent Agenda:****Item 5A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments****Item 5B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget**

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

**Item 6A. Approval RE: Legislative Agenda**

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

*Motion by Ms. Eley, second by Mr. Nowlin, to approve the 2014 Legislative Agenda as presented.  
Hearing no objections, the motion passed 14-0 via roll call vote.*

**Item 7A. 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 reported at the October 7<sup>th</sup> TAC/CAC meeting, it was recommended the TPO support the diverging diamond interchange option.

Ms. Meehan inquired about safety statistics regarding the diverging diamond concept.

Mr. Rizzolo replied safety statistics would be made available.

Ms. Infantini confirmed support for the diverging diamond option as it offers safety benefits with reduced right of way impact.

Mr. Tulley recommended the diverging diamond intersection alternative and requested utilization data.

Mr. Rizzolo responded safety statistics would be provided and a link for navigating a diverging diamond interchange.

Mr. Randels inquired if current efforts have been coordinated with the Viera Company since they will be funding the interchange.

Mr. Rizzolo replied yes, communication is ongoing with the Viera Company and Brevard County.

Mr. O'Neill supported the diverging diamond design as opportunities for traffic conflict are significantly reduced. He further requested safety and financial information regarding the design.

Mr. Rizzolo responded left turn crashes, which are generally more severe than rear end crashes, are diminished with the diverging diamond design. He stated safety and financial information would be provided.

**Item 7B. 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.

Ms. Eley stated roadway maintenance is an imminent issue not addressed with the public survey.

Mr. Kamm noted impact fees cannot be utilized for roadway maintenance.

Ms. Infantini supported prioritizing transportation needs using existing revenues.

Mr. Fisher noted the County has organized a Blue Ribbon Committee to investigate transportation revenue sources.

Mr. Kamm stated the public survey results have been provided to county staff working with the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mr. Jones inquired about the variance between the School Board and the LRTP's sales tax revenue estimates.

Mr. Sinclair replied the figures utilized in the LRTP process were obtained from the Department of Revenue. Mr. Sinclair stated he would investigate the discrepancy.

Mr. Nelson stated municipality annexations have resulted in a loss of transportation revenue for the county. Road expansion funding should be financed from the growth that triggered the demand.

Mr. Boisvert ascertained procrastination of road resurfacing renders exponentially more expensive road renovation.

Ms. Long inquired if a sales tax increase would necessitate a referendum.

Mr. Kamm confirmed a referendum would be required for a sales tax increase.

Ms. Long endorsed increased sales tax for a finite period to provide roadway maintenance revenue.

Mr. O'Neill stated the amount of project revenue necessary should be specified for presentation to voters and include multiple options for reaching the revenue goal.

Mr. Kamm stated the sales tax option would entail cooperative efforts between the county and municipalities to obtain a comprehensive list of essential projects with time and expenditure enumeration and transparency for the public.

Ms. Infantini cautioned if a referendum is compulsory, a project list should be attached, not referenced.

Mr. Gougelman affirmed a referendum is limited to 75 words and should specify 1) projects to be accomplished, 2) accounting of costs, and 3) the duration of the tax.

Mr. Tulley inquired if the Board was being requested to take an action at this time.

Mr. Kamm responded the Board may choose any action from those available under law.

Mr. Tulley asked what authority the TPO Board possesses for solutions.

Mr. Kamm replied the TPO Board can make recommendations.

Mr. Fisher recommended allowing the County's Blue Ribbon Committee to finalize their work for revenue solutions. He further stated any actions should be voter driven.

Mr. Allender asked when the Blue Ribbon Committee was expected to reach a conclusion.

Mr. John Denninghoff, Brevard County Public Works, stated the Committee is in the process of gathering information. Municipalities may be invited to present to the Committee in the near future. The process is time sensitive as revenues from a tax increase will not be realized for 6 – 18 months.

Ms. Long requested municipalities be allowed to present or provide input to the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mr. Denninghoff replied the decision to allow municipality input would be made at the next Committee meeting. The Committee is time sensitive but intends to reach an informed conclusion. The TPO Board can write the Blue Ribbon Committee a letter requesting municipality input. The intent is to allow the Committee to arrive at a knowledgeable and impartial decision.

Mr. Kamm stated the Blue Ribbon Committee is composed of competent and capable members with the TPO's former chairman, Mayor Larry Schultz, as its chair. Mr. Kamm offered to communicate the urgency of municipality input to the Committee's chairman.

Mr. Denninghoff responded the Committee seemed inclined to invite municipality input at prior meetings.

Mr. Jones asked if the Committee has had any municipality input yet.

Mr. Denninghoff replied the Committee was a Board of County Commissioners initiative formed to resolve county maintenance issues. By logical extension, taxes and fees affect cities, so consultation with municipalities should take place.

Mr. Fisher stated the Committee was formed after a moratorium on impact fees was extended again.

Mr. Kamm stated the county revenue source presentation Mr. Denninghoff gave to the Blue Ribbon Committee was insightful and asked if he would be willing to present it to the TPO Board.

Mr. Denninghoff responded he would.

Mr. Nelson expressed disappointment in the inequality of local option gas tax (LOGT) spending in unincorporated versus incorporated regions of the county.

Mr. Denninghoff responded revenue options and distributions are being examined by the Committee.

#### **Item 7C. Staff Report**

Ms. Holt reviewed the Strategic Plan and requested input for the 2014/2015 Strategic Plan goals and objectives.

#### **Item 7D. Local Government Reports**

Ms. Holt provided an update on rail issues in Brevard County, especially relating to Florida East Coast Railway.

#### **Item 7E. Florida Department of Transportation Report**

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

Mr. Kamm pointed out the Tampa Bay Times article publicizing Florida's achievement for the largest percentage of structurally sound bridges in the nation.

Mr. Nelson observed a potentially dangerous situation in that motorized carts are avoiding the thermoplastic crosswalk striping designed to ensure their safety due to a rumble strip effect which occurs when the striping outlasts the road surfacing. He inquired if FDOT has analyzed the thermoplastic striping.

Ms. Valencia stated she would look into it and report back.

#### **Item 8A. Public Comment**

No discussion was heard.

#### **Item 9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Attest:

  
Carol Holden, SCTPO

As Approved by the TPO Committee on

11/14/13