



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, July 14, 2011

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

- Item 1. Call to Order
- Item 2. Approval of Minutes, May 12, 2011
- Item 3A. Technical Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee Report
- Item 3B. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Report
- Item 3C. Space Coast TPO Executive Committee Report
- Item 4A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
- Item 4B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget
- Item 4C. Approval RE: Commit 2B Fit Program Endorsement
- Item 4D. Approval RE: Resolution 12-01, Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant
- Item 5A. Approval RE: Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program
- Item 5B. I-95/Ellis Road PD&E Update and Approval RE: Supplemental SU Funding
- Item 6A. Approval RE: Resolution 12-02, Amendment to FY 2011 thru FY 2012 TIP
- Item 6B. Adoption RE: Resolution 12-03, FY 2012 thru FY 2016 TIP
- Item 6C. Discussion: 2010 State of the System Report/Adoption FY 2011 Project Priorities
- Item 7A. St. Johns Heritage Parkway Southern Interchange PD&E
- Item 7B. Staff Report
- Item 7C. Local Government Report
- Item 7D. Florida Department of Transportation Report
- Item 8A. Public Comment
- Item 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	BOCC District 4	Present
Councilwoman Kathleen Burson	City of Titusville	Present
Councilwoman Stephany Eley	City of West Melbourne	Absent
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1	Present
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay	Present
Councilman William Higginson	South Beaches Coalition	Absent
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3	Present
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay	Absent

Councilman Mark Larusso	City of Melbourne	Present
Councilwoman Kathy Meehan	City of Melbourne	Present
Commissioner Chuck Nelson	BOCC District 2	Present
Councilman Mike Nowlin	City of Melbourne	Present
Councilwoman Michele Paccione	City of Palm Bay	Present
Mayor Rocky Randels	North Beaches Coalition	Present
Mayor Larry Schultz, Chairman	City of Rockledge	Absent
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville	Present
Councilman Jake Williams	City of Cocoa	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
Lorena Valencia	Florida Department of Transportation
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel
Liz Lackovich	District 1 Staff
Linda Mannier	District 3 Staff
Dennis Kyle	FDOT Brevard Operations
Tuck Ferrell	Friends of the Parkway
Amy Sirmans	Florida Department of Transportation
Jesse Blouin	DRMP, Inc.
Chris Rizzolo	URS/FDOT
Jack Freeman	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Jane Lim-Yap	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Mary Schoelzel	Florida Department of Transportation
Linsley Pietsch	Space Florida
Virginia Whittington	Metroplan Orlando
Mary Raulerson	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Jim Liesenfelt	Space Coast Area Transit
Claudia DeVitt	Transfield Services
John Denninghoff	Brevard County Public Works
Courtney Barker	City of Titusville
David Watkins	City of Palm Bay
Barry Brown	City of Cape Canaveral

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

Vice-Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2011

Motion by Mr. Tulley, second by Mr. Nowlin to approve the TPO minutes of May 12th, 2011. 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 July 11th meeting noting that although the I-95/Ellis Road PD&E Update was pulled, at the request of FDOT, the TAC/CAC did support the request for \$30,000 of SU supplemental funding. A more detailed discussion on this item will take place later in the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Mr. Williams to be in receipt of the TAC/CAC meeting minutes from May 9, 2011. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Smith reported the BPTAC met on June 27th and although they did not have a quorum the members present agreed to send letters of endorsement for the Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program and Commit 2B Fit, a school based program part of Safe Routes to School promoting healthy living and encourages walking and biking to school.

The next BPTAC meeting will be August 22nd. Agenda items include discussions with the Chief's of Police and providing them with the Florida Bicycle Association's curriculum to give to their officers so they are informed of all the bicycle and pedestrian laws. Ms. Smith also reported five additional schools will be receiving a Safe Routes to School "Walking Kit" full of all sorts of safety goodies, which brings the total to 18 schools that have received these carts in Brevard County.

Motion by Ms. Paccione, second by Mr. Allender to be in receipt of the BPTAC meeting minutes from April 25, 2011. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3C. Space Coast TPO Executive Committee Report

Mr. Kamm reported the Committee met on May 17th, and items discussed included proposed changes to the Executive Director's contract due to FRS changes and a request for staff salary adjustments. Following additional research, changes to the Executive Director's contract were not necessary and this item was withdrawn. With regard to discussion of salary adjustments for staff, the Committee members agreed to bring the issue back in September, at which time it could be addressed during the budgetary process.

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, second by Mr. Tulley to be in receipt of the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 17, 2011. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Item 4A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments

Item 4B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget

Item 4C. Approval RE: Commit to 2B Fit Program Endorsement

Item 4D. Approval RE: Resolution 12-01, Transportation Disadvantaged Grant

Mr. Kamm reported one new appointment was received from the City of Palm Bay for Ms. Kimberly Myers to be an alternate on the Citizens Advisory Committee. This appointment should be considered under Item 4A.

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

Item 5A. Approval RE: Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program

Ms. Holt reported that although the Limited Bridge Bicycle Access Pilot Program did not get approved by the legislature, it is believed there is enough momentum for it that FDOT would be willing to move forward with a local pilot program. In an effort to transmit the TPOs support of this pilot program, a draft letter to District 5 Secretary Downs has been prepared and included in the agenda package for your review and endorsement. The Florida Bicycle Association, who are very supportive of the TPOs efforts will be moving this issue forward in Tallahassee.

Ms. Infantini stated she is also working with bicycle organizations on a project like this and one of the concerns is when having bicycles riding alongside traffic, even if slowing speeds are posted, there is too much safety risk.

Ms. Holt responded part of the mandate of the pilot program will include a full safety study be done that will look at appropriate signage, address grading issues, striping, speeds, etc. before allowing bicycles on the facility.

Ms. Infantini asked for clarification that by voting in favor at this time, does not mean agreeing to the project until a safety study has been performed. Ms. Holt responded that is correct.

Motion by Ms. Bolin, second by Mr. Fisher to approve endorsement of the Pineda Causeway Bicycle Access Pilot Program. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5B. I-95/Ellis Road PD&E Update and Approval RE: Supplemental SU Funding

Mr. Kamm stated due to unforeseen circumstances the consultant requested postponing the I-95/Ellis Road PD&E presentation. Mr. Kamm reminder members back in May the TPO discussed the drainage issues related to the widening of Ellis, and had asked the consultant to do additional analysis

related to alternative drainage ideas. Because of this additional work, the FDOT has requested an additional \$30,000 of SU funding to cover the costs associated with this analysis.

Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Mr. Nowlin to approve \$30,000 in supplemental SU funds to complete the additional drainage work requested for the I-95/Ellis Road PD&E. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6A. Approval RE: Resolution 12-02, Amendment to the FY 2011 thru FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Valencia reviewed each of the requested changes to the current FY 2011 thru FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and stated the changes needed to be done prior to October 1st.

Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Mr. Nowlin to approve Resolution 12-02 amending the FY 2011 thru FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 6B. Adoption RE: Resolution 12-03, FY 2012 thru FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Gillette provided a summary of the FY 2012 thru FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program. The TPO is required by Federal law to adopt a Transportation Improvement Program each year. A public meeting was held on June 22nd to allow interested citizens the opportunity to ask questions and give their ideas on the proposed projects.

Ms. Gillette stated the FY 2012 thru FY 2016 TIP goes into effect October 1st. If a project is not included in the TIP it is not eligible for Federal funds. At the end of the report there is a list of local projects, which are included strictly for informational purposes.

Motion by Mr. Larusso, second by Mr. Allender to approve Resolution 12-03, adopting the FY 2012 thru FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 6C. Discussion: 2010 State of the System Report and Adoption FY 2011 Project Priorities

Part I: 2010 State of the System Report

Ms. Jane Lim-Yap from Kittelson and Associates, presented the 2010 State of the System Report. The presentation was broken into three steps, Trends and Conditions, Segment Rankings and Project Strategies/Priorities.

Ms. Paccione stated she was curious about what happens with the high crash locations that are identified. Do they get looked at?

Mr. Kamm responded that would require a much deeper level of analysis and is why we are working to establish a new crash database system that will provide us with the additional information we need.

Mr. Larusso stated the City of Melbourne has been talking with the FDOT for years about the situation on east and westbound Eau Gallie and US1. There is currently an area designated as parking only with yellow striping which could be opened up, during certain times of the day, as a third lane to alleviate congestion but FDOT is currently not willing to allow it.

Mr. Randels noted the report shows a segment on SR 520 between Brevard Avenue and Delannoy Ave which moved from 19th up to number 1 in crash rate and feels this location bears further examination.

Mr. Kamm stated we are working with the Department to implement ATMS projects on the segments that have high congestion and crashes, which may improve.

Part II: Adoption FY 2011 Project Priorities

Ms. Gillette presented the FY 2011 Project Priorities process and explained that every year staff requests proposed projects from all of the municipalities, the County, and other transportation providers. The Growth Management Sub-Committee then reviews and prioritizes the projects. The list is then presented to the TPO Board for approval and submitted to FDOT, who will select those projects they can fund and include in their 5-year Work Program.

Ms. Gillette reminded members in April, the TPO adopted the 2010 list by phase and in May adopted a 90-Day list which was for smaller projects that would be ready to go should additional funding become available due to low bids. The FY 2011 Project Priorities is the final phase and Attachment "A" provides the detailed list of projects by various categories.

Ms. Gillette presented the Priority list in detail describing the projects and associated funding.

Mr. Green asked what does it mean when you say the north phase of the Parkway is funded but not funded for construction.

Ms. Gillette responded she believes the County currently only has funding for right of way on the northern segment of the Parkway.

Mr. Tulley commended staff for the inclusion of Space projects on the list. Mr. Kamm thanked the Department for their hard work in getting Space related projects included in the TIP and eligible for funding.

Mr. Nelson stated his concerns regarding the SR 528 widening project and would it be better to break the project into smaller sections.

Mr. Kamm stated this is the time to make that distinction as part of the project priorities. If we want to break it out into sub-phases and identify which segments are a higher priority.

Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Mr. Williams to adopt the FY 2011 Project Priorities as amended to include Courtenay Parkway from Cone Road to SR 528 in section C-1, and modification of the SR 528 widening project. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7A. St. Johns Heritage Parkway Southern Interchange PD&E Study

Mr. Freeman of Kittelson & Associates, Inc., FDOT's consultant on this project, presented the St. Johns Heritage Parkway Southern Interchange PD&E. Mr. Freeman reviewed the four alignment alternatives and various interchange configurations that had been considered. The local preferred alternative, Alignment 1 with PARCLO Interchange has been selected. Next steps include a public hearing with completion of the study anticipated by early 2012. Federal funds are available for Design which will need to be followed by Right-of-Way and Construction phases.

Item 7B. Staff Report

Mr. Kamm reminded the members that there will be no meeting in August. The next TPO meeting will be on September 8, 2011.

Ms. Holt reported Congressman Mica held an online/teleconference about the new Federal Transportation Highway Act. The House version is for 6 years and includes streamlining the process to give more control to the States, incentives for ITS, design build, and public/private partnerships, and eliminates SE funds or Enhancement funds which we use for trails or bike paths. It would make them discretionary at the State level, not the local level. Discussion also included a cut of 25% to Amtrak. Amtrak is already doing an analysis of their current and proposed lines and we expect to see this report in July or early August. Based on all the research that has been done the Flagler Line should be in the top tier. The Federal report is also important because it would mean no subsidy is required. The \$118 million is still in the State budget.

Item 7C. Local Government Report

Mr. Kamm recognized those local governments who have adopted Complete Streets Resolutions.

Mr. Kamm reported on June 28th under the direction of Commissioner Bolin, there was a public meeting held to discuss the potential connection of St. Andrews Boulevard to the new Pineda Extension. TPO staff provided support and modeling information to look at the potential traffic patterns.

Item 7D. Florida Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Valencia reviewed and updated the members on the status of various FDOT roadway projects in the Brevard County


Item 8A. Public Comment

There were no comments heard.

Item 9. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Attest:



Laura Carter, SCTPO
As Approved by the TPO on 9/8/11
