



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, September 8, 2011

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

- Item 1. Call to Order
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- Item 3B. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Report
- Item 3C. Space Coast TPO Executive Committee Report
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- Item 4A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments
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- Item 4C. Approval RE: FY 12 Space Florida Task Order Agreement
- Item 4D. Approval RE: Resolution 12-05, FTA Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement
- Item 5A. Approval RE: Resolution 12-06, Amendment to FY 2012 thru FY 2016 TIP
- Item 5B. Approval RE: Resolution 12-04, US 192 Feasibility Study LAP Agreement
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- Item 6A. Staff Report
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- Item 6C. Florida Department of Transportation Report
- Item 7A. Communications
- Item 7B. Public Comment
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Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Board Members:

Commissioner Jerry Allender	Canaveral Port Authority	Absent
Commissioner Andy Anderson	BOCC District 5	Absent
Commissioner Mary Bolin	BOCC District 4	Absent
Councilwoman Kathleen Burson	City of Titusville	Absent
Councilwoman Stephany Eley	City of West Melbourne	Present
Commissioner Robin Fisher	BOCC District 1	Present
Councilman Ken Greene	City of Palm Bay	Absent
Councilman William Higginson	South Beaches Coalition	Absent

Councilman Jeffrey Fleis - Alternate	South Beaches Coalition	Present
Commissioner Trudie Infantini	BOCC District 3	Absent
Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi	City of Palm Bay	Present
Councilman Mark Larusso	City of Melbourne	Absent
Councilwoman Kathy Meehan	City of Melbourne	Present
Commissioner Chuck Nelson	BOCC District 2	Present
Councilman Mike Nowlin	City of Melbourne	Absent
Councilwoman Michele Paccione	City of Palm Bay	Absent
Mayor Rocky Randels	North Beaches Coalition	Present
Mayor Larry Schultz, Chairman	City of Rockledge	Present
Mayor Jim Tulley	City of Titusville	Present
Councilman Jake Williams	City of Cocoa	Absent

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
Lorena Valencia	Florida Department of Transportation
Paul Gougelman	Space Coast TPO Legal Counsel
Liz Lackovich	District 1 Staff
Dennis Kyle	FDOT Brevard Operations
Mary Schoelzel	Florida Department of Transportation
John Denninghoff	Brevard County Public Works
Courtney Barker	City of Titusville
Lance DeCuir	Atkins
Frank Hickson	Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.
Leartis Brothers	Resident
Douglas Brothers	Resident
Cesear Sterling	Resident
A. L. Holloway	Resident
W. D. Burns	Resident

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

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

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2011

Motion by Ms. Meehan, second by Ms. Eley to approve the TPO minutes of July 14, 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 September 6th meeting.

Motion by Mayor Randels, second by Ms. Isnardi to be in receipt of the TAC/CAC meeting minutes from July 11, 2011. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Gillette reported the BPTAC Committee did not meet in August but instead will hold their next meeting on October 24th at which time the Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan scope will be discussed.

Ms. Gillette informed members Walk to School day will take place on October 5th. This is a nationally recognized day held to promote the benefits of walking to and from school.

Ms. Gillette advised members staff has been working with the school board transportation office conducting field reviews at various schools that receive courtesy busing. The goal is to evaluate if hazardous walking conditions exist. Schools evaluated included University Park, Harbor City, Johnson Middle, McNair Magnet, Suntree, and Palm Bay High.

Motion by Ms. Isnardi, second by Mr. Anderson to be in receipt of the BPTAC meeting minutes from June 27, 2011. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3C. Space Coast TPO Executive Committee Report

Mr. Kamm reported the Committee met on August 16, at which time members approved Resolution 12-04, the US 192 Feasibility Study LAP Agreement, reviewed the draft Space Coast TPO Strategic Plan and requested it be presented at the TPO September meeting to allow the full board time to review and comment before formal adoption, which is anticipated to be in November. The Executive Committee also recommended approval of the FY 12 Operating Budget and endorsed the 2012 Legislative Issues.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, second by Mr. Fisher to be in receipt of the Executive Committee meeting minutes of August 16, 2011. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3D. MPOAC Report

Mr. Kamm reported FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad briefed the MPOAC on the Departments focus to reduce project delivery time, establish more public/private partnerships or "P3" as they are referred to, and will work on moving forward projects of major impact.

Mayor Randels stated the Secretary noted no new tolls would be put on existing facilities, however, any new roadways would be evaluated as a toll facility so they are paid for by the users.

Consent Agenda:

Item 4A. Approval RE: Committee Appointments

Item 4B. Approval RE: Finance and Budget

Item 4C. Approval RE: FY 12 Space Florida Task Order Agreement 11-075 - #002

Item 4D. Approval RE: Resolution 12-05, FTA Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement

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

Item 5A. Approval RE: Resolution 12-06 Amendment to FY 2012 thru FY 2016 TIP

Ms. Gillette explained the requested Amendment is to accommodate roll forward activities. The TIP needs to be reconciled with the FDOT Work Program on an annual basis.

Motion by Mayor Randels, second by Mr. Anderson to approve Resolution 12-06 Amending the FY 2012 thru FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Item 5B. Approval RE: Resolution 12-04, US 192 Feasibility Study LAP Agreement

Mr. Kamm explained how staff will be responsible for overseeing the execution of the US 192 Feasibility Study through a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement with FDOT. The study limits are from Babcock Street west to the proposed intersection with the St. Johns Heritage Parkway. The TPOs general planning consultant, Kittelson & Associates, will evaluate widening to the inside or outside or not to widen if the corridor is determined to be constrained. If no widening is recommended, the corridor will be evaluated for other improvements such as intersection improvements that would help alleviate congestion.

Mr. Kamm continued by stating this will be a technical study to look at the implications of costs for right of way, relocating utilities, and addressing drainage issues among other things. It is anticipated the study recommendations will be presented to the TPO next July. If the study finds that widening improvements would be so expensive that it would be cost prohibitive, then the study will look at intersection improvements. The study team will be working closely with the City of Melbourne, West Melbourne, Brevard County and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Ms. Eley asked when the improvement to Wickham Road from NASA to US 192 would commence.

Mr. Anderson responded the latest update he had received from the Public Works Director was the project should begin later this year or in early 2012.

Ms. Eley inquired if the improvements along Wickham Road near the intersection of US 192 could be incorporated into the US 192 feasibility study so that the area would not have to undergo construction twice.

Mr. Kamm responded by stating the Wickham improvement is currently in right of way acquisition, whereas the US 192 study between Babcock and the proposed St. Johns Heritage Parkway is in the very early stages of review. Another factor to consider is the Wickham Road project is a County project that we would not want to federalize due to it being very close to construction. The right of way acquisition would have to be acquired under federal standards.

Motion by Mayor Randels, second by Ms. Eley to approve Resolution 12-04, US 192 Feasibility Study LAP Agreement. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5C. Approval RE: 2012 Legislative Priorities

Ms. Holt reported the Legislative Delegation met on Wednesday, September 7, at which time Mr. Kamm presented the TPO's 2012 Legislative Priority list. At the meeting, the importance of the Flagler line was discussed. The Port of Miami is preparing for increased cargo, and FEC is making plans to build additional track to handle this increase. This is a good time to look at expanding the passenger rail lines as well. There have been private negotiations between the FEC and Richard Branson who owns Virgin Trains to take over Tri-Rail. Tri-Rail would connect to the Flagler line and provide passenger connections as far north as Jacksonville.

Two new items were also discussed which included moving up the Barnes Blvd. project, and to construct a sound wall along northbound I-95 on the south side south of the Brevard County Sheriffs Work Farm north to SR 520. The neighborhood located in the area has had significant impact since the widening of I-95.

Ms. Burns, a local citizen, stated she has lived in the community since 1964. The Interstate was not built until the 1970's. Since 2008, the residents in her neighborhood have been complaining to the Commissioners and the FDOT about the noise problem, and the fumes. It is hard to sleep, and the fumes are affecting their health. Ms. Burns stated she appreciated the Board taking the time to listen and to look into the issue.

Ms. Brother, a local citizen, spoke about the exhaust fumes impacting her asthma and appreciates those helping them with their request.

Commissioner Nelson stated there are a significant number of homes that are impacted and strongly supports the need for this project.

Mr. Kamm stated this particular segment of I-95 was built with concrete which increases the noise level. The noise level is at 70 decibels and the threshold is 66 decibels. There is another issue that

Federal guidelines require, that even though the noise decibels are above the standard, the cost benefit analysis has to also be met and right now they do not meet the criteria.

Mr. Fisher asked what the cost estimate is to construct the sound wall. Mr. Kamm replied \$1 million plus, but that is for a wall distance that is way too long. It could be shortened to make it more cost feasible.

Mr. Fisher asked what if locals split the cost of the project. Mr. Kamm responded that cost sharing may move the project forward.

Ms. Eley noted the residents along the Pineda Causeway were able to have a sound wall built even though they did not meet the criteria.

Mr. Schultz requested staff move forward working with the DOT and doing whatever is necessary to get this project funded.

Motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Ms. Eley to approve the 2012 Legislative Priorities. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5D. Adoption RE: First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with BOCC

Mr. Kamm explained to the members the amendment clarifies that the SCTPO is an independent body and cannot be included with the County's annual audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The amended language will allow the TPO to contract directly with the County's independent auditor to perform the TPOs audit, if the Board so desires.

Ms. Eley asked if utilizing the County's firm is the best way to conduct the TPOs audit.

Ms. Carter responded if it is the Board's desire, we can go out for bid on our own. We are not required to utilize the County's firm.

Ms. Isnardi stated she has been involved with reviewing bid proposals and thinks the Board may find more competitive pricing by conducting an independent request for proposals. Ms. Isnardi stated she would prefer and support going through a separate bid process.

Mr. Gougelman stated the TPO is currently contractually bound to be included as part of the County's audit. Approval of the Amendment will allow the TPO to move forward and conduct its own audit.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, second by Ms. Eley to approve the first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with BOCC. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5E. Discussion: Draft Space Coast TPO Strategic Plan

Mr. Kamm presented the draft Strategic Plan noting staffs input and other resources used to create the Plan. The TPO should build upon what it does best: safety, space and public involvement. The Mission and Vision statements were presented along with the various themes found throughout the Plan.

One component of the Plan addresses staff positions. TPO staff has contracted with Cody & Associates to conduct a personnel study to ensure that titles and duties are properly aligned so that the TPO is in legal compliance. At the same time, Cody & Associates will review performance evaluation forms and provide updates as appropriate.

Mr. Schultz clarified the action for the Board members is to review the Plan and provide any comments to staff. The Plan will be brought back in November for consideration of approval.

Item 5F. Approval RE: Resolution 12-07 FY 2012 Operating Budget

Ms. Carter presented to the members the FY 2012 Space Coast TPO Operating budget. The presentation included a review of revenue sources used by the TPO, planned expenditures and highlights of those items that have significantly changed from prior year.

New projects to be undertaking in FY 12 include, US 192 Feasibility Study, Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan, Complete Streets and development of the next FY 13 thru FY 14 Unified Planning Work Program. Continuing projects include the completion and implementation of the web based Crash Data Location System, Traffic Counts, State of the System and the Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Carter presented the TPOs future revenue trend and the fiscal responsibility the budget reflects. Reserves have been set aside for any contingencies such as the cost for an annual audit and planning for the funding of the next Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion by Mr. Randels, second by Ms. Isnardi to approve Resolution 12-07, the FY 12 Operating Budget. Hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6A. Staff Report

There was no discussion on this item.

Item 6B. Local Government Report

Mr. Kamm reported the Brevard County Commissioners approved extending St. Andrews Boulevard to the Pineda Causeway Extension. A timeframe for this project has not yet been set.

Mr. Randels informed members there will be a SR A1A Action Committee meeting on September 13.

Mr. Tulley inquired about the article in the package that lists the rankings of "Cities Where Americans Can't Get To Work", and why it reflects the Palm Bay/Melbourne as #10 of the 10 listed. How did they arrive at this determination?

Mr. Schultz requested staff to review the article and provide details by electronic media.

Item 6C. 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 7A. Communications


There was no discussion on this item.

Item 7B. Public Comment

Public comments are included under Item 5C, Legislative Priorities.

Item 8. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Attest:


Laura Carter, SCTPO
As Approved by the TPO on 10/13/11

