

**VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TPO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1540 CORNERSTONE BLVD., SUITE 240**

**DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32117**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

**TPO Board Members Physically Present:**

Commissioner Stacy Cantu  
Commissioner Chris Conomos\*  
Mayor Karen Chasez  
Commissioner Kevin Reid  
Vice Mayor Davison Heriot  
Vice Mayor Charlotte Gillis  
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur\*  
Commissioner Andy Dance  
Mayor Roger Eckert\*  
Vice Mayor Lisa Martin  
Commissioner Carrie Werning\*\*  
Commissioner Harold Briley  
Council Member Ty Miller  
Councilman Eric Sander, TPO Chairperson  
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

**TPO Board Members Virtually Present:**

Vice Mayor John Rogers\*  
Council Member Dawn Tiamson

**TPO Board Members Absent:**

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema\*  
Mayor Chris Cloudman (excused)  
Vice Mayor Roy Johnson  
Commissioner Debra Snow  
Mayor Ricky Taylor (excused)  
Council Member Skip White\*  
Council Member Reed Foley (excused)  
Council Member Jake Johansson (excused)  
County Chair Jeff Brower (excused)  
County Vice Chair Matt Reinhart (excused)  
Council Member Danny Robins (excused)  
Council Member David Santiago  
Jessie Thompson (non-voting)  
William Furry (non-voting)  
Nic Mostert (non-voting)  
Greg Feldman (non-voting)  
Simone Kenny (non-voting)

**\* Non-voting member of the Small City Alliance**

**\*\* Voting member for the Small City Alliance**

**Others Physically Present:**

Melanie Pruneau, Recording Secretary  
Pamela Blankenship  
Stephan Harris  
Colleen Nicoulin  
Jonathan Roberson  
Jim Stroz

**Representing:**

Daytona Beach  
Daytona Beach Shores  
DeBary  
DeLand Alternate  
Deltona  
Edgewater  
Flagler Beach  
Flagler County  
Lake Helen  
New Smyrna Beach  
Oak Hill Alternate  
Ormond Beach  
Palm Coast  
South Daytona  
FDOT

**Representing:**

Bunnell  
Orange City

**Representing:**

Beverly Beach  
DeLand  
Holly Hill  
Holly Hill Alternate  
Oak Hill  
Ponce Inlet  
Port Orange  
Volusia County, At-Large  
Volusia County, Chairman  
Volusia County, District 2  
Volusia County, District 3  
Volusia County, District 5  
Volusia County School Board  
Flagler County School Board  
BPAC Chairperson  
CAC Chairperson  
TCC Chairperson

**Representing:**

TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
CUTR  
FDOT

**Others Physically Present:**

Ty Garner  
Chris Engels  
Britney Jones  
Barb Girtman  
Karen Haught  
Jim Cameron  
Mike Vaudo  
Bobbie King

**Representing:**

FDOT  
FDOT  
FDOT  
Ghyabi & Associates  
Ghyabi & Associates  
JC Consulting  
Kimley-Horn & Associates  
VoTran

**Others Virtually Present:**

Maribel Lemke  
Thee Perry

**Representing:**

TPO Staff  
VHB

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by TPO Chairperson Sander. The roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with eleven voting members and four non-voting members physically present; and one voting and one non-voting member virtually present.

Ms. Pruneau stated that Commissioner Werning of Oak Hill was the voting member of the Small City Alliance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Dance to allow for remote participation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chasez and carried unanimously.*

**2. Public Comment/Participation**

There were no public comments.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- A. January 28, 2026 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Executive Committee Report
- D. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Report
- E. Citizens Advisory Committee Report
- F. Technical Coordinating Committee Report
- G. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Report

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gillis to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dance and carried unanimously.*

**4. Action Items**

- A. Review and Approval of Draft FY 2026/27 to FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task Activities for FDOT/FHWA Review

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve Draft FY 2026/27 to FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task Activities for FDOT/FHWA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dance.*

Ms. Nicoulin explained the purpose of the UPWP and the changes and additions since last month's presentation. The changes include updating the TPO Bylaws, expanding the Social Media Distracted Driving Awareness Campaign, updating VoTran transit tasks, and supporting the regional TSMO project. She reviewed the schedule moving forward, stating that the draft UPWP will be submitted to FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration

(FHWA) on March 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by a presentation of the deobligation of funds on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the final review and approval of the UPWP will take place in April. The finalized document will be sent to FDOT on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Martin expressed concern with the language of what it included in the e-bike study; it should state that it is for single rider electric devices. Ms. Nicoulin stated that legislation may address the definition and help identify the scope of the study.

Mayor Chasez asked about the VoTran southwest transfer facility. Ms. Bobbie King, VoTran Transit Services Director, stated that the location on Saxon Boulevard will be a formal transfer facility with upgraded amenities.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## **5. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items**

### **A. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft Flagler County FY 2026-2035 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update**

Mr. Jonathan Roberson, University of South Florida (USF) Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), gave an update on the draft Flagler County Transit Development Plan. He explained the highlights, public outreach efforts, and next steps. He discussed proposed fixed route service recommendations and on-demand service considerations.

### **B. Presentation and Discussion of the Clyde Morris Boulevard (SR 483) Corridor Improvement Project**

Mr. Jim Stroz, FDOT Director of Transportation Development, presented the upcoming Clyde Morris Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, offering an overview, the project schedule, and renderings of the completed project. He highlighted the proposed pedestrian tunnel in front of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University main entrance.

Commissioner Cantu asked about segment three and the sidewalk separation on Beville Road to Hancock Boulevard, noting there were major utilities and a retention pond located there. Mr. Ty Garner, Project Manager, stated that the curb will be moved to accommodate the fourteen-foot trail and that they will work with the utility owners to minimize impacts.

Mayor Chasez asked about the cost of the pedestrian tunnel and noted that pedestrians may not use it because they like to cross at grade. Mr. Stroz stated that the portion of the funding put toward the tunnel was around \$9 million.

Chairperson Sander asked if there would be two pedestrian tunnels on the north and south side. Mr. Stroz stated that there will only be one on the south side.

Chairperson Sander asked if they will be adding a median and pushing the roadway further out to complete this. Mr. Stroz explained that the curblines will be pushed in but there will still be eleven feet.

### **C. FDOT Report**

Ms. Powell reviewed the FDOT report. She reviewed the Central Florida Construction Career Days that took place January 29-30<sup>th</sup> at the Volusia County Fairgrounds geared toward students researching potential career paths. She stated that February 6<sup>th</sup> was Florida School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, offering a reminder to obey speed limits in school zones at all times. She gave notice that the TPO/FDOT Joint Certification will be presented next month.

Commissioner Martin asked if the New Smyrna Beach South Causeway project had started construction. The Project Manager stated that the construction had not yet begun and she would let her know the updated start date after the meeting.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Nicoulin offered a reminder that the Call for Projects closes Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. An update on the projects received will be presented next month. She advised that FDOT is updating the Central Florida Regional Planning Model and requesting input from the TCC members. She remarked that the Clyde Morris Boulevard improvement project was ranked number one on the TPO's Regionally Significant Non-SIS List and expressed appreciation to FDOT for expediting funding.

**7. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Member Comments**

Commissioner Belhumeur stated that this may be his last meeting due to the upcoming election and stated his regard for his time with the TPO Board. Chairperson Sander expressed appreciation for his time on the board.

**8. Volusia-Flagler TPO Chairperson Comments**

Chairperson Sander thanked everyone for their time.

**9. Information Items**

- A. BPAC Attendance Record
- B. CAC Attendance Record
- C. TCC Attendance Record
- D. TPO Outreach & Activities
- E. Upcoming Events
- F. Volusia County and Flagler County Construction Reports
- G. Letter of Support – BUILD Grant for Old Kings Road Corridor Improvements Project
- H. VoTran Service Changes Effective March 1, 2026
- I. VoTran Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2025 Annual Update

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

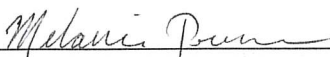
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CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA COUNCILMAN ERIC SANDER  
CHAIRPERSON, VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TPO

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia-Flagler TPO Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 25, 2026 regular meeting of the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



MELANIE PRUNEAU, RECORDING SECRETARY  
VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**\*\*A recording of the February 25, 2026 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting is available upon request.**