

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TPO CONFERENCE ROOM
1540 CORNERSTONE BLVD., SUITE 240
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32117
MARCH 25, 2026

TPO Board Members Physically Present:

Commissioner Chris Conomos*
Mayor Karen Chasez
Mayor Chris Cloudman
Commissioner Davison Heriot
Vice Mayor Charlotte Gillis
Commissioner RJ Santore*
Commissioner Andy Dance
Mayor Roger Eckert*
Commissioner Carrie Werning**
Council Member Ty Miller
Council Member Skip White*
Council Member Reed Foley
Councilman Eric Sander, TPO Chairperson
County Vice Chair Matt Reinhart
Council Member Jake Johansson
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:

Council Member Dawn Tiamson

TPO Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*
Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Commissioner Stacy Cantu
Commissioner Debra Snow
Commissioner Lisa Martin
Mayor Ricky Taylor (excused)
Commissioner Harold Briley (excused)
County Chair Jeff Brower (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
Emily Bush
Jonathan Roberson
Santiago Avila, Jr.

Representing:

Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler Beach Alternate
Flagler County
Lake Helen
Oak Hill Alternate
Palm Coast
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, At-Large
FDOT

Representing:

Orange City

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Bunnell
Daytona Beach
Holly Hill Alternate
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Ormond Beach
Volusia County, Chairman
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
Bike/Walk Central Florida
CUTR
Deltona

Others Physically Present:

Chris Engels
Christina Bocirnea
Barb Girtman
Karen Haught
Mike Vaudo
Jim Wood
Steven Williamson

Representing:

FDOT
FDOT
Ghyabi & Associates
Ghyabi & Associates
Kimley-Horn & Associates
Kimley-Horn & Associates
TDLCB

Others Virtually Present:

Mariel Lemke
Wiley Page

Representing:

TPO Staff
Atkins Realis

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 9:00 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 five non-voting members physically present; and one 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 Council Member Foley to allow for remote participation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chasez and carried unanimously.*

The board observed a moment of silence for the passing of Holly Hill Vice Mayor Roy Johnson.

2. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. February 25, 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
- H. Executive Director Timesheet Review Reports
- I. Amended and Restated Central Florida MPO Alliance Interlocal Agreement

Chairperson Sander stated that there has been a revision to Item E and a handout was provided.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Heriot to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by County Vice Chair Reinhart and carried unanimously.*

4. Action Items

- A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-03 Amending the 2025/26 to 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call Vote Required)

MOTION: *A motion was made by County Vice Chair Reinhart to approve Resolution 2026-03 amending the 2025/26 to 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mayor Chasez.*

Ms. Nicoulin explained that the TIP must be amended to add funding for the first phase of the Clyde Morris Boulevard project, as well as the deletions of two projects that the city of South Daytona has withdrawn due to shifting priorities.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-04 Amending the FY 2024/25 and 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Deobligating Funds, and Authorizing an Amendment to the TPO Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement (Roll Call Vote Required)

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Chasez to approve Resolution 2026-04 amending the FY 2024/25 and 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), deobligating funds, and authorizing an amendment to the TPO Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement. The motion was seconded by County Vice Chair Reinhart.*

Ms. Nicoulin explained that as part of the development of the UPWP, any funds that have not been used are deobligated to make them available for use in the first year of the new UPWP. She stated that \$1,320,200 million in Consolidated Planning Grant funds and \$150,000 in Urbanized Attributable (SU) funds will be deobligated.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Review and Approval of the 2025 Annual FDOT/TPO Joint Certification Report

Ms. Powell presented the 2025 FDOT/TPO Joint Certification Report, stating that the TPO received a low-risk score with no marks. She thanked Ms. Nicoulin and the TPO staff for their work and expressed excitement in the continued work with the TPO.

Mayor Chasez noted the improvement from years past, recognizing Ms. Nicoulin's leadership, her staff, and hard work for the change.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Heriot to approve the 2025 Annual FDOT/TPO Joint Certification Report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chasez and carried unanimously.*

5. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the Adopted Flagler County FY 2026-2035 Transit Development Plan

Mr. Jonathan Roberson, University of South Florida (USF) Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), gave an updated presentation on the recently adopted Flagler County FY 2026-2035 Transit Development Plan (TDP). He discussed the top-ranked service needs and the roadmap of the ten-year plan. He stated that the plan is currently in its 60-day review period with FDOT.

Council Member Johansson suggested utilizing caution going forward due to Volusia County's recent experience of having to reduce the number of fixed routes and the potential of property taxes being eliminated.

Mayor Chasez stated that there will be clarity in the next year or so regarding property taxes and suggested that this plan will require the fiscal responsibility of Flagler County. She stated her opinion that continuing the planning process is beneficial considering the current and future significant growth of Flagler County.

Council Member Miller asked about the plan's recommended enhancements to the current ADA service in Flagler County. Mr. Roberson stated there will be an increase in trips provided, the addition of weekend trips and mobility on demand service and noted that the plan is phased and measured with pilot projects considered.

Commissioner Dance echoed comments from Council Member Johansson and Mayor Chasez, stating that he believes the best way forward is mobility on demand service. He noted the difficulty of implementing fixed-route service due to Palm Coast's expansiveness.

Commissioner Heriot noted that he appreciated a measured approach to transit. He added that Deltona has dramatically reduced fixed route service and he acknowledged the challenges. He noted that working with private contractors was advantageous for mobility on demand service.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the Bike/Walk Central Florida Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program

Ms. Emily Bush, Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, gave a presentation on Best Foot Forward's Pedestrian Safety Program. She gave an overview of sign-waving events, explained the evaluation of driver yield rates, and discussed the 2025 engineering insights.

Council Member White thanked Ms. Bush for her efforts, stating that Ponce Inlet is continuing to implement the pedestrian safety program. He shared an anecdote of a citizen being issued a citation and learning from the experience. He stated that Ponce Inlet is exploring various methods of pedestrian safety signage, stating that aesthetics are a consideration.

Commissioner Dance thanked Ms. Bush for coming out to Flagler County last week and encouraged education of the public regarding the law and enforcements.

Commissioner Santore echoed Council Member White's comment regarding balancing aesthetics with traffic signals and signage. Ms. Bush suggested land use tactics to help with beautification.

Chairperson Sander asked about the duration of crosswalk data collection events. Ms. Bush explained that a data collection event can last from twenty minutes to two hours, depending on traffic volume.

Chairperson Sander asked if there is a public service announcement or some sort of education that explains the new pedestrian hybrid beacons. Ms. Bush stated that education regarding the beacons is facility-specific. She recommended utilizing FDOT's resources.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Reed Ellis Road Trail

Ms. Bush gave a presentation on the proposed Reed Ellis Road Trail. She explained the overarching purpose of connecting three large conservation entities in southern Volusia County; D Ranch Preserve, Lake Monroe Preserve, and Beck Ranch Preserve through Reed Ellis Road. She explained the next steps in the process and how board members could help.

Commissioner Heriot stated that D Ranch is one of Deltona's greatest assets and recommended visiting it.

D. Presentation and Discussion of the 2026 TPO Annual Call for Projects

Ms. Nicoulin stated that the TPO's annual Call for Projects closed in February, and twenty-two applications were received. She pointed out that the applications are identified in the agenda packet and that TPO staff has nearly completed its in-house review. She explained the next steps, including subcommittee meetings being held over the coming month to review and score the projects, followed by a presentation to the board in May, adoption scheduled for June, followed by submittal to FDOT for consideration of funding.

Council Member Johansson pointed out that of Volusia County's sixteen cities, only five were represented in the applications. Ms. Nicoulin stated that she believed part of the reasoning for that is due to the LAP certification requirement. She noted that there were more cities represented in the Call for Projects last year. Council Member Johansson advised her to let him know if there were LAP certification issues with the small cities so that the county can help.

Commissioner Heriot stated that Deltona did not submit any projects this year. They recently had a productive meeting with Ms. Nicoulin and discussed the need to have a LAP certified staff member. He noted that Deltona will be submitting applications next year.

Mayor Chasez stated that while DeBary did not submit any applications this year, she wanted to assure citizens, that they are working to get a federal appropriation for a crossing over Benson Junction and Fort Florida Road, and she noted that in response to the conversation that occurred at the BPAC meeting, the issue around Dirksen Drive and 17-92 is being addressed by the city.

E. FDOT Report

Ms. Powell reviewed the FDOT report; shared a video detailing the widening project in DeLeon Springs, announced an upcoming Career Fair at the University of Central Florida on March 30th, and the Central Florida Safety Summit on May 8th in St. Cloud, stating that the link to register will be distributed soon.

6. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nicoulin stated that TPO staff will also distribute Central Florida Safety Summit registration information shortly. She stated that the MPOAC Institute will take place on May 1st in Orlando, and that the TPO has budgeted to send three board members. She advised any members interested in attending to reach out to Ms. Pruneau.

7. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Member Comments

County Vice Chair Reinhart informed members that Vice Mayor Johnson's funeral service will be held at the Church of Christ in Holly Hill on April 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Dance stated that April 25th is Trails Day.

Council Member Foley stated that he will be stepping down from the board due to upcoming travel; Port Orange will find a replacement for his seat. He expressed his honor in being part of the board adding that it was one of the most important organizations in the area. Chairperson Sander thanked him for his service on both the TPO Board and the Executive Committee.

8. Volusia-Flagler TPO Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Sander welcomed Commissioner Santore of Flagler Beach to the board.

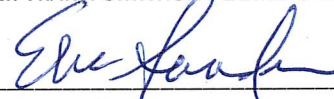
9. Information Items

- 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. MPOAC Institute Save the Date

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.


VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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 March 25, 2026 regular meeting of the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 22nd day of April 2026.



MELANIE PRUNEAU, RECORDING SECRETARY

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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