MARCH 28, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD

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TPO Board Members Present:
Mayor Stephen Emmett**
Commissioner Robert Gilliland, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Council Member Lorraine Geiger*
Vice Mayor Lita Handy-Peters, 1st Vice Chairperson
Commissioner Cloudman
Commissioner Chris Nabicht
Councilwoman Christine Power
Commissioner Marshall Shupe*
Council Member Nate McLaughlin
Commissioner Penny Currie
Vice Mayor Vernon Burton*
Vice Mayor Jason McGuirk
Commissioner Bill Lindau*
Council Member Jeff Allebach
Commissioner Dwight Selby
Council Member Joe Perrone*
Council Member Drew Bastian
Councilwoman Nancy Long
Volusia County Council Chair Ed Kelley
Council Member Billie Wheeler
Volusia County Council Vice Chair Deb Denys, Chairperson
Council Member Joyce Cusack
Saralee Morrissey (non-voting)
Vickie Wyche (non-voting advisor)
Robert Storke (non-voting)
Janet Deyette (non-voting)
Jose Papa (non-voting)

TPO Board Members Absent:
Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Andy Dance (non-voting)
Commissioner Steve Nobile (excused)
Mayor James Sowell*
Council Member Pat Patterson (excused)

* Non-voting member in the Small City Alliance
** Voting member for the Small City Alliance

Representing:
Beverly Beach
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, District 3
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County School Board
FDOT District 5
BPAC Chairperson
CAC Chairperson
TCC Chairperson

Representing:
Bunnell
Flagler County School Board
   Palm Coast
Pierson
Volusia County District 1

Others Present:
Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Lois Bollenback
Pamela Blankenship
Colleen Nicolin
Herbert Seely
Stephan Harris
Vince Wang
Aarti Sharma

Representing:
TPO Staff
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River to Sea TPO Board Minutes
I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

The meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by TPO Chairperson Deb Denys. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Ms. Stewart announced that Mayor Emmett, Beverly Beach, would be the voting member for the Small City Alliance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed.

III. Public Comment/Participation

Mr. Big John stated today's edition of the Daytona News-Journal mentioned that on this day in 1978, New Smyrna Beach Mayor George Musson was re-elected; he was on the TPO Board for many years. He asked that this board take a moment to remember him.

Mr. Big John encouraged other municipalities to follow Daytona Beach's lead on installing and maintaining bus stop benches and shelters through an advertising firm. He added that they are Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant shelters.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. February 28, 2018 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes
B. Treasurer's Report
C. Executive Committee Report
D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report
E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report
F. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
G. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report
H. River to Sea TPO Board (R2CTPO) Summary Report
I. Review and Approval of Executive Director's Salary Based Upon Annual Performance Evaluation
J. Review and Approval of Amendment of the Lease with Root Riverfront Properties, LLC for Office Space
K. Review and Approval of the 2017 State Modified Joint Certification Review Report
L. Review and Approval of Expenditure for the Roadway Safety Evaluation and Improvement Analysis ($91,195)

Chairperson Denys stated the consent agenda recommends a salary increase for the Executive Director; it was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee. It also contains the approval of the lease
amendment for the TPO to remain in the current location as well as the results of the FDOT Annual Joint Certification Review of the TPO. Staying in this location is big deal because the TPO does not have to move and the rent is decreasing and it is a ten year contract.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nabicht moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2018-07 Adopting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Report

Chairperson Denys stated the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was presented to the TPO Board in January. Since then, the final report has been under review and refinement and is being presented today for adoption. Each of the TPO advisory committees has recommended approval.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliland to approve Resolution 2018-07 adopting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Report. Vice Mayor Handy-Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VI. Presentations and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the R2CTPO “Tell the TPO” Survey Campaign

(Handout)

Chairperson Denys stated the “Tell the TPO” survey collects public input and educates citizens about current transportation topics.

Ms. Blankenship stated every two years, the TPO undertakes the “Tell the TPO” survey; it started in 2014 with baseline data and was completed again in 2016. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the transportation priorities and preferences of the public for the TPO planning area. It provides a broad understanding of the attitudes, awareness and perception of the public, elected officials, government agencies and anyone who lives, works or visits the region. It also increases the public’s awareness of the TPO and who are and what we do. She introduced Ms. Lara Bouck, H.W. Lochner, to give the presentation.

Ms. Bouck gave a PowerPoint presentation and stated there are several goals for the survey; the primary goal is to obtain information on public opinion of transportation issues and the desires for mobility options in the TPO region. She reviewed the secondary goals and stated the target audience is everyone that lives, works or visits the TPO region; the goal this time is to receive 2,000 responses. She reviewed the three-prong marketing plan and the ways the survey will be accessed. There will be a prize drawing for the public responses, a competition between the committees of the TPO with a trophy for the winning committee and a trophy awarded to the most successful TPO Board member. The prior survey results are available on the TPO website. She reviewed the outreach efforts for the survey and noted her team has been working with TPO staff and various stakeholders to review the survey instrument and suggest questions to change or new questions to add. There are six new questions under consideration. She referred to the mark-upped version of the survey instrument that was provided in the agenda. She reviewed the survey instrument and proposed changes and questions.

Ms. Bouck stated they are suggesting cycling two questions out to make room for the candidate questions; both relate to investments in transportation. She continued to review the questions.

Chairperson Denys referred to Candidate Question D that asks how to spend $100; that needs to be $3 million. We do not want people to think that it does not cost much for transportation projects; that number needs to be increased.
Volusia County Council Chair Kelley commented it should be $1.2 billion as that is what the current needs are now.

Chairperson Denys agreed; she suggested adding a question that states that currently, $1.5 billion in transportation projects has been identified within the TPO planning area; then ask which projects to prioritize the funding on.

Commissioner Selby agreed; the word prioritize should be used because splitting the dollars is not nearly as important as what the priorities are.

Chairperson Denys commented everyone is aware of the funding issue with transportation at every level; this question would accentuate the issues we are trying to solve. We need to keep that in the forefront without identifying who, what and where.

Discussion continued regarding the wording of the question.

Ms. Bollenback suggested wording the question to state there are more needs than money and ask which of these needs should be considered the highest priority.

Commissioner Currie stated the public does not need to think $100 would fix any of the needs; she added that the language needs to be changed.

Council Member Bastian suggested adding the word “unfunded” to whatever number is used.

Ms. Bollenback replied that staff would work on the wording. She added that this is one of the candidate questions proposed and there is room for one more. Sea level rise and tourism are two emphasis areas that have been added to the LRTP; the tourism question is not how to accommodate the tourists but how to support the industry as part of the economy. She asked which of these questions would be more valuable.

Council Member Bastian stated the congestion on Dunlawton Avenue has been a topic of discussion.

Chairperson Denys replied there are ten intersections identified in the TPO’s Crash Analysis Report as high crash intersections and it relates to tourism. Dunlawton Avenue has two of the top ten and this is something that the citizens can relate to and understand.

Volusia County Council Chair Kelley noted that might generate more people willing to take the survey if it is something they can understand which affects them personally.

Ms. Bollenback suggested a question that would include specific intersections or to geographic locations that involved congestion or operational concerns.

Ms. Bouck continued the presentation and reviewed the schedule for the survey. The finalized draft survey will be available for approval next month and is scheduled to go live on April 30, 2018. It will be live through May and June; the responses will be compiled and analyzed in July with the results being presented in August.

Councilwoman Power suggested placing the survey at car dealerships.

Chairperson Denys stated for the record Council Member Allebach, Council Member Perrone, and Council Member Cusack have joined the meeting since roll was called.
B. Presentation and Discussion of the St. Johns River to Sea Trail PD&E Study

Chairperson Denys stated this PD&E study is meant to develop and evaluate options for a trail near and/or along US 1 from SR 44 to SR 400 (Beville Road). It is just over 12 miles and involves New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange and South Daytona. She asked if the consultant would be talking about the public hearing.

Mr. John Scarlatos, Scalar Consulting Group, replied there was a public kick-off meeting held but not a hearing.

Chairperson Denys asked where the kick-off meeting was held and if public input was taken.

Mr. Scarlatos replied it was held January 10 and 11, 2018 at the Pickett Community Center in Port Orange and the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. Public input is summarized in the presentation.

Chairperson Denys stated the TPO was not included on the email list for these meetings; she would have been there and other community members also would have attended. Going forward, especially with projects like this, the TPO must be notified. It is not acceptable that we were not notified. This was brought up at the Executive Committee and FDOT was going to check the email list to confirm the TPO is on it.

Ms. Heather Grubert, FDOT, replied she followed up on that and that someone from the TPO was invited.

Chairperson Denys commented the TPO should have been involved, the BPAC should have been involved and the elected officials should have been involved. Those of us that help fund this should have been in the email loop.

Mr. Scarlatos gave a PowerPoint presentation of the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail PD&E Study from SR 44 at Lytle Avenue to Beville Road. He provided background information on the study, reviewed the study objectives, the purpose of the trail and the schedule. He explained that PD&E stands for Project Development and Environment study and is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and to determine the social, natural, cultural and physical impacts. The project is funded with SUN Trail money; SUN Trail provides for the PD&E study, design and construction but not operations and maintenance. FDOT is not obligated to provide operations and maintenance. This study is part of a regional trail and will close a gap in the loop. He reviewed the project location and showed the map of the entire loop including the study area. The trail is approximately 12 miles in length in Volusia County from SR 44/Lytle Avenue to Beville Road along US 1. He reviewed the challenges of the project and stated right-of-way is the biggest one. They cannot use eminent domain and forcefully take any property. He reviewed the components of the study; engineering, environmental and public involvement. He explained the corridor alternatives and stated the New Smyrna Beach corridor alternative includes input for a possible one-way street conversion along Riverside Drive.

Chairperson Denys asked for confirmation that he meant that Riverside Drive in New Smyrna Beach would become a one-way street.

Mr. Scarlatos replied yes.

Vice Mayor McGuirk asked who was showing support for that idea; this is his district and this is the first he has heard of that proposal.

Mr. Scarlatos replied it came from one of the citizens that live in the area.

Vice Mayor McGuirk stated that will not happen. He also objected to the development of a controversial alternative based on one citizen comment.

Chairperson Denys stated this is the perfect example of why these meetings need to be redone with more input from the elected officials, the TPO and the advisory committees.
Vice Mayor McGuirk commented that New Smyrna Beach currently has a popular bike route along Riverside Drive through Faulkner Street to US 1. It is a problem because there is no bike lane or shoulder there and the bicyclists will ride tandem. This is his district and he receives dozens of phone calls due to this. If this is going to be the route, we need to make sure there is sufficient right-of-way.

Mr. Scarlato stated the one-way street suggestion was made as a traffic calming issue. If this does not go one-way the trail would still need to be put along Riverside Drive on the east side and not on the property owner’s side.

Vice Mayor McGuirk commented New Smyrna Beach has a unique situation in that the residents believe they own that property but the city takes a different position. Legally, it is something that no one wants to get into. There is a lot that needs to be discussed regarding this.

Mr. Scarlato replied they are coordinating with the homeowners to get their feedback. If they do not want to see it, it will not move forward. They will be meeting with everyone on Riverside Drive and Faulkner Street to discuss the trail and the possible one-way conversion.

Council Member Perrone referred to the north/south route on US 1 and commented that there is existing right-of-way which is owned by Amtrak; he asked if it would be possible to use some of that right-of-way for the trail.

Mr. Scarlato replied no. He continued reviewing the corridor alternatives and some of the issues involved. He reviewed the public comments received at the public meetings on January 10 and 11, 2018. He outlined the study schedule and stated currently, the study is in the Environmental and Engineering Analysis phase. It is expected to be completed by June 2019. Design is funded for 2019; right-of-way and construction are currently unfunded.

Councilwoman Long asked how many public attendees were at the kick-off meetings.


Councilwoman Long asked if that was just the public or if it included FDOT.

Ms. Grubert replied it does not include FDOT or Scalar Consulting employees.

Council Member Perrone asked the trail could go under the Dunlawton Bridge through the new Riverside development instead of crossing Dunlawton Avenue and continuing up US 1.

Mr. Scarlato replied that bridge only has a four foot sidewalk and that is not wide enough for the trail.

Council Member Bastian stated the same presentation was given to Port Orange and it was in more detail. To make it work in Port Orange, Riverside Drive would probably be a one-way street; that would be the safer route. The city is looking to potentially have a pedestrian overpass to cross Dunlawton Avenue in that area; north of Dunlawton Avenue on Riverside Drive will be 20’ wide pedestrian trail. They will be closing the road to vehicular traffic; it will be pedestrian friendly. He recommends the consultants go to each city and give the presentation.

Commissioner Selby asked who the target audience is for this trail.

Mr. Scarlato replied the trail is multimodal and will be for pedestrians, bicyclists, roller bladers; as long as it is non-motorized.

Commissioner Selby commented there are different types of bicycles; fast electric bicycles, beach cruisers, and families with children. He asked how long the trail will be.
Ms. Grubert replied that most people on bikes that go 20 to 30 miles per hour prefer to be on the road.

Mr. Scarlatos replied the trail is 12.5 miles long; the entire loop is just under 300 miles.

Discussion continued.

Chairperson Denys asked if they were going to do another alternatives public workshop in the fall.

Ms. Grubert replied yes; August or September.

Chairperson Denys confirmed that the TPO Board, its advisory committees and cities involved would be invited.

Ms. Grubert replied she would ensure everyone was on the list.

NOTE: A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Coronado Civic Center in New Smyrna Beach to receive input from the residents of Riverside Drive regarding the possible one-way street conversion.

C. FDOT Report

Ms. Wyche stated the FDOT report was provided in the agenda. She assured Commissioner Lindlau that Oak Hill’s signs would be replaced this week.

VII. Executive Director’s Report

→ Update on FY 2018/18 SU Funding

Ms. Bollenback stated there have not been any programming changes in the current year that would impact the available funding; there is still close to $500,000 left. There is one project that was underfunded when it was programmed that may need to have funding added. The remaining money will be used to pay down advanced construction (AC) funding. FDOT is focused on the upcoming fiscal year that begins in July and is working with the cities that have projects programmed to make sure all the LAP certifications are in place.

→ Update on Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials

Ms. Bollenback stated the sixteen cities reviewed and approved a resolution to request the half-cent sales tax be placed on the November ballot. The next step is for Volusia County to make a determination to move forward. The TPO will continue to monitor this because any major change can impact our system; transportation is underfunded and this could create a lot of opportunity if it passes.

→ Status Update on the Volusia County Bus Stop Improvement Plan

Ms. Bollenback stated the TPO provided comments to the Volusia County Bus Stop Improvement Plan’s consultant and the revised report is being reviewed by Volusia County staff at this time who will make a determination to bring it forward to the Volusia County Council.

→ Update on Regional Studies

Ms. Bollenback stated there are three regional studies underway that are being managed by FDOT. One is a Regional Truck Parking Study which was delayed due to the difficulty in engaging the trucking industry and getting information about what they want and need in terms of truck parking. This particular study does not directly involve the relocation of the Longwood Truck Stop in Seminole County but is intended to identify the demand for truck parking, the current capacity, where gaps are and how to address them. Drivers are
required by law to pull over at certain intervals and in many cases, there is not a safe place to pull over at every interchange. The purpose is to identify the needs of the trucking industry and how to accommodate those by law. The study should be completed within six months. The next meeting will be on April 20, 2018.

Ms. Bollenback stated there is also a Regional Transit Study underway through the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA). There will be a presentation on this study in May. It is looking out to the year 2050 on regional transit projects and initiatives that the different MPOs are undertaking or exploring and pulls it together into a single plan. They relied on the connector study that was done in this area to help populate the vision in Volusia and Flagler counties.

Ms. Bollenback stated the third regional study is the Central Florida Tourism and Transportation Study that is exploring how tourism affects the transportation system and also how the tourism industry is supported by transportation. That is a focus area the TPO intends to address in the new 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The study should be complete sometime this year and the TPO will be able to utilize the results in the 2045 LRTP.

→ **Update on the 2018 R2CTPO Annual Planning Retreat**

Ms. Bollenback stated the annual retreat was held last Friday at the Brannon Center and she thanked everyone that attended. There were 126 attendees and the topic of discussion was emerging technology in transportation. The point was to explore how emerging technology ties in with transportation planning, land use, lifestyle changes and the economy. There were autonomous vehicles on display and people were able to take rides in a Tesla. There will be a more detailed presentation on the retreat next month.

Ms. Bollenback stated during the legislative session there was some activity about proposals that would affect MPOs around the state and MPO membership in particular; House Bill 575. There were a lot of maneuvers at the last minute to try and move it forward; on the Senate side, the bill was left to die. There were no advances and by the time they went into recess, there was no action taken. There is a chance it will come up again next year but in the interim, the MPOAC is going to try to work with the representatives that tried to advance it. In terms of all the bills the TPO was tracking at the state level regarding transportation, none were passed because other higher priority issues took precedence. The only item that did pass was legislation regarding auto cycles; the three-wheel batman-like cars; they are now recognized as being able to operate on the street.

Commissioner Nabicht stated it should be noted that Senator Hulkin, Senator Brandes and Senator Simmons worked tirelessly in favor of the MPOs. He and Volusia County Council Member Patterson were in constant contact with them regarding this issue.

VIII. **River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments**

Chairperson Denys referred to the River to Sea TPO’s FY 2016/17 Annual Report and stated staff did a good job and had it ready for the retreat. She encouraged board members to read it. She also thanked Mr. Michael Shannon, FDOT District 5 Secretary for attending the retreat. She met with him on Monday to discuss some district issues and make sure we are on the same page. She referred to the ten most dangerous intersections that have been identified and stated she asked him if FDOT would consider partnering with the TPO to choose one of those intersections on a pilot program to make some real impact. He and staff were open to that suggestion. Mr. Shannon told her that the federal ban on rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) has been lifted and RRFBs can be installed again. She thanked TPO staff for everything they did for the retreat and that they went above and beyond working with Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD). There was also an autonomous boat that Embry Riddle Aeronautical University displayed.

Chairperson Denys announced that Bike Florida recently had its Sand and Stars tour in Edgewater and Titusville; they had over 600 bicyclists. Approximately 5% were from Florida; more were from Canada and the east and west coasts. It was an amazing event. She showed a video of the Sand and Stars Tour. She encouraged board members to get on the list to host this as it is a wonderful event.
Commissioner Lindlau stated Oak Hill hosted a rest stop for the tour and it was a wonderful experience. He talked to people from New York, California, Alaska and from overseas.

Council Member Allebach stated the retreat was wonderful; as his private sector role as a financial advisor, he saw a similar presentation on Tuesday and that everyone’s portfolio will be affected because of all the changes.

Commissioner Cloudman stated Vice Mayor Matusick has been involved with Bike Florida for many years and he is sure she would appreciate it being highlighted here today.

Chairperson Denys stated Vice Mayor Matusick went above and beyond for this event; she was the organizer for it.

Council Member Bastian announced he will be unable to attend the April board meeting and will send his alternate, Council Member Bob Ford.

Vice Mayor Handy-Peters stated the retreat was great and a lot of information was provided. She referred to the Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials and the proposed half-cent sales tax and commented it was a great collaborative effort between sixteen cities and Volusia County to pass the resolution without one word being changed.

Commissioner Gilliland announced Daytona Beach has scheduled a workshop for April 25, 2018 to put together a formal list of what to do if the half-cent tax passes. He is going to propose they follow FDOT’s model with its Work Program on what is going to happen in each of the outer years. The biggest issue Daytona Beach has is repaving roads; for the city to repave every road once every twenty years costs $2 million per year. The city receives $750,000 a year in gas taxes but that is dedicated to repaying loans taken out a few years back. To put it into context, there are going to be 8,000 new homes west of I-95 and LPGA Boulevard; impact fees will generate $20 million. It will cost more than $20 million to replace the bridge over the Tomoka River and four-lane that road. Impact fees are not going to cover this even if they are doubled. Impact fees are required to be used for impacts caused by that development; the half-cent sales tax is about trying to catch up from funding sources that have dried up over the years. There is less collected on the gas tax because people are driving less. Daytona Beach needs this half-cent sales tax or it will continue to get further behind with not only the ability to maintain what is already built but to make any improvements and pave the last of the dirt roads. He encouraged the board to move forward if the tax does pass.

Commissioner Nabicht agreed; it is crucial to educate our constituents. There is a lot of misinformation that gets out on social media and it is up to the elected officials to monitor that and continue to educate the public.

Commissioner Selby commented that the retreat was great; he was left with the impression that the consultants are making vehicles safer and more intelligent by tapping into the information that comes from the traffic systems. It occurred to him afterwards that there could be an opportunity for a partnership because they are monetizing that information; also, the car industry will make money from that and it will reduce liability because the cars will be safer and smarter. It is not inconceivable that someday all the vehicles on the road will communicate with each other and there will not be accidents unless there is a massive computer failure. They need access to our information to make this work; that has value and we should not just give that information away; there should be a fair trade because the citizens have invested in that information.

Commissioner Selby stated that the Hand Avenue extension project is very important as an alternative east/west route to SR 40/Granada Boulevard; the city of Ormond Beach has formally submitted an application to have that added to the Five Year Work Program for the design/evaluation of the project.

Council Member Wheeler announced that Hope Place has received its first family; it is a family with a couple of children. He has a job and they just need to stay there a period of time to save money. It is being used for exactly as it was planned for. There are more families to be brought in but they are easing them in slowly.
announced Daytona Beach Shores is having the Taste of the Shores on April 26, 2018 and the tickets are available.

Ms. Deyette thanked the TPO for the retreat and the opportunity to ride in the Tesla; it was fascinating. She also thanked the board for showing the Bike Florida video; years ago she had fought for trails and did her own study that showed trails would be the wave of the future. It is really neat to see it actually happening.

Chairperson Denys replied she was ahead of the time; developers now want trails. She and Ms. Bollenback met with Mr. John Albright, Consolidated Tomoka Development, yesterday and discussed Hand Avenue and everything going on in that area. She wants everyone to know that there are meetings and discussions going on behind the scenes.

IX. Information Items
→ Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2018
→ Technical Coordinating Committee Attendance Report – 2018
→ Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2018
→ February TPO Outreach and Activities

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the River to Sea TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR DEB DENYS
CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 28, 2018 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 25th day of April 2018.

DEBBIE STEWART
DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
DRAFT REVISIONS TO 2016 SURVEY
The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) wants your input as we plan transportation improvements for Volusia County and parts of Flagler County. Please complete our survey online at www.TelltheTPO.com or mail back this copy. All responses received by 5/31/2016 will be eligible to enter a drawing for a free iPad Mini 2 night getaway for 2!

1a. Home Zip _______ If applicable: Work/School Zip (if applicable) _______

1b. Have you taken a River to Sea TPO “Tell the TPO” survey in the past? (Check one)
   ___________ 2014 ______ 2016 _____ Yes _______ No ______

24. What forms of transportation do you use regularly (3 or more times per week)? Select all that apply.
   • Walk
   • Bicycle
   • Drive Alone
   • Carpool
   • Bus
   • SunRail

35. If you do not walk or bicycle now, what prevents you from doing so? Select all that apply.
   • Lack of pedestrian or bicycle facilities (sidewalks, marked crosswalks, paths, bike lanes, etc.)
   • Safety concerns (too much traffic, roads too busy, vehicles too fast, sidewalks too close to roadway, etc.)
   • Distance too far or takes too long to walk or bicycle
   • No matter how many sidewalks or bicycle lanes are improved, I do not care to walk or bicycle
   • I am not comfortable with my bicycle riding/walking ability
   • I will not walk or ride a bicycle, even if pedestrian and bicycle facilities are improved No matter how many sidewalks or bicycle lanes are improved, I do not care to walk or bicycle

46. If you do not regularly use public transit buses, what improvements might make them a more attractive option for you? Select all that apply.
   • More convenient bus stops or route locations
   • Faster or more direct bus service
   • More frequent and/or expanded hours for bus service
   • Cleaner buses
   • Lower fares
   • I do not know enough about public bus service to make that choice
   • I will not ride the bus, even with public transportation improvements
37. If you do not regularly use SunRail, what improvements might make it a more attractive option for you? Select all that apply.

- More frequent and/or expanded hours for SunRail service
- Expand SunRail service to DeLand station
- Expand SunRail service beyond DeLand station
- Lower fares
- More parking at stations
- More effective feeder bus service
- I will not ride SunRail, even with public transportation improvements

62. What is your overall level of satisfaction with the current transportation facilities in Volusia/Flagler Counties? [Select one answer for each category. If you select ‘dissatisfied’ for any category, please provide specifics in the text block available at the end of this survey.]

- Sidewalks and crosswalks (availability, maintenance conditions, etc.)
- Trail system (availability, trail conditions, logical connections, etc.)
- Bicycle lanes (accessibility, bicycle lane markings, pavement conditions, etc.)
- Public transit service (accessibility, routes connecting destinations, etc.)
- Public transit shelters/benches (availability, conditions)
- Local neighborhood streets (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.)
- Major streets (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.)
- Interstate highways (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.)

7.8. As we prioritize spending on transportation projects, do you think we should invest more, the same, or less than we are spending now on the following?

- Much more – More – The Same – Less – Much less – The Same – More
  - Improving roadway operations (better traffic signal timings, adding or extending turn lanes, etc.)
  - Implementing technology to improve safety and efficiency of traffic operations (e.g. variable message signs on highways, coordinated traffic signals, real-time mobile traffic information, etc.)
  - Building new roadways
  - Adding lanes to existing roadways
  - Traffic calming measures (e.g. roundabouts, speed tables, etc.)
  - Improving/adding bus service
  - Improving/adding SunRail service
  - Encouraging carpooling (e.g. communication and/or incentives)
  - Adding/Improving multi-use trails
  - Improving walking conditions (e.g. sidewalks and crosswalks)
  - Improving bicycling conditions (bike lanes, wayfinding, paved shoulders, etc.)
  - Sidewalks and crosswalks
  - Trails
  - Bicycle facilities
810. New transportation technology is most important for which of the following? (Rank: Score each option from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important. Scores may be used multiple times.) (Rank from 1 to 5 where 1 is most important and 5 is least important)

- Improving the flow of vehicle traffic
- Helping transit vehicles arrive on time or have shorter travel times
- Reducing freight shipping travel times
- Providing real-time information to drivers / transit riders / pedestrians (e.g. via mobile devices, variable message signs on roadways, etc.)
- Decreasing roadway crashes

2. In order to improve driving in our area, do you think we should invest more, the same, or less in the following? (Select one for each): (Less - The Same - More)

- Improving roadway operations (better traffic signal timings, adding or extending turn lanes, etc.)
- Implementing technology to improve safety and efficiency of traffic operations (e.g., variable message signs on highways, coordinated traffic signals, real-time mobile traffic information, etc.)
- Building new roadways
- Adding lanes to existing roadways
- Encouraging carpooling
- Improving walking conditions
- Improving bicycling conditions
- Improving transit

8. Local funding is required to pay for additional public transit (SunRail and buses). What funding sources would you support to expand transit service? Check one.

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- A general sales tax of one cent per dollar
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- Yes, I support additional funding sources for transit, but would need more information to suggest a preferred method of funding
- No, I do not support consideration of a dedicated funding source for transit
11. Optional Questions Please describe yourself (This is optional, but important information that helps us know if we've reached all types of travelers within our area); (This information helps us know if we've reached all types of travelers within our area):

   a. Age __<16 __16 to 25 __26 to 40 __41 to 65 __>65
   b. Gender ____Female ____Male
   c. Work Status: ___Employer ___Employee ___Student ___Retiree ___Other
   d. Race/Ethnicity
      ____White ____Hispanic/Latino ____Black/African American ____Asian ____Other
   e. Annual income
      __<$25,000 $25,000 to $45,000 $45,001 to $100,000 $100,001 to $150,000 >$150,000

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   Name __________________________ Email __________________________ Phone number ________________

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   ____ Votran (bus schedules, updates, route changes, etc.)
   ____ Flagler County Public Transportation (news, updates, etc.)
   ____ SunRail (news, updates, schedule, etc.)
   ____ No thank you

* If you check any box other than the last one, your email address will be shared with the agency you indicated.

As we plan transportation improvements in Volusia and Flagler Counties, do you have any additional concerns, suggestions, problems, and/or recommendations for us? __________________________

           BLOCK OF SPACE FOR ANSWER
2018 CANDIDATE QUESTIONS – NEW QUESTIONS

CANDIDATE QUESTION A
How impactful is sea-level rise on our community's current transportation system (e.g. loss of roadway use due to flooding/erosion, interruptions to evacuation routes, degrading of transportation infrastructure, loss of access to/use of facilities, storm and drain flooding)?

Very impactful – Somewhat Impactful – No Opinion – Minimally Impactful – Not at all impactful

CANDIDATE QUESTION B
Please indicate below whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

When considering transportation improvements in our local community, those that directly benefit tourism should be a priority (e.g. beautification in key tourism areas, increasing visitor safety, easing event-related congestion, better wayfinding/signage).

Strongly Agree – Agree – No Opinion – Disagree – Strongly Disagree

CANDIDATE QUESTION C1
Please select what you feel are the three best features of our current transportation system:

• Traffic flow
• Roadway conditions
• Traffic signal timing
• Bicycle lanes/facilities
• Sidewalks/crosswalks
• Bus service
• SunRail service
• Roadway lighting/landscaping
• Other __________________________

CANDIDATE QUESTION C2
Please select one frustration you have with our current transportation system:

• Traffic flow
• Roadway conditions
• Traffic signal timing
• Bicycle lanes/facilities
• Sidewalks/crosswalks
• Bus service
• SunRail service
• Roadway lighting/landscaping
• Other __________________________
CANDIDATE QUESTION D
If you had $100 to fund transportation, how would you spend it? (You may choose more than one and allocate portions of the $100 in the column to the right of the checkbox.)

- Improved transit service (bus and SunRail)
- Widen existing roadways
- Construct new bike lanes and trails/greenways
- Pedestrian/bicycle connectivity
- Improve roadway safety
- Maintain existing facilities
- Street appearance (lighting and landscaping)
- Build new streets and roadways

CANDIDATE QUESTION E
Does the local community provide adequate transportation options for:

- Seniors
- Low-income travelers
- Tourism workers
- Students
- Commuters
- Disabled travelers
2016 Tell the TPO... A Community Transportation Survey

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) wants your continued input as we plan transportation improvements for Volusia County and parts of Flagler County. Please complete our survey online at www.TelltheTPO.com or mail back this copy. All responses with contact information received by 5/31/2016 will be eligible to enter a drawing for a free iPad Mini!

1. Home Zip [ ] If applicable Work/School Zip [ ]

2. What is your overall level of satisfaction with the current transportation facilities in Volusia/Flagler Counties? (Rank: 1 = completely dissatisfied; 2 = somewhat dissatisfied; 3 = neutral; 4 = somewhat satisfied; 5 = completely satisfied)
   a. Sidewalks and crosswalks (availability, maintenance conditions, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   b. Trail system (availability, trail conditions, logical connections, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   c. Bicycle lanes (accessibility, bicycle lane markings, pavement conditions, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   d. Public transit service (accessibility, routes connecting destinations, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   e. Public transit shelters/benches (availability, conditions) 1 2 3 4 5
   f. Local neighborhood streets (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   g. Major streets (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
   h. Interstate highways (traffic, maintenance conditions, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5

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4. What forms of transportation do you use regularly (4 or more times per week)? (Check all that apply):
   ✔ Walk  ☐ Bicycle  ☐ Drive alone  ☐ Carpool  ☐ Bus  ☐ SunRail

5. If you do not walk or bicycle now, what prevents you from doing so? (Check all that apply):
   ☐ Lack of pedestrian or bicycle facilities (sidewalks, marked crosswalks, paths, bike lanes, etc.)
   ☐ Safety concerns (too much traffic, roads too busy, vehicles too fast, sidewalks too close to roadway, etc.)
   ☐ Distance too far or takes too long to walk or bicycle
   ☐ No matter how many sidewalks or bicycle lanes are improved, I do not care to walk or bicycle

6. If you do not regularly use public transit buses, what improvements might make them a more attractive option for you? (Check all that apply):
   ☐ More convenient bus stops or route locations
   ☐ Faster or more direct bus service
   ☐ More frequent and/or expanded hours for bus service
   ☐ Cleaner buses
   ☐ Lower fares
   ☐ I will not ride the bus even with public transportation improvements

7. If you do not regularly use SunRail, what improvements might make it a more attractive option for you? (Check all that apply):
   ☐ More frequent and/or expanded hours for SunRail service
   ☐ Expand SunRail service to DeLand station
   ☐ Expand SunRail service beyond DeLand station
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   ☐ More parking at stations
   ☐ More effective feeder bus service

Continue Survey
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   c. Bicycle facilities
   d. Bus service
   e. SunRail
   f. Improving conditions on existing roadways
   g. New roadways

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