

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023**

CAC Members Physically Present:

Shawn Collins
Rebecca Crews
Ed Fendley
Greg Feldman
Gilles Blais
David McKenna
Bob Storke
Fred Heyne
Bobby Ball
Jack Delaney
Dave Castagnacci, Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth Alicia Lendian
Edie Biro
Rakinya Hinson (non-voting advisor)

CAC Members Virtually Present:

Emily Nice

CAC Members Absent:

Erika Benfield
Kerry Karl, Chairperson (excused)
Janet Deyette (excused)
Bliss Jamison (excused)
Faith Alkhatib (non-voting)
Rick Basso
Sue Elliott (excused)
Paul Martel (excused)
Wayne Josvai (excused)
Patricia Lipovsky
Sean Castello (non-voting)

Others Physically Present:

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris
Claire Hartman
Catalina Chacon
Ty Garner
Joseph Fontanelli
Yessenia Encarnacion
Celine Bounds

Others Virtually Present:

Jay Williams

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Edgewater Alternate
Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County At Large
Votran (CTC)
FDOT

Representing:

Daytona Beach Alternate

Representing:

DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler County Traffic Engineering
Lake Helen
Pierson
Pierson Alternate
Ponce Inlet
Volusia County D-2
Volusia County Traffic Engineering

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
Ghyabi Consulting
FDOT
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Representing:

Volusia County

i. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chairperson Dave Castagnacci called the meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to order at 1:18 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with 13 voting and one non-voting member physically present, and one non-voting member virtually present. Rulings from

the Florida Attorney General require that the members physically present vote to allow virtual participation due to "extraordinary circumstances."

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Storke to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feldman and carried unanimously.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of the March 21, 2023 CAC Minutes

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Biro to approve the March 21, 2023 CAC minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heyne and carried unanimously.*

B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2023-## Amending the FY 2022/23 to 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Ms. Nicoulin stated that this item is for the addition of a rail safety project in DeLand on South Ridgewood Avenue just north of Old New York Avenue; it is to upgrade the rail crossing for safety. The upgrade will bring the rail crossing up to current standards.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Feldman to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-## amending the FY 2022/23 to 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mr. McKenna and carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

IV. Presentation Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the SR A1A Resiliency Plan

Ms. Catalina Chacon, Mr. Ty Garner, and Mr. Joseph Fontanelli, FDOT, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SR A1A Resiliency Plan. The presentation covered the damage that occurred after Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, the history of SR A1A, and the cost of the repairs in the last 6 months. The Resiliency Plan Strike Team, FDOT, and stakeholders looked at the focus area which covered thirteen miles, beginning in Volusia County at Roberta Road in Ormond Beach to Osprey Drive in Flagler County. She reviewed the identified critical areas, viable options, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued about turtles and nesting as well as the removal of boulders and coquina rock.

Mr. Feldman stated that the location slightly north of Mariners Drive was underwater during the last hurricane.

Mr. Garner responded that they are addressing the drainage issues and doing what they can to mitigate the concerns.

Mr. Fendley thanked FDOT and the Army Corp of Engineers. He asked if they had looked at lowering speeds to make the roads safer.

Mr. Fontanelli responded that they had; in addition to creating a geometry as they narrow the lanes, they are also aiding the bicycle/pedestrian facilities by creating raised areas that inhibit speeds. They are currently implementing that, and the intent is to emulate the 35-mph speed throughout the area.

Mr. Garner added that they are looking to extend the project limits south to the Volusia/Flagler County line.

Mr. McKenna asked what the overall cost was for the project.

Mr. Garner responded the cost was an estimated \$117 million for the two wall sections and some of the roadway improvements.

Ms. Nice asked if there were any plans for Daytona Beach.

Mr. Garner stated there were no plans there regarding sea walls featuring garnishment from FDOT.

Ms. Lendian asked about the elevation difference over the thirteen miles from the road to the beach.

Mr. Garner stated the north section where they put the wall in last time was about eight to ten feet. He added that they would get the information to the TPO to send out.

B. Presentation and Discussion of FDOT Smart Scopes

Ms. Celine Bounds, FDOT, gave a PowerPoint presentation on FDOT Smart Scopes. She explained that Smart Scopes are designed to alleviate the pitfalls of 4P scopes; their purpose is to create more adaptable scopes to the current criteria as well as community and department needs during design. She reviewed the Smart Scoping process which involves much more community input; community visioning meetings with the FDOT Scoping team and local agency partners to present candidate 3R projects, safety issues, and initial recommended target speeds. She explained how projects are selected for the area.

Mr. Feldman asked how they base their studies; from the public, jurisdictions, or FDOT observations.

Ms. Bounds responded that it is based on community feedback from the meetings, information from FDOT staff, and their own safety and field reviews.

C. Presentation and Discussion of Reducing Bicycle Fatalities through Social Marketing

Ms. Blankenship gave a PowerPoint presentation on a project that came out of a *Social Marketing in Transportation* course that she and Ms. Stephanie Moss, FDOT, completed through the University of South Florida and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). She reviewed the pilot project designed to reduce bicycle fatalities and how it was developed through the social marketing process. Ms. Moss is currently working on a scope for a task order to implement the project.

Ms. Biro suggested applying for a grant to offset the cost of the gift cards.

Ms. Blankenship stated that FDOT does offer small grants and she would look into that.

It was noted that if the pilot project works, the social marketing method used could be adapted to different populations and problems.

D. Presentation and Update of Performance Measures Updates for PM2 (Bridge & Pavement) and PM3 (System Performance & Freight Movement)

(Handout provided)

Ms. Nicoulin explained that federal transportation law requires state DOTs and TPOs to implement transportation performance management; a strategic approach to connecting investment and policy planning decisions to meet performance goals. She reviewed the PM1 safety goals and targets which are adopted annually; earlier this year, the TPO adopted FDOT's goal of Target Zero. The PM2 and PM3 goals and targets are required to be adopted every four years. Last time, the TPO supported FDOT's goals; in supporting the state's goals and targets, the TPO is agreeing to participate in the process and program projects that help them meet those targets. This year the TPO is proposing to support the state's targets; in 2025. This will be back next month for recommended action to adopt the targets.

E. FDOT Report

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT, stated the FDOT report was provided in the agenda. She referred the members to www.cflroads.com for the most up-to-date project information and noted she was available for any questions. She introduced Ms. Yessenia Encarnacion, the new TPO Liaison who is responsible for the Space Coast TPO and Lake-Sumter MPO.

Ms. Hinson noted that in regard to the questions asked at the last CAC meeting, she sent the information regarding the residents' complaints about the crosswalk on SR A1A at the Hard Rock Hotel to the FDOT Safety Office. They are looking into it, and she will follow up. The other outstanding item is a repair on Nova Road and Bellevue Avenue, a gap in the concrete. She spoke with the Operations Center, and they said there had been a recent emergency repair due to a utility repair underneath the roadway. The gap is a placeholder because additional repairs are still being done. The contractor is awaiting inspection to be able to finish the repair. They could not close the gap until the other repairs were done. They are waiting on a permanent repair as soon as the contractor is able to move forward.

Ms. Hinson announced that this month is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and this week is Work Zone Safety Awareness Week.

Mr. Collins stated that for the project at Nova Road and Bellevue Avenue, the crew only had one cone set up in the middle lane to alert drivers.

Ms. Hinson made a note of the information and added that she was unsure of who the contractor was but would find out.

F. Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports

The Volusia County and Flagler County Construction Reports were provided in the agenda.

V. Staff Comments

Ms. Nicoulin noted that an availability poll was sent out for the TIP Subcommittee meeting during the first week of May. The TPO received the following applications: three feasibility studies, six project implementation studies, and two planning studies. Applications will be sent to the subcommittee prior to the meeting.

VI. CAC Member Comments

Mr. McKenna introduced himself noting he represented New Smyrna Beach.

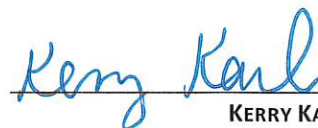
VII. Information Items

- CAC & TCC Attendance Records
- River to Sea TPO Outreach and Events
- Upcoming River to Sea TPO events
- TPO Board Report

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the CAC meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



KERRY KARL, CHAIRPERSON
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the April 18, 2023 regular meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), approved and duly signed this 16th day of May 2023.


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Blankenship', is written over a horizontal line.

**PAMELA BLANKENSHIP, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

***** A recording of the April 18, 2023 CAC meeting is available upon request.***