

**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023**

TCC Members Physically Present:

Brian Woodworth
Noel Eaton
Steven Bapp
Melissa Winsett
Brian Walker, Chairperson
Shane Corbin
Becky Mendez
Shawn Finley
Phong Nguyen
Mark Karet
Adam Mendenhall
Tim Burman
Steven Danskine
Sean Castello
Ralf Heseler
Rakinya Hinson (non-voting advisor)

TCC Members Virtually Present:

Marcus DePasquale

TCC Members Absent:

Darren Lear (excused)
Caryn Miller (excused)
Lee Evett
Faith Alkhatib

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 Alternate
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary Alternate
DeLand
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Pierson
Ponce Inlet Alternate
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County Traffic Engineering
Votran
FDOT

Representing:

Bunnell

Representing:

Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Lake Helen
Flagler County Traffic Engineering

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
Ghyabi Consulting
FDOT
FDOT
FDOT
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FDOT

Representing:

Volusia County

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Walker called the meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) to order at 3:03 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 15 voting and one non-voting member physically present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. Public Comments/Participation

There were no public comments.

III. Action Items

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

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Mendez to approve the March 21, 2023 TCC minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castello.*

Mr. Woodworth pointed out that all of the FDOT representatives listed on the attendance roster on the first page of the minutes showed they were from the TPO, not FDOT. This should be changed to reflect that they were representing FDOT.

AMENDED MOTION: *Ms. Mendez amended the motion to include the corrections to the FDOT staff that were listed as representing the TPO. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Woodworth 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. Danskine to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-## amending the FY 2022/23 to 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Ms. Winsett 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 six 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. They reviewed the identified critical areas, viable options, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued about the meaning of self-healing protection in granite revetment.

Ms. Mendez asked what the cost difference was between a retaining wall and a secant wall.

Mr. Garner responded that there was a hardpan about 12-14 feet down; therefore, a sheet pile wall is almost not an option. It would also corrode. A secant wall may cost twice as much but it has a 70-year life cycle.

Mr. Karet asked about the areas in Volusia County, north of Ponce Inlet where A1A is protected by private property to the east; some areas of the property have lost 80 feet and there are only 50 feet between the edge of the properties and A1A. He asked if there had been any thought regarding restoration there.

Mr. Garner stated that the FDOT perspective is that the road itself is not in jeopardy. The benefit-to-cost ratio is zero at this time; there is currently no chance of losing A1A. In addition, A1A is not a state road at that location.

Ms. Eaton asked if a longer timeframe was being looked at beyond 70 years because we are seeing stronger storms.

Mr. Garner responded that the design would handle any storm that would hit today. It is uncertain if we can predict what a storm will look like in ten years.

Ms. Eaton asked if they anticipate the design will impact the areas next to the walls.

Mr. Garner responded yes.

Ms. Chacon added that the areas that are most vulnerable are where they were proposing the fixes.

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.

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.

Discussion ensued on the prevalence of distracted driving. Ms. Blankenship noted that she would email instructions on how to activate the Do Not Disturb function on both iPhones and Android phones.

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. She announced that April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and this week is Work Zone Safety Awareness Week.

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 to schedule the TIP Subcommittee meeting during the first week of May. The TPO received the following project applications: three feasibility studies, six project implementation studies, and two planning studies. Applications will be sent to the subcommittee prior to the meeting.

Ms. Nicoulin stated that in regard to the Functional Classification, there have been some questions on how to provide comments. She visually reviewed the email that was sent out and showed how to provide comments. She requested that comments be submitted by next Friday. The draft maps will be back in May for review and again for approval in June.

Mr. Danskine asked if they needed to submit comments if the city concurs with the current classifications.

Ms. Nicoulin replied that if they do not have any comments they should submit that so that FDOT knows it was reviewed.

VI. TCC Member Comments

There were no TCC member comments.

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 TCC meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

B. Mendez on behalf of:

MR. BRIAN WALKER, CHAIRPERSON

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

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 Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), approved and duly signed this 16th day of May 2023.


PAMELA BLANKENSHIP, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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