

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DAYTONA BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRLINE ROOM
700 CATALINA BLVD.
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114
APRIL 23, 2025

TPO Board Members Physically Present:

Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Commissioner Chris Conomos*
Mayor Karen Chasez
Mayor Chris Cloudman
Vice Mayor Charlotte Gillis
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur*
Vice Mayor Roy Johnson
Vice Mayor Roger Eckert**
Mayor Ricky Taylor*
Council Member Dawn Tiamson
Commissioner Harold Briley
Council Member Ty Miller
Council Member Tracy Grubbs
Councilman Eric Sander, TPO Chairperson
Council Member Danny Robins
County Vice Chair Matt Reinhart
County Chair Jeff Brower
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:

Commissioner Stacy Cantu
Commissioner Nick Lulli
Commissioner Leann Pennington
Council Member Skip White*

TPO Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*
County Chair Andy Dance
Vice Mayor Lisa Martin (excused)
Council Member Jake Johansson
Council Member David Santiago
Jessie Thompson (non-voting)
Ted Wendler (non-voting) (excused)
Dave Castagnacci (non-voting)
Becky Mendez (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
Jim Wood
Jim Cameron
Chris Barone
John Scarfe
Barb Girtman
Roberta Fennessy

Representing:

Bunnell
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
DeLand
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County, District 3
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, Chairman
FDOT

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Deltona
Flagler County Alternate
Ponce Inlet

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Flagler County
New Smyrna Beach
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, District 5
Volusia County School Board
BPAC Chairperson
CAC Chairperson
TCC Chairperson

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
Kimley-Horn
JC Consulting
FDOT
FDOT
Ghyabi
VHB

Members discussed safety scores and features that could fall under the unique attributes criteria. The members also discussed the need for the criteria to be impartial.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the Development of the Volusia-Flagler 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Mr. Wood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Volusia-Flagler 2050 LRTP, reviewing updates and upcoming activities; the next virtual workshop will occur on June 2nd, and needs assessment public open houses are taking place April 21st in Port Orange, April 28th in Palm Coast, and April 29th in DeLand. He reviewed the 2050 population and employment forecasts for Volusia and Flagler counties from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR). He also discussed the preliminary roadway needs update, the cost-feasible plan preview, and the system reliever evaluation. He highlighted the anticipated key milestones for the LRTP and stated that adoption will occur in September 2025.

Mayor Chasez indicated that there is a regional effort to reprioritize the Interstate 4 bridge over the St. Johns River due to congestion and safety concerns.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the Volusia-Flagler TPO's Vision Zero Action Plan

Ms. Roberta Fennessy, VHB, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Volusia-Flagler TPO's Vision Zero Action Plan updates. She provided a summary of the safety analysis and the High Injury Network (HIN). She analyzed the data collected regarding crash severity, crashes by type, behavioral factors, location, lighting condition, and related data regarding helmet use. She discussed the equity analysis overview, policy review, and next steps for the plan development. She announced a public workshop on April 17th in Palm Coast and the Central Florida Safety Summit on May 9th at the Daytona International Speedway.

Council Member Miller questioned if there is a standard for reporting data from law enforcement. Ms. Fennessy stated that law enforcement officers are trained in reporting data, however, it may be helpful to look further into how often the training takes place.

Members also discussed a proposed speed limit increase that is currently being looked at. They discussed that an increase in the speed limit is related to a decrease in safety. Ms. Fennessy stated that the information from interstate crashes is pulled out of the data that this plan looks at; however, on and off ramps are still reviewed.

Pertinent definitions were discussed further, including post-crash care and KSI.

Vice Major Rogers questioned how to get the speed limit reduced on US 1 from Royal Palms Parkway to Bunnell. Ms. Powell replied that she would provide him with the appropriate contact from FDOT.

C. Update on the 2025 Annual Call for Projects

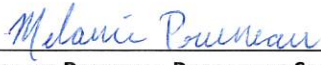
Ms. Nicoulin reviewed the process of the Annual Call for Projects, stating that the deadline to submit new projects closed on March 31st, and the applications received are being reviewed by the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee and Transportation Improvement (TIP) Subcommittee, which will then be incorporated into the new list of priorities and given to the Florida Department of Transportation for incorporation into the Work Program. She added that the draft lists would be back for review next month and final approval in June.

Council Member Miller asked if the criteria used to rank new projects are consistent with the projects on the current lists; Ms. Nicoulin replied that the criteria are generally consistent, besides a few minor tweaks, including a policy that protects top-ranking projects from being replaced by new projects.

Mayor Taylor asked if the Call for Projects could be reopened due to a high turnover rate in Oak Hill's local government. Members discussed the pros and cons, mentioning that the deadline has been very firm in the

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 April 23, 2025 regular meeting of the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 28th day of May 2025.



MELANIE PRUNEAU, RECORDING SECRETARY
VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**** A recording of the April 23, 2025 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting is available upon request.**