

APRIL 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD
2570 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-8145

TPO Board Members Physically Present:

Mayor Karen Chasez
Commissioner Chris Cloudman
Councilwoman Christine Power
Commissioner Roy Johnson
Commissioner Rick Basso**
Commissioner Jason McGuirk, Chairperson
Mayor Bill Partington
Councilman Eric Sander
Council Chair Jeff Brower
Council Member Barbara Girtman, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Council Vice Chair Billie Wheeler, 1st Vice Chairperson
Council Member Danny Robins
Council Member Heather Post

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:

Council Member Richard Bryan*
Commissioner Victor Ramos
Vice Mayor Bill Lindlau*
Council Member Jeff Allebach
Council Member David Israel*
Council Member Scott Stiltner
Ruben Colón
Anna Taylor (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*
Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Commissioner Quanita May
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur*
Commissioner Joe Mullins
Mayor Milissa Holland
Mayor Samuel Bennett*
Paul Eik (non-voting)
Nora Jane Gillespie (non-voting)
Becky Mendez (non-voting)

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

**** Voting member for the Small City Alliance**

Others Physically Present:

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Lois Bollenback
Pam Blankenship
Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris

Representing:

DeBary
DeLand
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Ormond Beach
South Daytona
Volusia County
Volusia County District 1
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, District 3
Volusia County, District 4

Representing:

Daytona Beach Shores
Deltona
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ponce Inlet Alternate
Port Orange
Volusia County School Board
FDOT District 5

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Bunnell
Daytona Beach
Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Palm Coast
Pierson
BPAC Chairperson
CAC Chairperson
TCC Chairperson

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff

Others Physically Present:

Big John
Elizabeth Lendian

Representing:

Press
CAC

Others Virtually Present:

Bill O'Connor
Belinda Collins
Tony Nosse
Mo Hassan
Travis Hills
Stacey Lopez
Charles Bleam
Mike Wahlstedt
Courtney Reynolds

Representing:

Citizen
DeLand
FDOT
FDOT
Kittelson & Associates
TranSystems
TranSystems
TranSystems
VHB, Inc.

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 Jason McGuirk. The roll was called and it was determined a quorum was physically present. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held in a hybrid format with 13 voting members physically present and three voting and three non-voting members attending remotely.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

III. Public Comment/Participation

Mr. Big John, press, stated he discussed the Mason Avenue study he spoke of last month with Ms. Bollenback and it is forthcoming in the near future; however, it will take time and will not be complete until the end of 2022 or 2023. He referred to the recent Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) meeting and the negative report received from Votran regarding bus stop benches and shelters. Council Member Girtman, TDLCB Chairperson, has requested Votran proceed with a study. He announced he has a public records request for Votran; he wants to know how many benches and shelters have been installed over the last 10 years. He noted there are over 2,600 bus stops in Volusia County with only 350 benches and 45 shelters. Creative Outdoor Advertising has installed bus stop benches in Daytona Beach was criticized for not installing them properly. Elderly people, disabled people, and others that use Votran appreciate these benches. He spoke to Volusia County Council Chair Brower who told him the county is working on an impact fee study. He believes every city in the county should conduct an impact fee study. He asked Mayor Partington if the city of Ormond Beach had hired a consultant for that yet.

Mayor Partington replied he believes they have.

Mr. John stated Volusia County finally got the 1999 impact fees up to par about a year or two ago but it is time to go back and re-evaluate them. There is no money to build roads and the question is how are we going to do it? It starts with an impact fee study and then raising the impact fees and taxes. Ormond Beach is receiving \$18 million, Daytona Beach \$15 million, Port Orange \$10 million and Volusia County \$107 million from President Biden's new rescue plan so there is money there to perhaps install bus stop benches or improve roads; he will be watching to see how the money is spent. There is an item on the agenda today regarding extending the PD&E study of LPGA Boulevard to US 92 that FDOT will pay for. There is no funding for the I-95 and US 1 interchange or SR 44 improvements.

Chairperson McGuirk closed public comment and requested a motion to allow participation for those attending remotely due to social distancing requirements.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Volusia County Council Vice Chair Wheeler to allow TPO Board members attending remotely due to COVID-19 precautions to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Council Member Girtman and carried unanimously.*

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. March 24, 2021 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Executive Committee Report
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) 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) Report
- I. BPAC Project Review Subcommittee Report
- J. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Report
- K. Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Report
- L. Executive Director Timesheet Review Report
- M. Review and Approval of Resolution 2021-07 Authorizing the Filing and Execution of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5305(d) Funding Grant
- N. Review and Approval of Resolution 2021-08 Approving the Annual FDOT/TPO Joint Certification Report for Calendar Year 2020

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Chazez to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Volusia County Council Vice Chair Wheeler and carried unanimously.*

V. Action Items

A. Review and Approval Resolution 2021-09 Amending the FY 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Ms. Bollenback stated several projects are being added to the TIP in this proposed amendment with the most notable being the SunRail Phase II North project and the expansion of the I-95 interchange PD&E study to include all of LPGA Boulevard out to US 92. She noted the title for this project on the TIP sheet has been corrected to the I-95 Interchange at LPGA Boulevard; after discussions with FDOT, the title on the TIP request made it seem as if it was a new project when it is an existing project that is extending the limits out to US 92.

Chairperson McGuirk asked if the revised TIP sheet is available online.

Ms. Bollenback replied yes; it is a small change as we do not want to change the title, just extend the project limits. The project tracking number and funding are the same. She referred to the SunRail Phase II North project and stated procedurally, the project has to be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). When the Connect 2045 LRTP was adopted in September, funding for this project was not in the five-year Work Program; it had been removed but the decision was made to move forward after the LRTP was adopted. Not only does the TIP have to be amended to include this project, but the Connect 2045 LRTP needs to be amended as well which requires a public comment period. The TPO is trying to approve the amendments in tandem as requested by FDOT.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Commissioner Cloudman to approve Resolution 2021-09 amending the FY 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Council Member Post and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.*

VI. Presentations and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of a Draft Amendment to the Connect 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Bollenback stated in order to move forward with the SunRail Phase II North project it must be included as a funded project in the Connect 2045 LRTP. Currently, it is listed as a future or aspirational project. Now that there is funding available in the TPO's five-year work plan, staff is updating the document to show the funding in the LRTP; this requires a 30-day public outreach and comment period. That process has started and if any comments are received, she will bring them back next month. The amendment is straightforward and reflects the funding available for this project.

B. Presentation and Discussion of FDOT's District 5 Transportation Safety Program

Mr. Tony Nosse, FDOT District 5 Traffic Safety Program Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation of FDOT's District 5 Transportation Safety Program. He referred to the TPO's transportation safety presentation that was given last month and stated FDOT has the same mission; to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. FDOT has adopted a target of Vision Zero which is a goal of being fatality free. Achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries is a data driven approach including safe systems and holistic solutions. FDOT recently adopted the Vital Few which includes improving safety, inspiring innovation, fostering talent and enhancing mobility. Safety is integrated into all of FDOT's program areas. He explained the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and stated projects funded by this program must show a crash reduction that results in a good cost/benefit ratio. He reviewed the safety project origins for the HSIP. He reviewed the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) which was recently updated. He reviewed some of the safety projects FDOT is working on in the R2CTPO planning area. He stated FDOT has three Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST); East Volusia, West Volusia and Flagler County. They meet monthly to discuss traffic safety issues and possible solutions. He explained the Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow's High Visibility Law Enforcement Program and stated the 2021/22 program is currently being reviewed to see what local municipalities will receive funding; the program pays overtime for law enforcement to target unsafe behavior and conduct enforcement operations. His department also oversees the Safe Routes to School Program which is a funding source for projects that encourages and enables students to walk and bike to school.

Vice Mayor Lindlau asked what the Osteen/Maytown Road project will entail.

Mr. Nosse replied it is a lane departure project and will introduce a five-foot paved shoulder and audible pavement markings if a driver diverts from the lane; it will also include signage and markings throughout the corridor.

Commissioner Cloudman asked who makes up the Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST).

Mr. Nosse replied members of local governments, FDOT, local law enforcement, public works and local community partners.

Volusia County Council Chair Brower thanked FDOT for intermediate safety improvements taken along north SR A1A in Ormond Beach and he looks forward to continued improvements.

Ms. Bollenback stated crossing issues were identified around Bethune Cookman University and a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) was installed there to help students and others cross. FDOT has access to funding projects like this that Mr. Nosse manages which are not restricted to the state road system; their intent is to solve safety issues. It does not matter where they are as long as they meet the requirements. If members have an area with an issue they can come to the TPO or FDOT to try to move a safety project ahead more quickly; the intent of his program is to solve safety issues more quickly. The Beverly Beach project is a good example; the citizens of Beverly Beach advocated for change along SR A1A and FDOT conducted a study and are moving forward with projects that will be helpful. She encouraged members to contact the TPO or Mr. Nosse directly through the CTST to advocate their concerns.

Mr. Nosse stated an average schedule for a project is approximately three years without right-of-way; with right-of-way it could be four or five years.

Ms. Bollenback added they could also partner with the TPO for funding.

Volusia County Council Vice Chair Wheeler stated a couple of months ago, she discussed concerns regarding SR A1A in Daytona Beach Shores that the hoteliers brought up especially across from the Red Lobster restaurant where the new Edwin Peck Park is being constructed. Condo's and hotels are all on the east side and there are five lanes of traffic for pedestrians to cross to reach the restaurants and shops on the west side. She has contacted FDOT because the hoteliers are concerned the new park will bring more pedestrian traffic in that area. She asked for an update on this.

Mr. Nosse replied he will have to research it. He asked that she send the information to Ms. Bollenback to forward to him.

Volusia County Council Vice Chair Wheeler stated a transportation study was done several years ago but traffic is increasing as is construction on the east side of SR A1A; however, everything people need is on the west side. She sees issues every day and there is an increased need for change and improvement.

Mayor Chazez asked if Mr. Nosse's contact information was included in the presentation.

Mr. Nosse replied no, but the TPO has it.

Mayor Chazez stated she is thinking ahead of issues in DeBary that need work; there is development around the SunRail station and that section of US 17/92 has a 50 mile per hour (mph) speed limit. Housing is being built across from the station as well; they finally got a traffic light at Fort Florida Road and US 17/92 which will be used to accommodate pedestrian traffic. The city also has plans for a foot friendly Main Street across Fort Florida Road at the SunRail station that is being marketed to developers as such; however, the city has control of the design they want. They have implemented a mobility fee in that area instead of a prop share agreement for the roads because they are concerned about biking and pedestrians and they are building and connecting trails, etc. There are areas along US 17/92 in DeBary that have existing crossing issues and as they build out around the SunRail station, she wants to make sure they have safety precautions in place which is why she wants Mr. Nosse's contact information.

Ms. Bollenback replied the point Mayor Chazez is making is so appropriate now; we have many areas where a road that was initially put in place serves a different purpose now as development has grown around it. FDOT has implemented context classification for roads; it is no longer just a road but a road that serves a certain area a certain way. What is put in place, speed and design are dependent upon the area surrounding that road. It is a different approach to how they design roads or make changes to roads.

Chairperson McGuirk commented that crosswalks are becoming more popular and he has expressed his concern that pedestrians and drivers do not always understand how a crosswalk works. The crosswalks with emergency flashers play a huge role in the safety of a crosswalk and should be a priority when crosswalks are installed anywhere that has a lot of pedestrian traffic. New Smyrna Beach has them along SR A1A and they let a driver know a crosswalk is ahead; there are so many distractions when driving that the flashers make sense.

Mayor Chazez stated her understanding is that those flashing signs are appropriate for roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or less.

Mr. Nosse explained the rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) are signs where pedestrians press a button to cross and they flash rapidly while the pedestrian is crossing; they are for roadways with speeds of 35 mph or less. There is another flasher called a flashing beacon; these are bookended on a roadway with heavy pedestrian activity with signs that alert drivers to expect pedestrians throughout the corridor.

Discussion continued.

Council Member Girtman asked what the barriers are to having pedestrian bridges in areas that are being redeveloped and promote work/live/play and walkability. She commented she thought one would have been installed at Mainland High School and Daytona State College for safety reasons but it is probably a money issue.

Ms. Bollenback replied it is due to money in part but it is not always the most appropriate solution; it has to be in the right place and make sense for pedestrians approaching the bridge like the one at the Daytona International Speedway. Installing a bridge does not mean people will necessarily use it. The one on Kepler Road across from the FDOT office is a good example; she goes to FDOT often and has never used the bridge to cross. It depends on the location and what is happening in the area. There is a pedestrian bridge at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and some students use it and some do not.

Council Member Post commented she recently had a meeting with FDOT Secretary Thibault and discussed pedestrian crossings on SR A1A and the interchange project at I-95 and LPGA Boulevard to US 92. They also discussed drivers not looking ahead like Chairperson McGuirk commented. She has also come on pedestrians at the last minute, especially on high speed roads. Secretary Thibault discussed flashing lights in the pavement instead of on the side of the road. She asked why that is not becoming more of a standard for pedestrian crossings and if it was funding related.

Mr. Nosse replied FDOT will be trying in-road flashers along Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando; they currently have three PHBs and in coordination with the PHBs, they are going to install the in-road flashing lights that will activate with the PHB. FDOT is trying them in a few select locations first.

C. Presentation and Discussion of Advancements in Transportation Technology

Ms. Bollenback gave a PowerPoint presentation on the advancements of transportation technology. She noted that many of the jobs that will exist in 2030 do not currently exist. She reviewed advances in technology that exist now such as camera surveillance, dynamic messaging, navigation apps, license plate detection and driver assistance. Future technology advancements include drone deliveries, fully automated and electric vehicles, flying vehicles and integrated technology. She explained technology for surface transportation is generally discussed in four categories; automated, connected, electric and shared (ACES). She reviewed the four categories. Technology can help improve safety as well as being reliable and cost efficient. Technology also offers marine and aviation benefits as well. She explained some technology terms such as artificial intelligence, machine learning and the internet of things and what each term means. Ideally, we want to leverage the technology and concepts into a Smart City; a Smart City is an urban area that utilizes different types of electronic methods to collect data and make it more efficient. She reviewed some technology projects the TPO has programmed. As part of the development of the Connect 2045 LRTP, the TPO set aside \$40 million for possible local initiatives technology projects. A technology scenario was also developed as part of the Connect 2045 LRTP that helps identify corridors within the planning area that could benefit from technology improvements. She also reviewed some of the technology studies and plans that the TPO has completed including the ITS Master Plan, the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Master Plan and the Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Study and Technology Transition Plan. Some things to think about regarding technology are land use design, policy, project implementation, institutional barriers, social acceptance and partnerships with other agencies. There is a lot to think about and how to incorporate advancing technology into our systems.

Chairperson McGuirk commented that as soon as we move in one direction with technology, it will pivot and take us in another. One of the pieces of developing the LRTP was how much money to budget for technology going forward and how much to budget for existing infrastructure. It is definitely a changing environment.

D. FDOT Report

The FDOT report was provided in the agenda.

Ms. Taylor noted the FDOT/TPO Joint Certification Report was included in the Consent Agenda; the certification

is completed each year. She announced the R2CTPO is low risk meaning FDOT will audit only one invoice this year.

VII. Executive Director's Report

→ Update on SU Funding/Work Program

Ms. Bollenback stated the TPO is in the process of developing the new List of Priority Projects (LOPP) so there are not many programming discussions happening right now. Last August, she led a discussion regarding revenue updates that were a result of the COVID-19 lockdown. At that time, there was concern of projects being delayed and there was a lot of uncertainty. Then the stimulus CARES Act came, which helped; we are not completely back to the way we were. Now the economy has started to rebound and those revenues are coming back and we are in a much more solid position. FDOT is thinking of returning projects to the Work Program that were deferred. She noted that the TPO did not have any projects deferred. As mentioned during public comments earlier, there is also discussion of the stimulus package potentially bringing a significant amount of money to the state. As we develop the LOPP, she encouraged members to work with their staff regarding the potential to advance projects. The TPO wants to keep a pipeline of projects in various stages; there will be the opportunity to move projects forward assuming the stimulus package moves forward.

Ms. Bollenback stated the TPO has been using the GoToMeeting virtual platform; the primary platforms are GoToMeeting, Microsoft Teams and Zoom. After a review of GoToMeeting, staff found that it is not as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant as needed so the TPO will be switching to Microsoft Teams in May. This change is also resulting in a significant cost savings for the TPO. Members will not notice much of a difference in the functioning of a meeting; a link will still be provided to participate in TPO meetings.

→ Update on Legislative Activities

Ms. Bollenback stated she continues to receive a newsletter regarding legislative activities she can share if members are interested. There was a Regional Planning Council (RPC) bill that seems to have diminished in its chances of moving forward. There are some electric vehicle bills that do seem to be moving forward; they have made it to the Appropriations Committee. There is a recommendation regarding pedestrian signals at mid-block crossings that came from a representative in the Melbourne area who is very concerned. This has a potential negative impact if a higher level of beacon is not be installed then the crosswalk will have to be removed. The concern is crosswalks may be removed and that there will be a large financial burden to accelerate installing other types of beacons. The intent is good as they are trying to fix a problem, but there may be maintenance consequences.

VIII. River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments

Council Member Girtman referred to Mr. Big John's earlier comments and noted she has asked staff to come back with some options on what can be done to address the best place for bus stop benches and shelters. We want to support Votran riders and will have more discussion regarding this.

Mayor Chazez asked what the cost is for bus benches and shelters.

Council Member Girtman replied it is her understanding a shelter can be as much as \$27,000 and a bus bench with a trash can and required ADA pad can be up to \$15,000.

Ms. Bollenback stated it depends on what sort of infrastructure is already in place such as the ADA pad or a level surface. Benches are much less than shelters and there are a variety of types of benches. Advertising contracts can help offset the cost.

Council Member Post noted that direction was given by the Volusia County Council for Votran to provide that information so it is probably already available. Volusia County Community Services Director Butler was given this task.

Commissioner Basso asked when the concept of flying cars will get some interest or if there are too many people invested in asphalt for it to gain interest.

Ms. Bollenback replied prototypes of flying cars are being tested now.

Volusia County Council Chair Brower commented when we do have flying vehicles or more electric vehicles we will have to change the gas tax; it is not enough now. He asked if the board could get the different levels of cost for bus stop benches and shelters. He would like to know why they are so expensive. It would be interesting if the county could propose something; he referred to the advertising idea and thinks there are businesses that would potentially sponsor benches or shelters but first we need numbers and how much they will cost.

Ms. Bollenback replied staff will work with Votran and bring back more information. One of the issues is to make sure they are put in the right place and not on a route that may change. There is also the issue of ongoing maintenance; Volusia County is 1,200 square miles which is a lot of ground to cover for maintenance. There is also the issue of people running down bus stop signs and benches. With transit, the capital cost is easier to deal with than the operating cost which is where it costs the county. There will be a full discussion regarding this at a future meeting.

Commissioner Johnson commented he has heard talk that some benches were eliminated due to users not picking up their trash and the cities not wanting to spend the money to have someone pick it up; some cities do not have benches because of this. He does not like to see the benches eliminated as he is an older person and would not be able to stand while waiting for a bus. He referred to the coming Avalon Park development and stated Tymber Creek Road is going to have to go from LPGA Boulevard eventually all the way to US 1. We know it is going to go to Granada Boulevard and out SR 40 and people will shortcut it down Tymber Creek Road to International Speedway Boulevard (ISB); we need to make ISB a priority. He was out US 92 last week and traffic was backed up coming off of I-4 to the bridge. He also noted the I-95 and US 1 interchange in Ormond Beach is the worst exit ramp in the area and we must address its issues.

Councilwoman Power referred to the vacancies on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and stated she has a vacancy on both but she is not the only one. She asked Ms. Bollenback to give a little information about these committees and why they are important. She asked if they meet virtually.

Ms. Bollenback replied they meet the same way as the board with a hybrid meeting platform. The TPO has three advisory committees to the TPO Board. The BPAC is made up of citizen that are advocates for bicycle/pedestrian programs, projects and safety; they are very active and knowledgeable and she has a tremendous amount of respect for them. The members are appointed by the board members. The CAC and BPAC are in part how the TPO ensures public outreach. The CAC is also very knowledgeable and some members have served for many years. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) is made up of engineers or planners from the board members jurisdictions. Each of the committees reviews the same agenda and provide advice and comments; they are incredibly thorough in the work that they do. They also help program and prioritize projects.

Councilwoman Power stated she brought it up because when we were discussing pedestrian crossings in Daytona Beach Shores there could be someone that is an advocate but there is a vacancy on those committees. She will work to fill her vacancies.

Ms. Bollenback noted that TPO staff will work with her if she is looking for representatives and help with that outreach.

Council Member Robins commented something else to look at is how many people are actually riding the bus; he has noticed at times that only three people get on a bus. Perhaps we could save money by looking at smaller transit vehicles that would have less insurance, etc., and put that savings toward benches or shelters.

Ms. Bollenback replied that both Votran and Flagler County Public Transportation are in the process of developing their Transit Development Plan (TDP) which are 10-year plans. It is similar to the LRTP but is a 10-year plan for transit. She suggested if members have ideas or thoughts about service in an area now is the time to bring them forward to the transit providers.

Councilman Sander commented that we have been discussing traffic signals and other automated things but we still have the issue of distracted driving; we can add all the flashing signs we want but if someone is looking at their phone it will not matter. That needs to be brought into the equation as well.

Mayor Partington referred to Mr. Big John's public comment regarding impact fees and stated Ormond Beach adjusts its water and impact fees yearly for inflation; that makes it easier and less of a political issue. The request for proposal (RFP) for a consultant to conduct an impact fee study is scheduled for the May 18, 2021 City Commission meeting; the preferred bidder's fee is approximately \$100,000 for all of the impact fee updates plus the review of new, possible fees for police or fire. He referred to the bus stop benches and Council Member Robins idea regarding smaller vehicles and noted that Flagler County does not have big buses. Rather than installing bus stops, he would like to see Votran get smaller vehicles or electric vehicles and offer point-to-point service. Just because someone is poor does not mean they should have to wait at a bus stop on someone else's schedule. He thinks Votran could afford to provide point-to-point service and he believes more people would use it and it would be more popular rather than have just two people on a big bus. He added that they should keep the main routes. Change is coming in that area; instead of spending millions of dollars for bus stops funnel it in other directions makes more sense to him for his residents.

Council Member Girtman stated she thinks it is a good time for the cities and county to have the transit discussion; Votran is undergoing the development of their TDP and what the future will look like. The comments being made here are part of that. What has been may not be the best use going forward. If we can take this to a meeting with the county, cities and local stakeholders we can perhaps have a better conversation on how to move forward regarding the needs of our community. Things are changing, even the culture and expectation of how Votran serves; transit is not just for the underserved. If we want to create a better community we need to create a system that will get people where they want to go in a comfortable and efficient way at a lesser cost if we are not using the big buses and doing things more streamlined. It is time to have that discussion between the different organizations.

Council Member Post stated the Volusia County Council was asked to figure out where the bus stop locations are in the cities and unincorporated areas of the county and to provide a cost breakdown of benches and shelters as well as ridership. All of that information should already be available. It is time to look at transit in a different way; she referred to the SR 44 and Deltona routes that were championed a few years ago that now are being eliminated because they do not have enough ridership to keep them going. It took a lot of money to incorporate those routes and maintain them. She noted she made a recent appointment to the BPAC but does have a vacancy for the alternate.

Volusia County Council Vice Chair Wheeler stated we need to look at all the available information regarding bus stops and advertising; it needs to be addressed. She referred to the committee vacancies and asked if staff could contact the cities that have vacancies and request they fill them. She has notified the city of Daytona Beach Shores in the past regarding vacancies. These committees are very important. The cities need to be aware of the vacancies and if they want to be at the table they need to have their representatives there. She suggested providing the cities a description of what serving on an advisory committee entails.

Chairperson McGuirk stated the advisory committees are important and as elected officials, board members appoint their representatives. They should get out in their cities and find representatives although it can be hard to find people to serve. He started on the BPAC and CAC 15 years ago. He has heard through today's discussions a strong consensus that we need to do something about bus stop benches. He asked staff to provide the available

information to board members and it will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Advertising on benches has an interesting history; one of the unintended consequences where some of the cities got rid of benches. New Smyrna Beach had a problem because benches popped up everywhere and not at bus stops for advertising purposes. He suggested members familiarize themselves with the history because we do not want to repeat it. As far as where Votran goes, that is part of the technology; it all plays a role in the future of Votran and public transportation.

IX. River to Sea TPO Chairperson Comments

There were no Chairperson comments.

X. Information Items

- Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2021
- Technical Coordinating Committee Attendance Report – 2021
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2021
- March TPO Outreach and Activities
- Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports
- FDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Survey Flyer
- Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon Flyer

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the River to Sea TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION


NEW SMYRNA BEACH COMMISSIONER JASON MCGUIRK
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 April 28, 2021 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 26th day of May 2021.



DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD
ROLL CALL VOTE SHEET

MEETING DATE:
MEETING TIME:
MEETING LOCATION:

APRIL 28, 2021
 9:00 A.M.
 RIVER TO SEA TPO CONFERENCE ROOM
 2570 W. INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BLVD., SUITE 100
 DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

QUORUM: 10 MEMBERS: YES / NO

<u>REPRESENTING:</u>	<u>TPO MEMBER:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DAYTONA BEACH	COMMISSIONER MAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEBARY	MAYOR CHASEZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DELAND	COMMISSIONER CLOUDMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SMALL CITY ALLIANCE

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Lois Bollenback, Executive Director
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