

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022**

CAC Members Physically Present:

Kerry Karl, Chairperson
Janet Deyette
Ed Fendley
Gilles Blais
Bob Storke
Fred Heyne
Alan Peterson
Paul Martel
Joe Villanella
Jack Delaney
Dave Castagnacci, Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth Alicia Lendian
Edie Biro
Melissa Winsett (non-voting)
Tyler Burgett (non-voting)

CAC Members Virtually Present:

Emily Nice
Erika Benfield
Nora Jane Gillespie
Bobby Ball

CAC Members Absent:

Marcia Stevens-Foltz
Faith Alkhatib (non-voting)
Tisha Peterson
Rick Basso
Sue Elliott (excused)
Patricia Lipovsky (excused)

Others Physically Present:

Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris
Tyler Blair
Heather Whitmore
Travis Hills

Others Virtually Present:

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Pam Blankenship
Jay Williams

Representing:

DeLand
Deltona
Flagler Beach
Holly Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Pierson Alternate
Ponce Inlet
South Daytona
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County at Large
Votran (CTC)
Volusia County Traffic Engineering
FDOT

Representing:

Daytona Beach Alternate
DeBary
New Smyrna Beach
Port Orange

Representing:

Flagler County
Flagler County Traffic Engineering
Flagler County Public Transportation
Lake Helen
Pierson
Volusia County D-2

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
EXP
EXP
Kittelson & Associates

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
Volusia County

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

Chairperson Kerry Karl called the meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to order at 1:15 p.m. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was physically present. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held in a hybrid format with 13 voting and two non-voting members physically present; and with four voting members virtually present.

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

Ms. Nicoulin explained the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) represents five years of project programming within our planning area and includes all types of projects including all capital and non-capital surface transportation projects; any project within our planning area that receives state or federal funding is listed in the TIP; it must be consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). There are also projects funded with other sources that are included in the TIP. Each year when the TPO updates the TIP, the year that is ending is dropped and a new fifth year is added; any projects currently in the TIP carry forward and staff programs new projects into the TIP. She reviewed the projects that are being programmed into the TIP from the List of Priority Projects (LOPP) and projects that have received funding for new phases. The TIP is currently in development; it is required to undergo a 30-day public review prior to adoption so it will be posted to the TPO's website on Monday, May 23, 2022. She noted it is a large document but it is sectioned into different categories; she encouraged members to review the projects in their area and provide comments. The draft TIP will be back next month for a recommendation of approval.

Ms. Lendian asked if the US 17 widening project from DeLeon Springs Boulevard to Lake Winona Road includes the roundabout.

Ms. Nicoulin replied she will have to confirm that with FDOT.

D. FDOT Report

The FDOT report was provided in the agenda; Mr. Burgett announced a ribbon cutting on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00 am for the Oakridge Boulevard pilot program of the Zicla Zipper System; this is an innovative program to protect bicyclists and pedestrians from vehicular traffic. The North Causeway Bridge (SR 44) over the Indian River is estimated to begin construction at the end of May; the submarine cables that are being replaced provide electricity to the bridge that allows it to raise and lower to marine traffic to flow through. He announced that District 5 Secretary Jared Perdue has been promoted to State Secretary of Transportation by Governor DeSantis; Director of Operations, Mr. John Tyler, has been appointed as District 5 Secretary.

Mr. Peterson asked who controls the electronic signage along I-95; if it is state or locally controlled. The electronic sign coming up to the US 1 exit shows there are 26 miles of distance but there are two US 1 exits in the planning area; one in Volusia County and one at the south end of Flagler County. The sign is referencing the furthest exit and not the first one.

North and South St. Johns County

Mr. Burgett replied the state is responsible; he will check into it.

Mr. Castagnacci asked if the Zipper system is being tried anywhere else; it is very impressive.

Mr. Tyler replied it is the first in Central Florida; it is a program that came out of Europe. If it works well in Daytona Beach, the idea is to try it in other Central Florida locations.

Ms. Nice referred to the Zicla Zipper System on Oakridge Boulevard and noted that several of them have black skid marks on them; she asked what the maintenance plan is for those zippers and if there is a plan to keep them updated with regular painting.

Mr. Burgett replied it is a pilot program and the maintenance office is tracking the wear and tear; a few have been replaced and they are tracking the cost of that. The amount of wear and tear has lowered as local drivers have become more familiar with them. The zippers are currently white but they are available in other colors; they may change the color if the skid marks continue.

E. Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports

Ms. Winsett gave the Volusia County Construction report; it is the same as last month. There will be an updated report next month.

The Flagler County Construction Report was provided in the agenda.

E. Staff Comments

Ms. Nicoulin announced that FDOT will provide a presentation next month on several PD&E studies in the area; I-95 at LPGA Boulevard, I-95 at US 1, and the I-4 Truck Parking Site Selection studies. A public meeting was held a couple of weeks ago regarding the I-4 Truck Parking Site Selection study at the Volusia County Fairgrounds and they will be presenting information that was provided there. She thanked members for being here today and recognized that with the increase in gas prices it may be difficult for members that travel from other sides of the county and from Flagler County.

VI. CAC Member Comments

Mr. Peterson asked who oversees the Outreach and Activities flyer that is included in the agenda; he asked if it was distributed to the various city offices.

Ms. Nicoulin replied Ms. Blankenship is the Community Outreach Coordinator and she develops the flyer each month; they are provided in all agendas and posted on the TPO's social media. It identifies the activities the TPO has undertaken over the last month and activities that are upcoming.

Ms. Blankenship added that it is also posted on the TPO's website; some of the information is also included in the TPO's Constant Contact newsletter. A link to the Outreach and Activities is provided in the Constant Contact newsletter which goes to the cities, homeowners associations, public information officers, chambers of commerce; anyone that has expressed an interest in the TPO.

Ms. Biro announced that starting Monday, May 23, 2022, Votran will be cutting back some half-hour routes to one-hour routes outside of peak times between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm; they are trying to build their workforce back up. They are short-handed but trying to keep the same coverage. This is a temporary measure. They have also had to cut back on their Saturday routes; they are hourly as well.

Mr. Blais commented that the local newspaper does not cover what it used to; it used to include a traffic control section for special events. He announced that at the end of the month, Vietnam veterans will gather at the Daytona International Speedway. Traffic flow patterns used to be included in the local newspaper.

Chairperson Karl replied that is a good suggestion and noted that her office is with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and she will take this suggestion to them.

Ms. Lendian announced DeLeon Springs State Park will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on June 25, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be various speakers and activities for kids and adults.

Ms. Nice referred to FDOT project number 449490-01; the Daytona Beach Coalition. It is a safety study near SR A1A that is in the planning stage. The issue is many people, from the city's staff to the residents, are unaware of the plan being drawn to put a wide sidewalk for bicyclists and pedestrians on a city street. No one from that street was notified in advance and no one from the city knew about it. There has been no notification or transparency which negatively affects public opinion on how things are done. She would like to see improvements in the process as this plan affects the entire neighborhood and will change the dynamics of it. Right-of-way will be taken from residents' parking and this is an historic neighborhood where 87% of the homes have single space parking and need that extra parking space. It is also a high-crime area and this will invite more of the public into a private neighborhood.

Ms. Nicoulin replied she would coordinate with FDOT on their notices; there have been a couple of public meetings regarding this project.

Mr. Ball asked what the status is of the I-95 and Pioneer Trail interchange project and if an update could be provided each month in FDOT's monthly construction report.

Mr. Burgett replied he will get the latest update and provide it to Ms. Nicoulin to distribute. He does have a meeting in the next couple of days and will provide him with an update.

Ms. Gillespie stated she would like to be in that loop as well.

Mr. Burgett replied he will provide the TPO with an update to distribute to the committee members.

Mr. Castagnacci commented there had been a discussion of a safety study on Nova Road north of Granada Boulevard around the Trails Shopping Center; he asked if there was an update on that.

Ms. Nicoulin replied that is on the TPO's priority list on both the traffic operations and bicycle/pedestrian lists; it is a Complete Streets project for the city of Ormond Beach. The city is coordinating with FDOT in developing the scope; FDOT is doing a resurfacing project there and they are looking to incorporate that study with it.


VII. Information Items

- CAC & TCC Attendance Records
- April/May TPO Outreach and Events
- TPO Board Meeting Report

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the CAC meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



MS. 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 May 17, 2022 regular meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), approved and duly signed this 21st day of June 2022.



DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**** A recording of the May 17, 2022 CAC meeting is available upon request.**

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

ROLL CALL VOTE – UPWP ADOPTION

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

QUORUM: 9 MEMBERS YES

MEETING TIME: 1:15 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: RIVER TO SEA TPO

REPRESENTING:

DAYTONA BEACH
DELTONA

DEBARY

DELAND

FLAGLER BEACH

FLAGLER COUNTY

HOLLY HILL

LAKE HELEN

NEW SMYRNA BEACH

ORANGE CITY

ORMOND BEACH

PALM COAST

PONCE INLET

PIERSON

PORT ORANGE

SOUTH DAYTONA

VOLUSIA COUNTY CHAIR

VOLUSIA COUNTY D-2

VOLUSIA COUNTY AT LARGE

VOTRAN (CTC)

FLAGLER COUNTY TRANSIT

CAC MEMBER:

~~SHAWN COLLINS~~/EMILY NICE
JANET DEYETTE

ERIKA BENFIELD

KERRY KARL

ED FENDLEY

MARCIA FOLTZ

GILLES BLAIS

RICK BASSO

NORA JANE GILLESPIE

BOB STORKE

FRED HEYNE

ALAN PETERSON

JOE VILLANELLA

SUSAN ELLIOTT

PAUL MARTEL (ALTERNATE)

BOBBY BALL

JACK DELANEY

DAVE CASTAGNACCI

PATRICIA LIPOVSKY

ELIZABETH LENDIAN

EDIE BIRO

TISHA PETERSON

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