

MAY 22, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD
700 Catalina Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

TPO Board Members Physically Present:

Commissioner Stacy Cantu
Vice Mayor Michael Politis**
Mayor Karen Chasez
Mayor Chris Cloudman, Chairperson
Councilwoman Charlotte Gillis
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur*
County Chair Andy Dance
Commissioner Roy Johnson
Vice Mayor Roger Eckert*
Commissioner Randy Hartman
Vice Mayor Bill Lindlau*
Vice Mayor Alex Tiamson
Mayor Bill Partington
Mayor David Alfin
Council Member Skip White*
Vice Mayor Reed Foley
Council Member Jake Johansson
Council Chair Jeff Brower
Council Member Matt Reinhart
Council Vice Chair Danny Robins
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:

Commissioner Dana McCool
Ted Wendler (non-voting)

TPO Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*
Vice Mayor John Rogers* (excused)
Councilwoman Sergia Cardenas*
Vice Mayor Eric Sander (excused)
Councilman Doug Quartier (excused)
Council Member David Santiago
Dave Castagnacci (non-voting)
Brian Walker (non-voting)
Jessie Thompson (non-voting)

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

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

Others Physically Present:

Donna King, Recording Secretary
Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris
John Tyler
Cindi Lane
Barbara Girtman
Bobbie King
Ralf Heseler
Kelvin Miller

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
DeLand
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County Chairman
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, District 3
FDOT

Representing:

Deltona
BPAC Chairperson

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Bunnell
Pierson
South Daytona
South Daytona Alternate
Volusia County, District 5
CAC Chairperson
TCC Chairperson
Volusia County School Board

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT District Secretary
FDOT
Ghyabi & Associates
Volusia County Transit Services
Volusia County Transit Services
Votran

Others Virtually Present:

Wiley Page
Jessica Entwistle
Tyler Malmborg
Kelli Cosentino
Lisa Divina

Representing:

Atkins
TCC - Deltona
Newkirk Engineering
VCARD
BPAC - Volusia County Schools

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

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by TPO Chairperson Cloudman. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with sixteen voting members physically present and five non-voting members physically present; and one voting member and one non-voting member virtually present.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Alfin to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foley and carried unanimously.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

III. Public Comment/Participation

Ms. Bobbie King, Transit Services Director for Volusia County, announced that Volusia County is proposing fare increases for Votran, noting that there will be public meetings coming within the next four to six weeks. She provided a handout with the dates and times of those meetings.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. April 24, 2024 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Executive Committee Report
- D. Budget Subcommittee Report
- E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report
- F. TIP Subcommittee Report
- G. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
- H. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report
- I. River to Sea TPO Board (R2CTPO) Report
- J. Executive Director Timesheet Review Reports
- K. Review and Approval of Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Result and Salary Increase
- L. Review and Approval of Resolution 2024-11 Authorizing the Filing and Execution of the FY 2024/25 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
- M. Review and Approval of Letter of Support for Votran's Application for Redistribution of Funds for FFY 2024
- N. Review and Approval of Letter of Support for the City of Cocoa Multi-Modal Passenger Station and Rail Project Application to the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program

MOTION: *A motion was made by Council Member Johansson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gillis and carried unanimously.*

V. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2024-12 Amending the FY 2023/24 to FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

Ms. Nicoulin provided details of the amendment to the FY 2023/24 to FY 2027/28 TIP for the US 1 Northbound Bridge Replacement over Turnbull Creek project; to program additional funding and the advancement of the project from FY 26 to FY 25.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Partington to approve Resolution 2024-12 amending the FY 2023/24 to FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mayor Chasez and carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

B. Review and Approval of Slate of TPO Officers for FY 2024/25

Chairperson Cloudman explained that in the past the TPO has used the Executive Committee as the Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers to the TPO Board; the slate includes the Chair, 1st Vice Chair/Treasurer, and 2nd Vice Chair/Secretary. They serve a one-year term that takes effect July 1, 2024. The Executive Committee met on May 1, 2024, and recommended the following slate of officers: Mayor Partington as Chairperson, Mayor Alfin as 1st Vice Chairperson/Treasurer, and Vice Mayor Sander as the 2nd Vice Chairperson/Secretary.

Mayor Alfin stated that he has served the TPO for a number of years, and he is fully committed to dedicating all of the necessary time needed to the 1st Vice Chairperson/Treasurer position.

MOTION: A motion was made by County Chair Dance to approve the following slate of officers for FY 2024/25: Mayor Partington as the TPO Chairperson; Mayor Alfin as the 1st Vice Chairperson/Treasurer; and Vice Mayor Sander as 2nd Vice Chairperson/Secretary. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reinhart and carried unanimously.

VI. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A. FDOT Report

Mr. John Tyler, FDOT District Secretary, discussed the growth of the FDOT District 5 area and the Apportionment process. He reviewed current funding limitations and the need to meet the demand for transportation with the current growth. He explained that construction costs are rising which is a significant challenge and the importance of the TPO's List of Priority Projects reflecting the community's priorities. He discussed updated project information for I-95, I-4, and SunRail, as well as the Daytona Beach International Airport, truck parking, and safety initiatives such as the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan.

Mayor Cloudman stated that the TPO appreciates the improved working relationship with FDOT.

Mayor Alfin recognized that the efforts of Ms. Nicoulin and Ms. Powell, FDOT, to engage in a regular dialog to bring the TPO and FDOT closer together has made us realize that we could be the TPO that others look to in the future as a model for the region and possibly even for the state.

Mr. Tyler answered TPO Board members' questions regarding the truck stop north of LPGA Boulevard; the exact location of the new Volusia County truck stop; concerns for traffic backups where Seminole County bleeds into I-4, and if there are requirements for warehouses to provide truck parking.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY 2024/25 River to Sea TPO Budget

Ms. Nicoulin provided details of the draft FY 2024/25 TPO Budget. She explained that the budget was restructured and reorganized to more closely resemble how the budget is reflected in the Unified Planning Work Program. The draft Budget will be back next month for approval.

Ms. Nicoulin answered TPO Board members' questions regarding the maximum amount of PTO that is allowed to roll over and the cost of insurance.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft 2024 List of Priority Projects

Handout Provided

Ms. Nicoulin reviewed the draft 2024 List of Priority Projects which is updated annually. She discussed numerous projects and the funding associated with those projects. She explained the process of how and when the projects move between lists/tiers and explained the changes to the eight lists. This list will be posted on Thursday, May 23, 2024, for a 30-day public review and comment period and brought back in June for approval. A link was also provided in the agenda for the complete List of Priority Projects.

D. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY 2024/25 to FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Nicoulin stated that the draft TIP was presented during last month's meeting. She added that since last month's meeting the TPO has compiled the TIP document which is approximately 200 pages long. This document is posted on the TPO's website and is open for public review and comment. She noted that the TIP

reflects funding over the next five years for projects in the TPO's planning area that receive federal or state funding. The draft TIP will be presented next month for adoption.

E. Presentation and Discussion of the River to Sea TPO Renaming/Rebranding

Ms. Nicoulin announced that the TPO will be looking at rebranding during our relocation. With the approval of the Apportionment Plan that will include all of Flagler County becoming part of the TPO and moving to a new location, it is an appropriate time to rebrand. She noted that the new name that was suggested is the Volusia-Flagler TPO. She added that the TPO will be installing a brand-new audio/visual system in the conference room of the new location and is anticipating moving by the end of the year.

Discussion ensued regarding now being the right time for rebranding; suggested names; identifying both Volusia and Flagler Counties within the name; and the costs associated with rebranding.

The TPO Board directed TPO Staff to initiate activities associated with changing the name to the Volusia-Flagler TPO.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nicoulin discussed the Central Florida Strategic Safety Summit that was held on May 17th and announced that FDOT is looking at forming a Safety Champions Committee; anyone interested in participating on the committee should contact her. She noted that the TPO is working with local governments on a technical review of the Central Florida Regional Planning Model (CFRPM) Version 8 Update. The TPO is also working with member governments to identify projects for the next programming cycle.

VIII. River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments

Vice Mayor Lindlau asked FDOT why only the NB side of the bridge south of Oak Hill on US 1 is being replaced.

Mr. Tyler stated that this project is most likely a candidate of the bridge replacement program which is based on bridge conditions. With limited resources FDOT must prioritize bridges that achieve a certain condition and most likely the NB side warranted replacement where the SB side did not. FDOT will verify the reason and Ms. Powell will provide additional information.

Mayor Partington stated that he attended the MPOAC Weekend Institute this past weekend and strongly suggested members attend future meetings when it is feasible to do so. He noted that it was a great learning opportunity and supplied a better understanding of the relationship of all the TPO products and activities. He thanked the TPO staff for organizing his trip. Mayor Partington encouraged everyone to attend the US-1/I-95 Interchange public meeting being held tonight at The Chapel in Ormond Beach at 5:30 p.m.

IX. River to Sea TPO Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Cloudman announced that DeLand's VFW is having a fundraiser at the City Limits Taproom and Grille on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and on Monday, May 27, 2024, there is a Memorial Day event at Bill Dreggors Park in DeLand beginning at 9:00 a.m.

X. Information Items

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2024
- Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2024
- Technical Coordinating Committee Attendance Record– 2024
- River to Sea TPO Outreach and Activities
- Upcoming Events Flyer
- Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the River to Sea TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



CITY OF DELAND MAYOR CHRISTOPHER M. CLOUDMAN
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 May 22, 2024 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 26th day of June 2024.



DONNA RALSTON, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**** A recording of the May 22, 2024 TPO Board meeting is available upon request.**