

**MAY 24, 2017 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD**

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Daytona Beach, FL 32114-8145

TPO Board Members Present:

Commissioner Robert Gilliland
Vice Mayor Lita Handy-Peters, 2nd Vice Chairperson
Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick
Commissioner Chris Nabicht
Councilwoman Christine Power
Commissioner Marshall Shupe, Chairman*
County Chair Nate McLaughlin
Commissioner Penny Currie
Commissioner Jason McGuirk
Commissioner Bill Lindlau**
Commissioner Jeff Allebach
Commissioner Dwight Selby
Vice Mayor Steve Nobile
Mayor James Sowell*
Council Member Joe Perrone*
Councilman Ralph Schoenherr
County Chair Ed Kelley
Council Member Joyce Cusack
Council Member Pat Patterson
Council Member Billie Wheeler
County Vice Chair Deb Denys, 1st Vice Chairperson
Gene Ferguson (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Absent:

Mayor Stephen Emmett*
Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Council Member Lorraine Geiger*
Vice Mayor Vernon Burton*
Council Member Drew Bastian (excused)
Saralee Morrissey (excused)
Dustin Savage (non-voting)
Tim Burman (non-voting)
Judy Craig (non-voting)

* Non-voting member in the Small City Alliance

** Voting member for the Small City Alliance

Others Present:

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Lois Bollenback
Robert Keeth
Pam Blankenship
Herbert Seely
Stephan Harris
Vince Wang
Aarti Sharma

Representing:

Daytona Beach
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Flagler County, County Chair
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
South Daytona
Volusia County, County Chair
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, District 1
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, District 3
FDOT District 5

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Bunnell
Daytona Beach Shores
Lake Helen
Port Orange
Volusia County School Board
BPAC Chairman
TCC Chairman
CAC Chairperson

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
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TPO Staff

Others Present:

Robert Bullard, PE
David Portwood
Richard Walton
Jim Cameron
Ron Paradise
Jane Shang
Hugh Harling
Ed Bryant
David Cooke
Paul Wabi
Patricia Northey
Travis Hill
Patricia Gadbow
Beth Lemke
Jon Cheney
Heather Blanck
Big John

Representing:

Absolute Engineering Group
Davenport Group
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Regional Chamber
Deltona
Deltona
ECFRPC
ETM
FDOT
FDOT
Ghyabi & Associates
Kittelson & Associates
League of Women Voters
Planning Solutions
V.C. Traffic Engineering
Votran
Press

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 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Marshall Shupe. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Ms. Stewart announced that Commissioner Lindlau, Oak Hill, would be the voting member for the Small City Alliance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed in recognition of veterans, military and first responders.

III. Public Comment/Participation

Mr. Jon Cheney, Volusia County Traffic Engineer and county liaison to the TPO, stated the cities typically have two opportunities to get projects on the county road network funded; through their Five-Year Road Program and the TPO's Call for Projects. The county is starting to develop their Five-Year Road Program which is typically taken to the Volusia County Council as a mini Budget Workshop in the summer. Any cities with projects they want included should contact Mr. Gerald Brinton. Regarding the River to Sea TPO's Call for Projects, his staff and the TPO staff are proactive in conveying to the TCC members that a city needs a letter of support if they are building a project or facility on a county roadway. He asked city officials to ensure their staff has the proper paperwork from county staff so there are no surprises.

Mr. Big John, Press, gave praise to the City of Daytona Beach for the planting of the dune daisies on East International Speedway Boulevard (ISB). He stated the Bus Stop Improvement Plan is an opportunity for this elected group of people and all the cities that woefully lack bus benches. He encouraged the board to go through with the study. Once the study is done, it may be embarrassing at how few benches are left. The disabled, elderly and poor citizens have to ride Votran; they have no choice. He wants to add as many bus stop benches as possible. He referred to the \$10 million given to the Tanger Outlet Mall by the county and Daytona Beach and asked how many bus benches that could have bought.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. April 26, 2017 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Treasurer's Reports**
- C. Executive Committee Report**

- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report
- E. BPAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Subcommittee Report
- F. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
- G. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report
- H. River to Sea TPO Board (R2CTPO) Summary Report
- I. BPAC Project Review Subcommittee Report
- J. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Report
- K. Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-12 Authorizing the Execution of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the FY 2017/18 with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD)
- L. Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-13 Authorizing the Filing of the Grant Application for FTA Section 5305(d) Funds for FY 2017/18
- M. Review and Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Selection Committee's Recommendation of the Top Ranked Firms for the Continuing Services General Planning Consultant (GPC) Contract
- N. Review and Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Selection Committee's Recommendation of the Top Ranked Firm for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Master Plan Phase 2

MOTION: *County Chair Kelley moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gilliland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

V. **Action Items**

A. **Review and Approval River to Sea TPO Board Slate of Officers for FY 2017/18**

Chairman Shupe stated County Vice Chair Denys was nominated as Chairperson, Vice Mayor Handy-Peters as 1st Chair and Treasurer, and Commissioner Gilliland as 2nd Vice Chair and Secretary for FY 2017/18.

MOTION: *Commissioner Nabicht moved to approve the River to Sea TPO Board Slate of Officers for FY 2017/18. Vice Mayor Matusick seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

B. **Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-14 Adopting the R2CTPO's Draft Title VI Policy Statement and Discrimination Complaint Procedures**

Chairman Shupe referred to page 36 of the agenda and stated Title VI informs people of their rights to access TPO programs and decision-making. It also outlines the complaint procedure in the event that someone feels they have not been afforded full access. These are federally funded programs and are looked at each year. The draft was provided in April and there have been no changes since then. All of the advisory committees have looked at this and recommended approval.

MOTION: *Council Member Patterson moved to approve adopting the R2CTPO's Title VI Policy Statement and Discrimination Complaint Procedures. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

C. **Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-15 Adopting the R2CTPO's Draft Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Access Plan**

Chairman Shupe stated the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Access Plan outlines the procedure and the responsibilities of the TPO regarding people who do not speak English well. This is also a federal requirement because the TPO is federally funded. A draft was provided in April and there have been no changes. The advisory committees have recommended approval.

Commissioner Selby referred to the statistics on page 53 in the agenda regarding the languages spoken at home and asked if some of the people could be bilingual. They could speak a foreign language at home, but be bi-lingual and speak English as well.

Ms. Blankenship replied the statistics are for those that speak English "less than very well". They can be bilingual, but most likely they do not speak English very well. The other language is their primary language.

Commissioner Selby asked if the statistics were from the Census data.

Ms. Blankenship replied yes, it is from the American Community Survey.

MOTION: *Council Member Patterson moved to approve Resolution 2017-15 adopting the R2CTPO's draft Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Access Plan. Vice Mayor Matusick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

D. Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-16 Amending the FY 2016/17 to FY 2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chairman Shupe stated this amendment approves changes to three different projects. One is the Big Tree Road Shared Use Path adding \$124,623 as requested by the city of South Daytona and was approved by the board at last month's meeting. The second project is the Doyle Road Paved Shoulders project which adds \$358,546 requested by Volusia County and was also approved by the board at last month's meeting. The third project is the St. John's River to Sea Loop Trail extending the southern limit of the PD&E study to close a gap in the trail segment to the south. This is requested by FDOT.

Councilman Schoenherr thanked the board on behalf of South Daytona for the support of this project.

MOTION: *Commissioner Nabicht moved to approve Resolution 2017-16 amending the FY 2016/17 to FY 2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Gilliland seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

E. Review and Approval of Resolution 2017-17 Supporting Updates to the Florida Greenways and Trail Systems (FGTS) Plan and the Opportunity and Priority Maps

Chairman Shupe stated the Office of Greenways and Trails is seeking input for the Florida Greenways and Trail System (FGTS) Plan and the Opportunity and Priority Maps. The recommendation, which is included in the agenda, designates four corridors as priority corridors in the plan and on the maps. This was presented and reviewed in April and there have been no changes. The advisory committees have all recommended approval.

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Matusick moved to approve Resolution 2017-17 supporting the updates to the Florida Greenways and Trail Systems (FGTS) Plan and the Opportunity and Priority Maps. Commissioner Gilliland seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

VI. Presentations and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY 2017/18 River to Sea Budget

Chairman Shupe stated each year the Budget Subcommittee reviews and recommends a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Budget Subcommittee met April 5, 2017 and reviewed the draft budget. The attached budget was approved and recommended for review by the full board. The final budget will be presented at next month's meeting for approval.

Ms. Bollenback stated she could review the major changes or open the discussion up for questions.

Commissioner Selby referred to page 74 of the agenda, the population expressions of cities, and stated it lists Ormond Beach with a population of 10,366; the actual population is well over 40,000.

Chairman Shupe replied he agreed; he had looked at some of the numbers and not all of them added up. He added up all of the numbers for Flagler County and it was incorrect. The population is over 100,000 and these numbers do not add up to that. Some of these numbers are from 2010 but there are statistics more recently available.

Ms. Bollenback stated the TPO would review those numbers and will send out a revised sheet to the members.

County Vice Chair Denys requested that all the numbers be reviewed.

Ms. Bollenback replied they would be reviewed.

Vice Mayor Matusick stated there is a large increase in special studies and asked what that is.

Ms. Bollenback replied page 71 of the agenda compares the current fiscal year's budget and next year's. Generally, what drives the TPO budget in terms of revenue is what is available through the primary funding sources, which are Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning dollars and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning dollars. They are about 75% and 25%, respectively. The TPO also takes some of the set aside dollars and uses them for special studies. In this particular case, the TPO set aside \$100,000 per year for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Traffic Operations feasibility studies, \$100,000 for bicycle, pedestrian and trail feasibility studies, and other studies. This year, the additional funding is primarily being driven by the ITS Master Plan, which is almost \$200,000 in funding. Some of that has already been funded through PL dollars, the FHWA dollars and some is being funded through SU dollars from an action taken from this board. That study is getting ready to begin and that is what is driving that increase.

Ms. Bollenback stated personnel costs have decreased. On the revenue side, the decrease in state and local funds is because some old FTA grants are being closed out, which require a 10% state and local match. Planning Funds (PL) dollars from FHWA do not require a match. The TPO is closing out small grants so the local match requirements go away. Also of note in this budget is the replacement of the TPO server, the primary IT function; this is costly. The TPO lease for office space expires in April of next year. Staff is working with the landlord and exploring other options, which may entail a move. Some funding has been set aside to handle that if needed, and some additional contingency funds are allocated for items such as business cards and letterhead. It will not be in the budget as a line item until there is a better sense of what is going to happen.

County Vice Chair Denys stated the possible re-location is going to be a big issue and asked that anyone in commercial real estate to please connect with Ms. Bollenback. This is a very real issue for the TPO and the budget; what is being paid for rent, what it could escalate to and the possibility that the lease is not renewed. She asked everyone to think about it and communicate with Ms. Bollenback. This is going to be a strong fiscal reality for the TPO.

Commissioner Gilliland asked if an option would be to use the Volusia Room at the airport for meetings and have a smaller office just for TPO staff in another location.

Ms. Bollenback replied yes; the TPO is not limited to having a conference room as it was when Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG) the TPO were co-located. The TPO has four scheduled meetings each month in the conference room and it is used for other activities. The TPO will explore having a separate conference room by utilizing another venue.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the TPO's Draft Priority Project Lists

Chairman Shupe stated each year the TPO develops a series of Project Priority Lists. Each list represents a different category of projects. Once adopted, the lists are transmitted to FDOT for use in allocating transportation funds to the area.

Ms. Bollenback stated this is one of the primary activities of the TPO; it takes projects and communicates to FDOT that the TPO wants to fund those projects. There are a series of categories in which the projects are separated that has to do with the size of the projects and the funding that is available. A clean and a marked-up, strikethrough version have been provided in the agenda. There has been a lot of activity on all of the lists. The lists that have the most activity and that the most applications were received for is the ITS/Traffic Operations/Safety list and the Bicycle/Pedestrian list. There are a lot of projects that are funded through construction and those will remain on the Tier A list until the projects are done. Over the year, the TPO will update the lists to keep them current. There was a question about the ITS/Traffic Operations/Safety list because it appeared that new projects submitted this year ranked lower than some of the existing projects. The TPO reconvened the TIP subcommittee and they looked at the scoring from this year and last year and acknowledged that because the ITS projects are generally on congested corridors, they ranked higher. She stated the TPO is open to questions about the ranking process or activities. Mr. Harris and Mr. Keeth manage the call for projects.

Vice Mayor Matusick commented that on some of the projects there has been a change in the amounts and asked if these were all reviewed and if those that need a 10% match are able to pay it. She also asked if the amounts are current year dollars or if they are what are estimated for when the project is constructed.

Ms. Bollenback replied the TPO encourages project sponsors to update their estimates each year and the TPO has updated them if that is the case. There have been changes in the Work Program as well. The TPO has tried to bring in all project costs that are current cost estimates. In some cases, it is "to be determined" because the project is in design. Once the design work is done, the project cost estimate, potential right-of-way phase will be added. They are as close to current updated cost as they can get in 2018 cost. If something is programmed three years from now, as FDOT goes through its Work Program, the TPO should be escalating the costs based on a formula, usually at 3%. There are always opportunities to make changes. The TPO has to have justification for each estimate based on actual construction costs.

Vice Mayor Matusick commented some of the projects are fully funded but have increased by \$2 million. She wants to make sure those escalated costs and the change from a fully funded project that the money is there and the cities and county are updating so the cost overruns do not continue to occur.

Ms. Bollenback replied the cost estimate is based on the actual increases that are being forecast; the scope and limits of the project are not changing. That is the balance the TPO tries to achieve; to be flexible and be sure to build good projects and include all the attributes needed.

County Chair Kelley commented he knows points are assigned based on some type of schedule; he referred to the Kepler Road and SR 44 project and asked how something as congested as that intersection has the ranking it does. He asked why something would be ranked so low that impacts so many people daily.

Ms. Bollenback replied the planning studies process is much more broad; the TPO is trying to keep the process less burdensome. There is a one-to-two page description of what the TPO wants to accomplish so there is not much detail. The Kepler Road and SR 44 intersection has had a lot of work completed previously; it has had a PD&E and an update to that. There have been plans that have not come to fruition. FDOT is working on this and it is a matter of putting it together.

County Chair Kelley referred to page 85, item 10, the East International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) Corridor Improvements project and stressed how important it is to the community from economic development to community revitalization of neighborhoods. There has been talk of a roundabout at SR A1A and International Speedway Boulevard (ISB), which will improve the flow of traffic and access to the beach.

Commissioner Selby addressed a couple of priorities specific to Ormond Beach; the I-95 and US 1 interchange is a huge project and needs to be addressed as well as the Hand Avenue extension. With the new Latitude Margaritaville coming in, there will be 6,900 new residences, plus all the commercial development that will come in. That project runs from LPGA, the west side of I-95, all the way up to SR 40, Granada Boulevard. All of that land was annexed into the city of Daytona Beach. Anyone going north out of

that development will be put out onto SR 40; SR 40 cannot be widened. There needs to be alternative east/west roads in Ormond Beach and the only one that makes it to the interstate is Hand Avenue. The Hand Avenue extension as he understands it will be four-laned from Nova Road to Williamson Boulevard, extending it over the interstate. He understands there is also a plan to extend Tomoka Farms Road north to SR 40. He wants to get these two priorities in the discussion; the I-95 and US 1 interchanges and the Hand Avenue extension. He referred to page 93, item 10 and stated he had brought this item up at the last meeting; the SR A1A Pedestrian Safety Improvements, the crosswalks. Three of these are designed to be mid-block and the one that is of most concern is the one at the Roosevelt Park off-beach parking lot. People are not going to use it; they are not going to walk half-block north to cross then half-block back south; they are going to cross at the intersection. It will cost \$144,000 to build crosswalks that people will not use and he has a problem with that.

Ms. Bollenback replied the TPO will follow up with him directly on the locations of the crosswalks to make sure they are in the locations needed. The TPO wants to support where Ormond Beach is headed as a community. Regarding I-95 and US 1, FDOT is looking at developing an interchange modification report. They will also look at I-95 and LPGA and that work has been issued to a consultant who will study the interchange. If it looks like improvements can be done at LPGA without requiring right-of-way, then it will not require a full PD&E and can move forward more quickly. Those projects are listed in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); that is how the major projects work. They are identified in the LRTP and then they are moved to the Priority List. If a project starts to move forward and is unfunded, the LRTP will have to be amended. It is the same with Hand Avenue; there is a static period of time that is looked at for forecasting future projects. Margaritaville had not been announced and so Hand Avenue is not in the LRTP. That does not mean it cannot be built, but to be eligible for state or federal funds it has to be in the LRTP. If it can wait until the next update that is when it will appear, if not, the LRTP will have to be amended and funding identified.

County Vice Chair Denys stated she has started to see the solar-powered flashing crosswalks on SR A1A in New Smyrna Beach and they are wonderful. They are obviously friendly to the environment and they are very visible. She referred to the East International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) project and asked if there were other funding opportunities and if a project could move up the list if other funding sources are found. She asked what the possibilities and variables are going forward.

Ms. Bollenback replied how the TPO funds projects on the Priority List depends on a number of factors. The TPO communicates the list to FDOT, and as they build their Work Program and find out what funding is available, they work through the list. The ITS projects are typically funded with set aside dollars or with ITS dollars, where a bicycle/pedestrian project may be open to other funding sources. FDOT looks at the available funding and the readiness of a project. If a project is only ready for design, and there is not any obligating authority under design, but there is obligating authority under construction, FDOT will go down the list to the next project ready for construction. There are a number of factors that cause FDOT to work through the list and help projects progress. The TPO tries to always have a stacked pipeline of projects moving through each year, so it is not just funding all design one year, and the next funding all construction. The TPO uses the list as an indication of the priorities of the area but building an implementation program makes sense.

County Vice Chair Denys stated she had a meeting with New Smyrna Beach on the beach traffic on SR 44 for planning and other issues that go along with that. She referred to Margaritaville and stated that within five years, New Smyrna Beach will have 30,000 new rooftops on the SR 44 corridor. This is happening everywhere, from LPGA in Ormond Beach to New Smyrna Beach. This will impact everything, including connecting Williamson Boulevard to Pioneer. There are going to be some real issues to look at; these projects will be stacking up next to each other. Construction costs are skyrocketing and some projects are not being completed because of a lack of construction crews. There are factors outside of the TPO's control and the board will need to make some tough decisions in the future.

Commissioner Gilliland referred to the Margaritaville project and stated Daytona Beach is projecting 300 homes per year on average, with the first ones being opened next year. The TPO needs to get the Hand

Avenue project into the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in the next iteration. An extra 600 homes is not going to make the current problem any worse but this is a classic example of where the LRTP process comes from and why it is needed. This will open up the door for other funding sources where it is not stuck like the East International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) project because it is not on the Non-SIS list or in the LRTP. Daytona Beach has not taken a formal action but has discussed the East ISB project. There has not been opposition to the city fronting the estimated \$750,000 for the plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for designing the improvements. The first step is getting the modified project onto a priority list. Once that is done, the city can enter into an agreement with FDOT to fund the \$750,000 needed for the design of the RFP. At that point, the project will move to the Tier A list because it will be partially funded. Daytona Beach's intent is to negotiate with FDOT, bond the money, pay the \$25 million up front if it can get into the Work Program with an advanced funding agreement to be paid back in a future year. The city is taking a very aggressive position to move this project forward and to make sure the revised project is on the priority list so the city can move to the next step with FDOT.

Vice Mayor Matusick referred to the Kepler Road project and asked Mr. David Cooke, FDOT, to give an update on what is going on with this project.

Mr. Cooke replied FDOT has started a study with Kittelson & Associates to look at a roundabout at the intersection of Kepler Road and SR 44; it would be a two-lane roundabout. FDOT is also looking at the Beresford Avenue PD&E study that was done in 2004 and how it will affect the intersection if the road is extended. He is not sure it will fix the problem, but it will make it better. It will be expensive because FDOT will have to purchase right-of-way on those corners. The study is underway and FDOT should have an initial look at it in June.

County Chair Kelley commented he had suggested a fly-over previously.

Mr. Cooke replied that Volusia County is aware of the study.

Commissioner Lindlau referred to the solar powered lighting systems and stated some were just installed near the school in Oak Hill. They are very bright, and reliable and because they are independent of an electrical source, can be moved anywhere they may be needed.

Council Member Patterson referred to the Kepler Road project and commented that the road was almost taken care of 20 years ago when he was Chairman of the MPO, but it was killed by the downtown DeLand merchants that did not want traffic taken away from the downtown area. The city and the county are working together on this now. There is one landowner holding it up; the city is willing to buy the right-of-way through there because it will save money in other areas. The landowner and attorney will not return phone calls; the city needs the one piece of land to alleviate all the traffic. There is a lot going on but cooperation is needed from landowners. Some want to donate right-of-way but there is one person holding out. The project is moving, slowly.

Commissioner Selby commented that there is a new rectangular, rapid flashing beacon (RRFB), rectangular, rapid, flashing beacon, on north SR A1A in Ormond-by-the-Sea that runs non-stop. His concern is that drivers will become immune to it and suggested that the beacon be pedestrian activated. He wants it on record that it should only flash when a pedestrian activates it and wants to cross the road.

Chairman Shupe stated there is one in St. John's County where a pedestrian pushes a button and it lights a half mile either way.

Ms. Bollenback stated the TPO will look in to this.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY 2017/18 – FY 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chairman Shupe stated the TIP is a program of transportation projects funded over a five-year period of time developed by the TPO, consistent with FDOT's Work Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). It is updated each year and TPO staff develops a comparison report to more clearly identify the projects that have changed between the old and the new TIP.

Ms. Bollenback stated the priority lists that were just reviewed will feed the next TIP. This TIP update is built on the last set of priority lists approved last year which FDOT used to allocate available funding. The TIP- is dropping off the fiscal year that is ending, and this will add the new one and make adjustments. There are a series of projects that are either advanced or delayed depending on the funding and the progression of the project. She highlighted and reviewed some of the significant projects. There are also some SunRail projects that have been added in and the TPO is trying to get more details on these projects. The CEO of SunRail, Ms. Nicola Liquori, will be here next month to answer any questions on SunRail projects. There are some ITS technology projects that will help the corridors operate more efficiently without having to add more asphalt. There are a lot of trail projects that are reflective of the fact that the St. John's River to Sea Loop was designated as the second priority trail system in the state of Florida, so there was SunTrail money on top of set aside money and TAP funding. The SunTrail program has been funded in the third at \$25 million at the state level. The groundbreaking for the first construction project funded with SunTrail money is in Edgewater, the Park Avenue to 10th Street project. There was \$2 million added to the Traffic Operations/ITS reserve box in FY 2017/18 and there is nothing in the Bicycle/Pedestrian box. The TPO is looking to split the \$2 million so it is more in balance with the TPO's set aside policy so this item may change next month. This will be back next month for approval.

D. Presentation and Update on the Development of the Bus Stop Improvement Plan Scope of Services

Chairman Shupe stated the Bus Stop Improvement Plan is intended to better serve the general public with safe and accessible bus stops throughout Volusia County. There are two phases; the first phase is to update the existing bus stop inventory, identify the roles and responsibilities for maintenance of the stops and identify the improvements needed for stops that are under the responsibility of Volusia County. Phase 2 will extend the effort to provide city profile reports for each of the individual cities based on the voluntary participation of the cities. The project scope was presented in March and under the direction from the TPO Board, a draft scope of services was distributed to the board members and TCC members for review and comment. There was one comment and one letter received for the draft scope.

Commissioner Gilliland stated Daytona Beach does not have the \$5 million that will be required as a result of this study and is respectfully declining to participate.

County Vice Chair Denys thanked the city of Daytona Beach for the letter declining to participate and stated it is included on page 135 of the agenda packet. She read the letter (attached) aloud and commented that the Volusia County Council has had some Votran workshops addressing this issue and the \$8-10 million it is already subsidized through the General Fund. The County Council appreciates the project and other funding sources to be looked at.

Ms. Bollenback stated this will be on the consent agenda next month to move forward with the study pending approval. She asked for direction from the board as there is a time constraint. At this point, there are no additional objections or changes requested. This is an update of the inventory that Votran already maintains with support from the TPO's Transit Planner. The bulk of this work is to update the inventory that already exists. Phase 2 has been separated out clearly so the cities will feel more comfortable and for those that see a value, they can move forward, and those that have concerns do not have to move forward or can move in a different direction. If there are no objections, she would like a consensus for the TPO to move forward before this grant expires.

Chairman Shupe asked if there were any objections or comments. None were provided.

Mr. Big John stated County Vice Chair Denys was incorrect; Voltran funding over the past ten years from the county's general fund has gone down. It was as high as \$9.6 million in 2006 and is now at \$8.1 million; it was down as low as \$7 million for several years. He stated Mr. Jim Dineen, Volusia County Manager, was not concerned about poor people. The \$2.25 million, \$2.5 million and \$9.5 million from the city and county that went to Tanger Outlet Mall, would have done a lot for the bus system.

Commissioner Gilliland replied that Mr. Big John's comments are misleading; the number of bus benches that could have been bought with the Tanger money, based on pre-Tanger dollars, is zero. There were zero dollars, and there would have been zero bus benches built with those dollars. The amount of money agreed to be rebated once Tanger was open, after paying enormous property taxes and including the sales tax that comes back to the county and city, was \$2.25 million each, for a total of \$4.5 million. That is for all of Tomoka Town Center, not just the Tanger Outlet Mall; there are another 90 acres to be developed by the North American Development Group. Citizens from every jurisdiction have jobs there. This is one of the great economic success stories for this community, both Volusia and Flagler Counties, in the last decade.

E. FDOT Report

Mr. Ferguson referred to pages 137 and 138 in the agenda and stated the I-4 resurfacing projects and the widening project from SR 44 eastbound are complete. The I-95/I-4 widening project remains on track with a completion date of spring 2018.

VII. Executive Director's Report

→ Update on SunRail

Ms. Bollenback stated there will be an upcoming workshop on SunRail. She added she will forward the details when they become available. It is getting close to the end of the seven year period where the governance of SunRail transitions from FDOT to another entity. Phase 2 North has not yet been funded and this changes the dynamic of the project.

→ Update on the I-95 to SR 417 Connector Environmental Study

Ms. Bollenback stated data collection is underway. There will be a small stakeholder meeting coming up soon and a broader stakeholder workshop to follow in June or July.

Ms. Bollenback stated Mr. Hugh Harling, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) had mentioned a few meetings back that there is funding available through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) based on a settlement with the Volkswagen Company. The ECFRPC is working on a grant application for that funding for this region that involves transit.

Ms. Bollenback announced that Mr. Bob Keeth, Senior Transportation Planner, is retiring at the end of June after 30 years with the TPO. This is going to leave a big hole in the TPO that will need to be filled. Job postings are out and she hopes to move forward with a selection as soon as possible as this is a key position in the organization.

Mr. Keeth commented it has been an honor and privilege to work at the TPO for as long as he has. He wants to take advantage of his daydreams while he has legs to scale the mountains and arms to swim the rivers.

VIII. River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments

Commissioner Nabicht stated he attended the MPOAC Institute training in Tampa this past weekend and it was extremely worthwhile. He encouraged the board members to attend next year even if they have previously been. He thanked the TPO for the opportunity to attend.

Vice Mayor Matusick stated Marion County had been part of the North Florida Regional Planning Council and they petitioned the Governor to move to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. It was signed in April by the Governor, so Marion County will be added to the ECFRCP and it will change the dynamics of the board. She asked Mr. Harling to give the board an update.

Mr. Harling stated Marion County feels more connected with Central Florida than they do with Gainesville and the other northern areas. They requested this move and the Governor approved it. They wanted to be in FDOT's District 5 from a transportation point of view. There will be two commissioners and one city representative for three new board positions with the ECFRCP.

Vice Mayor Matusick asked if there would be a governor's appointment.

Mr. Harling replied he was not sure, but there probably will be, so there will be four more board positions.

Mayor Sowell announced there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pierson Elementary School on June 1, 2017.

County Chair Kelley stated the Hand Avenue extension was on the priority list 17 years ago and removed by a non-forward thinking council member. If left on, the issue could have been solved.

County Vice Chair Denys announced that on Friday, May 26, 2017, at 9:00 am Volusia County will be opening a new pier in New Smyrna Beach. It is a 350 feet long, 8 feet wide fishing pier that is handicapped accessible at New Smyrna Dunes Park.

IX. Information Items

- Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2017
- Technical Coordinating Committee Attendance Report – 2017
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2017
- April TPO Outreach and Activities
- National Trails Day Celebration Flyer

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the River to Sea TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION


CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SHUPE
CHAIRMAN, 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 24, 2017 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 28th day of June 2017.


DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Request for Public Comment



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Veteran Funding

During meeting Comments for 1 minute

@ 10:00 AM Meeting

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Dune Daisies
Bus Benches

Dune Daisies Planned

MSB

5-24-17
@ 9:00a

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Name Jon Cheney

Address ~~123~~ 123 West Indiana Ave, Deland FL

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County 5-Year Road Program & Call 4 Projects
Letters of Support for projects along county roads:
opportunities for cities to get improvements along
county roads

W.D. Shuff
5-24-17
@ 9:00A