

**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021**

TCC Members Physically Present:

Andrew Holmes
Matt Boerger
Nashla Merced
Darren Lear
Brian Walker, Vice Chairperson
Becky Mendez, Chairperson
Shawn Finley
Jose Papa
Mark Karet
Mike Disher
Tim Burman
Sean Castello
Ralf Heseler

TCC Members Virtually Present:

Stewart Cruz
Belinda Collins
Tyler Burgett (non-voting advisor)

TCC Members Absent:

Lee Evett
Kyle Fegley (excused)
Brian Peek
Adam Mengel

Others Present:

Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris
Jon Cheney

Others Virtually Present:

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Pam Blankenship
Rakinya Hinson
Paul Schoelzel
Chad Lingenfelter
Sarah Goolsby

Representing:

Daytona Beach
DeBary
Deltona Alternate
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
V.C. Traffic Engineering
Votran

Representing:

Daytona Beach Shores
DeLand Alternate
FDOT District 5

Representing:

Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
South Daytona
F.C. Traffic Engineering

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
V.C. Traffic Engineering

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT
FDOT
FDOT
Tindale Oliver

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

Chairperson Mendez called the meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) to order at 3:00 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 thirteen voting members physically present and two voting and one non-voting member virtually present.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Karet to allow TCC members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lear and carried unanimously.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. Public Comments/Participation

Ms. Nicoulin introduced Mr. Jon Cheney, Volusia County Traffic Engineering Director, to give the presentation.

Mr. Cheney gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Volusia County Infrastructure update and stated it was presented to the Volusia County Council on June 1, 2021. He reviewed the county's existing infrastructure maintenance and non-county maintained infrastructure. The county's operating budget for maintenance, which includes the bridges and the resurfacing program, is just over \$20 million per year. The county's resurfacing budget is approximately \$5 million per year with the priority being the thoroughfare roads which are major collectors and arterial roads such as Clyde Morris Boulevard and Williamson Boulevard. He reviewed the report of all traffic signals within Volusia County and noted the report covers the entire United States. A weblink is available to the report and an interactive map to see how the traffic signals are performing. Traffic adaptive signals are on state roads or constrained facilities; the county is implementing traffic adaptive signals along LPGA Boulevard and Saxon Boulevard. He reviewed the county's bridge infrastructure which is measured by FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and noted the county maintains 49 bridges, most of which are in good condition. The average age of the county's bridges is 42 years; however, the oldest bridge is 101 years.

Chairperson Mendez asked if the West French Avenue Bridge is considered to be functionally obsolete.

Mr. Cheney replied yes, there is no recovery lane or area. He continued the presentation and reviewed the non-county maintained infrastructure which includes homeowner association (HOA) roads and private roads. He reviewed the 2021 Road Program and noted it refers to road capacity projects and not trails or sidewalks; he explained the funding sources for the Road Program including the gas tax, impact fees and the proportionate fair share.

Chairperson Mendez referred to the impact fees collected and the new update that is retroactive back to January; the county increased their transportation impact fees by the cost of the construction index. She asked if that was considered an increase and if it was subject to being to split in half.

Mr. Cheney replied that is an excellent question and he will have to get back to her with an answer. He reviewed the traffic development trend report of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county and the current and potential projects in the four impact fee zones for East Volusia and West Volusia. The county will be bringing the Road Program to the community soon for feedback and public input.

Chairperson Mendez commented that she is happy the Road Program is coming back and asked if this presentation was available to the members.

Mr. Cheney replied yes; he noted there are approximately 30 hidden slides with the list of current project details including funding.

Ms. Nicoulin stated it will be posted on the TPO's website.

B. Presentation and Discussion of the Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Program

Ms. Nicoulin introduced Mr. Paul Schoelzel, FDOT, to give the presentation.

Mr. Schoelzel gave a PowerPoint presentation of Sun Trail funded projects in the River to Sea TPO's planning area. He stated gave the history and definition of the Sun Trail program and projects and explained the funding. The annually allocated \$25 million for the SUN Trail network is shared statewide so every MPO is competing for this funding. SUN Trail funding is two-tiered; individual trail projects receive one-third of the funding and regional trail systems receive two-thirds of the funding. Individual trail projects either connect or contribute to a SUN Trail network. One caveat for the individual trail projects is that an allocation to one project phase is not a commitment for allocations for future project phases. He reviewed the SUN Trail eligibility requirements and stated all projects must meet these requirements; noting that eligible projects that are ready for programming will advance more quickly. He reviewed a map of the Coast to Coast Trail and stated the maps he will show today are available on the SUN Trail website. He reviewed the projects for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop within the TPO's planning area.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Paratransit Service Analysis

Ms. Nicoulin introduced Ms. Sarah Goolsby, Tindale Oliver, to give the presentation.

Ms. Goolsby gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Paratransit Service Analysis and stated the analysis was initiated due to the growing demand for paratransit and transportation disadvantaged (TD) service at the local, state, and national levels. They wanted to identify what changes have occurred in the industry and how they have positively or negatively impacted service provisions and cost efficiencies and find opportunities to fix issues that were identified; she reviewed those changes. She reviewed the statewide TD trend from 2014 to 2019 and the TD trend in Flagler and Volusia Counties. She also reviewed the statewide paratransit trend from 2011 to 2019 as well as for Flagler and Volusia Counties. She noted that Flagler County does not have any existing fixed route service; Volusia County has 27 fixed routes that operate from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm weekdays and Saturday with limited Sunday service. In Volusia County, Votran provides paratransit and TD service through its Gold service; American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) door-to-door service for eligible riders within the three-quarter mile service area around a fixed route. Flagler County provides countywide door-to-door TD service to eligible riders six days per week.

D. Presentation and Discussion of Votran's Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update

Ms. Nicoulin introduced Mr. Ralf Heseler, Votran, to give the presentation.

Mr. Heseler gave a PowerPoint presentation of Votran's Transit Development Plan (TDP) and explained the TDP is a 10-year plan which is updated every five years; it is an FDOT requirement for funding. The presentation included the background, process, public involvement, transit needs, financial needs, recommendations and an implementation schedule. The study included a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) which looked at the system to find ways to be more efficient. He reviewed the public involvement process they undertook. The top priorities found included the need for an increased frequency of buses, more weekend service and earlier and later service. He reviewed the needs development plan which was broken down into short term (1 to 3 years) and mid-term (4 to 10 years); the recommended changes to the system including changing routes and bus stops, new technology, express routes, etc.; this will require a lot of public involvement. He reviewed mobility on demand (MOD) and explained it could be used for the first/last mile to and from the bus stop via a ride sharing option. He reviewed the implementation plan and costs associated with it; if the plan as presented by the consultant was implemented, it could result in almost \$1 million in savings to Votran. However, that does not consider new infrastructure for new routes. The draft TDP will be presented to the Volusia County Council for approval today and must be submitted to FDOT by September 1, 2021.

Mr. Papa asked if Votran is extended to Flagler County, where it would go; beachside or along US 1.

Mr. Heseler replied that has not yet been set; it is a vision and the details have to be figured out.

E. FDOT Report

The FDOT report was provided in the agenda.

Mr. Burgett announced FDOT has completed the resurfacing projects on I-95 which began in January of 2019 from St. Johns County to just north of SR 40 in Volusia County; 28.1 miles of I-95 were resurfaced. The adaptive traffic signal projects have been completed on SR 421, SR 44 and SR 40 from I-95 east to the beach to alleviate congestion on those roads. FDOT's Safety Office attended the Deltona Back-to-School Event at the beginning of this month and had the opportunity to talk to students about bicycle/pedestrian safety. They are coordinating with the TPO and will have a table at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) Campus Resource Fair on August 25, 2021 regarding bicycle/pedestrian safety. Also in coordination with the TPO, FDOT have a couple of safety events scheduled along SR A1A in Volusia County in September and October; the dates still have to be determined.

F. Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports

The Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports were provided in the agenda.

V. Staff Comments

Ms. Nicoulin announced that July 30, 2021 was former Executive Director Lois Bollenback's last day at the TPO and a farewell open house was held on July 29, 2021. An Executive Director Search Committee was established to conduct a national search and that in the interim, she was named the Interim Executive Director. The Senate passed a large infrastructure bill last week; this is the reauthorization bill of the federal surface transportation laws and new funding for transportation and water infrastructure. This bill will now move to the House of Representatives for consideration. The 2020 Census data was released last week which showed an increase in population; the fastest growing area in the U.S. is The Villages with a 39% population increase between 2010 and 2020. Flagler County experienced a 20.6% population increase and Volusia County an 11.9% population increase. The TPO has been working with FDOT on the development of the next cycle of their Tentative Work Program; staff has provided them information regarding projects on the TPO's priority list that are ready to move forward. They had a discussion yesterday regarding a preliminary funding plan and they will reach out to local governments that have projects moving forward to schedule intake meetings to discuss the projects and identify schedules, updated cost estimates, etc.

VI. TCC Member Comments

There were no member comments.

VII. Information Items

- CAC & TCC Attendance Records
- June/July TPO Outreach and Events
- June 23, 2021 and July 23, 2021 TPO Board Reports

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the TCC meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

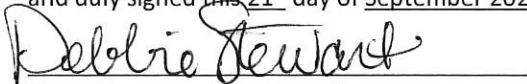
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Ms. BECKY MENDEZ, CHAIRPERSON
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

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 August 17, 2021 regular meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), approved and duly signed this 21st day of September 2021.



DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)
 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

ROLL CALL VOTE – TIP AMENDMENT

QUORUM: 11 MEMBERS YES

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
 MEETING TIME: 3:00 P.M.
 MEETING LOCATION: RIVER TO SEA TPO

MOTION:

<u>REPRESENTING:</u>	<u>TCC MEMBER:</u>	<u>YES</u> / <u>NO</u>
DAYTONA BEACH	ANDY HOLMES	✓ / _____
DAYTONA BEACH SHORES	STEWART CRUZ	✓ / _____
DEBARY	MATT BOERGER/ JOSEPH BARKER	✓ / _____
DELTONA	NASHLA MERCED	✓ / _____
DELAND	BELINDA COLLINS	✓ / _____
EDGEWATER	DARREN LEAR	✓ / _____
HOLLY HILL	BRIAN WALKER	✓ / _____
LAKE HELEN	LEE EVETT	_____ / _____
NEW SMYRNA BEACH	KYLE FEGLEY	_____ / _____
ORANGE CITY	BECKY MENDEZ	✓ / _____
ORMOND BEACH	SHAWN FINLEY	✓ / _____
PALM COAST	JOSE PAPA	✓ / _____
PIERSON	MARK KARET	✓ / _____
PONCE INLET	MIKE DISHER	✓ / _____
PORT ORANGE	TIM BURMAN	✓ / _____
SOUTH DAYTONA	BRIAN PEEK/PATTY RIPPEY	_____ / _____
VOTRAN	RALF HESLER/JAKE LUNCEFORD	✓ / _____
VC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	LAUREN POSSINGER	_____ / _____
FLAGLER COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	ADAM MENGEL	_____ / _____
VOLUSIA COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	JON CHENEY/MELISSA WINSETT <i>Sean castello</i>	✓ / _____