

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020

****NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD AS AN ONLINE VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCE AS PERMITTED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS 20-69 and 20-114 (A physical presence was also supported)**

CAC Members Present:

Janet Deyette
Gilles Blais
Nora Jane Gillespie, Chairperson
Bob Storke
Roger Strcula
Alan Peterson, Vice Chairperson
Joe Villanella
Bobby Ball
Dave Castagnacci
Patricia Lipovsky
Melissa Winsett (non-voting)
Edie Biro
Vickie Wyche (non-voting advisor)

CAC Members Absent:

Ralph Bove
Daniel Klasel, Jr.
Mary Dioguardi
Marcia Stevens-Foltz
Faith Alkhatib (non-voting)
Tisha Peterson
Rick Basso
Susan Elliott (excused)
Jack Delaney
Elizabeth Alicia Lendian (excused)

Others Present:

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary
Colleen Nicoulin
Pam Blankenship
Lois Bollenback
Stephan Harris
Anna Taylor
William Roll

Representing:

Deltona
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Palm Coast
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Volusia County Chair
Volusia County D-2
Volusia County Traffic Engineering
Votran (CTC)
FDOT District 5

Representing:

DeBary
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Flagler County Traffic Engineering
Flagler County Public Transportation
Lake Helen
Pierson
South Daytona
Volusia County at Large

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT
Kimley-Horn, Inc.

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

Chairperson Gillespie 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 present. Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting.

II. Press/Citizen Comments

There were no press/citizen comments.

III. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of June 16, 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Lipovsky to approve the June 16, 2020 CAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Biro and carried unanimously.*

B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2020-## Amending the FY 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Nicoulin stated that each year when the TPO develops the new five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that takes effect on July 1, which is the start of the fiscal year, the year ending is removed and a new outer year is added. In the previous year that just ended, there are projects that were supposed to be authorized prior to June 30 but were not; those projects automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program and must be added or amended to the new TIP. This roll forward TIP amendment reconciles the two documents; FDOT's Work Program and the TPO's TIP; sometimes there are additional projects or changes that are part of this. The PD&E for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail project from Lake Beresford Park to Grand Avenue determined to break the project into segments for constructability so three projects have been added to the TIP representing that entire length broken into three segments. The TPO also had a request from Volusia County regarding the Turnbull Bay Road paved shoulders project; this project is on the Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety priority list and is currently funded for construction. The request is to change the project limits in order to reduce them; the current limits are from Pioneer Trail to Sunset Drive in New Smyrna Beach; the requested change in limits is from Pioneer Trail to Railroad Street. The request stems from the fact that the project was submitted through the annual Call for Projects in 2011; it has been programmed for a while but there have been many changes to construction costs so the county is looking at ways to build a project within the current budget programmed in the Work Program without asking for additional funding from the TPO. Since it is a change in limits it is required to have a TIP amendment. Also, three regionally significant projects have been added for informational purposes; these projects are managed and funded by the local governments.

Mr. Peterson asked what the three regionally significant projects are that were added.

Ms. Nicoulin replied they include the Williamson Boulevard widening from Strickland Range Road to Hand Avenue, the Beresford Avenue extension from Blue Lake Avenue to Kepler Road and the Blue Lake Avenue extension to SR 472. The two projects in west Volusia are funded through impact fees as well as developer funding and the Williamson Boulevard widening is funded with proportionate fair share in addition to the local option gas tax and state appropriations.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mr. Storke to recommend approval of Resolution 2020-## amending the FY 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson and carried unanimously.*

C. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2020-## Adopting the 2020 "Tell the TPO" Survey Campaign Report

Ms. Blankenship stated the 2020 "Tell the TPO" survey kicked off March 30, 2020 and closed June 7, 2020; the preliminary results were presented in June. The draft summary brochure was provided as a link in the agenda.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Ms. Lipovsky to recommend approval of Resolution 2020-## adopting the 2020 "Tell the TPO" Survey Campaign Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strcula and carried unanimously.*

IV. Presentation Items

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

Ms. Nicoulin stated the TPO has been developing the Connect 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) over the last year and has brought presentations and different components of the plan to the advisory committees

and TPO Board for review and recommendation of approval. The Connect 2045 LRTP Subcommittee provided technical input and guidance in the development of the plan. All of the information is now being pulled into a single document; the individual chapters are currently being reviewed by TPO staff and should be posted on the TPO website for review this month. She reviewed the history of the development of the plan, including the pivoting of public outreach to a virtual platform. Many of the comments and input received regarding the plan were related to local roadway projects and programs that are managed by the local governments. The TPO reached out to Volusia County staff to provide responses specifically to those comments. One request received during the public outreach was to add a project to the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) unfunded needs list; the interchange improvement project at I-95 and SR 442. It was approved and recommended by the Connect 2045 LRTP subcommittee. There was also a recommendation to remove the last two projects from that list; I-4 from SR 472 to SR 44 and I-4 from SR 44 to US 92. She reviewed other items and projects discussed at the 2045 LRTP Subcommittee meeting including the Clyde Morris Boulevard project from Beville Road to US 92; it is currently on the list as a six-lane widening but is being revised to reflect a corridor improvement. It may be six-laned in part and be Complete Streets in other sections. Also discussed was preserving the rail envelope along I-4 and adding major corridor planning studies that are a high priority. The two corridors identified for inclusion in the plan are Mason Avenue and a follow-up on SR A1A; these are state road projects.

Mr. Peterson asked if the additional study of SR A1A would include both Flagler and Volusia Counties.

Ms. Nicoulin replied yes; that is the intent.

Chairperson Gillespie asked if the SR A1A study would take into consideration the sea level rise report.

Ms. Nicoulin replied it will take into consideration the different studies that have been completed; they have not scoped the study yet and do not have the details of what this follow-up study will entail. She continued with the presentation and reviewed the eight chapters that comprise the draft plan. The chapters will be posted to the Connect 2045 LRTP website when finalized; there are four chapters currently available and staff is working on the remaining four chapters. There is a required 30-day public comment period that will begin August 24, 2020 and run through September 23, 2020 when the plan will be adopted at the September 23, 2020 TPO Board meeting.

Chairperson Gillespie asked for the website address.

Ms. Nicoulin replied it is www.r2ctpoconnect2045.com. She thanked the members that served on the Connect 2045 LRTP Subcommittee that helped develop the draft plan.

B. FDOT Report

The FDOT report was provided in the agenda and there are no additional updates.

C. Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports

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

Ms. Winsett announced the Veteran's Memorial Bridge on Orange Avenue is now open.

Chairperson Gillespie commented she likes the new design of 10th Street in New Smyrna Beach.

Mr. Peterson referred to the FDOT status report and the information regarding the roundabout at US 1 and Old Dixie Highway; he commented there is a discrepancy in the time and cost and asked for clarification and whether the project is on schedule.

Ms. Wyche replied it is on schedule and she will look into it and provide further clarification.

Mr. Peterson stated there is also an old 50 mile per hour (mph) speed limit sign there that is sandwiched between a 40 mph and 25 mph speed limit signs. He would like to have that looked at since the 50 mph speed limit sign should be removed.

Ms. Wyche replied she will look into that as well and mentioned that there is funding for landscaping on that project.

V. Staff Comments

Ms. Nicoulin stated at this time of year, TPO staff begins working with project sponsors to identify projects on the List of Priority Projects (LOPP) that are ready to move into FDOT's Work Program. Staff will work with the TCC and project sponsors and bring back TIP amendments over the next few months. Additionally, the TPO will be scheduling a TIP Subcommittee to evaluate the last Call for Projects cycle to identify improvements. She will email the subcommittee members for their availability in September.

VI. CAC Member Comments

Ms. Biro stated the TPO donated bicycle lights and pedestrian lights to Votran that they have been distributing; the bicycle lights are rechargeable. Votran will be going to Orange City and DeLand to distribute the remaining lights tomorrow. Votran is currently running at approximately 60% of their regular trips; all routes, both fixed and paratransit, are running on schedule. They are distributing masks to customers that need them and have given away about 100,000 masks to-date.

Ms. Blankenship added that the TPO purchased bicycle and pedestrian lights and is working with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the Daytona Beach Police Department as well as Votran to distribute them.

Chairperson Gillespie asked if the TPO is doing anything in the New Smyrna Beach area with the lights.

Ms. Blankenship replied not specifically; the Volusia County Sheriff's Office is distributing the lights on the west side of the county. She did contact the New Smyrna Beach Police Department but has not heard back from them.

Ms. Biro asked when the new pedestrian light will be activated on International Speedway Boulevard.

Ms. Taylor replied she believes it will be within the next week or so; they are trying to coordinate it with the start of school.

Ms. Winsett stated that for those that live or work in the Deltona area, the new Amazon distribution center will open on August 25, 2020. There are a lot of mitigation roadway and intersection improvements underway and it will be congested in the short term but all should be complete by opening day. City staff is working with Volusia County's signal system to get everything ready; it is a huge coordination effort.


VII. Information Items

- CAC & TCC Attendance Records
- June 24, 2020 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Summary
- June and July TPO Outreach and Events
- 2045 LRTP Subcommittee Report

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the CAC meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION


MS. NORA JANE GILLESPIE, 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 August 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), approved and duly signed this 15th day of September 2020.



DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION