VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TPO CONFERENCE ROOM
1540 CORNERSTONE BLVD., SUITE 240
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32117
AUGUST 26, 2026

TPO Board Members Physically Present:	**Representing:**
Commissioner Stacy Cantu	Daytona Beach
Commissioner Chris Conomos*	Daytona Beach Shores
Mayor Karen Chasez	DeBary
Mayor Chris Cloudman	DeLand
Commissioner Davison Heriot	Deltona
Vice Mayor Charlotte Gillis	Edgewater
Commissioner Andy Dance	Flagler County
Mayor Roger Eckert*	Lake Helen
Commissioner Carrie Werning*	Oak Hill Alternate
Vice Mayor Harold Grimm	Orange City
Commissioner Harold Briley	Ormond Beach
Council Member Ty Miller	Palm Coast
Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs	Port Orange
Councilman Eric Sander, TPO Chairperson	South Daytona
County Chair Jeff Brower	Volusia County, Chairman
County Vice Chair Matt Reinhart	Volusia County
Chuck Koppernolle (non-voting advisor)	FDOT

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:	**Representing:**
Vice Mayor John Rogers**	Bunnell

TPO Board Members Absent:	**Representing:**
Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*	Beverly Beach
Commissioner James Sherman*	Flagler Beach
Commissioner Debra Snow (excused)	Holly Hill
Commissioner Lisa Martin (excused)	New Smyrna Beach
Council Member Skip White* (excused)	Ponce Inlet
Council Member Jake Johansson (excused)	Volusia County
Council Member Danny Robins (excused)	Volusia County
Council Member David Santiago	Volusia County
Jessie Thompson (non-voting)	Volusia County School Board
William Furry (non-voting)	Flagler County School Board
Nic Mostert (non-voting)	BPAC Chairperson
Greg Feldman (non-voting)	CAC Chairperson
Simone Kenny (non-voting)	TCC Chairperson

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

Others Physically Present:	**Representing:**
Melanie Pruneau, Recording Secretary	TPO Staff
Pamela Blankenship	TPO Staff
Stephan Harris	TPO Staff
Colleen Nicoulin	TPO Staff
Chris Barone	FDOT
Emily Bush	Bike/Walk Central Florida
Steve Ferrell	HDR
Justin Vallejo	Ghyabi Consulting
Ralf Heseler	Volusia County Transit Services

Others Virtually Present:	Representing:
Mariel Lemke	TPO Staff
Thee Perry	VHB
Stephanie Pruneau	Citizen

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by TPO Chairperson Councilman Sander. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with thirteen voting members and three non-voting members physically present; and one voting member virtually present.

Ms. Pruneau stated that Vice Mayor Rogers of Bunnell was the voting member of the Small City Alliance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MOTION: ***A motion was made by Mayor Chasez to allow for remote participation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heriot and carried unanimously.***

2. **Public Comment/Participation**

There were no public comments.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   - **A. June 24, 2026 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Meeting Minutes**
   - **B. Treasurer's Reports**
   - **C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Report**
   - **D. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Report**
   - **E. Citizens Advisory Committee Report**
   - **F. Technical Coordinating Committee Report**
   - **G. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Report**
   - **H. Executive Director Timesheet Review Reports**
   - **I. Approval of a Letter of Support for VoTran's Application to the FTA for the FY 26 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure**
   - **J. Approval of a Letter of Support for VoTran's Application to the FTA for the FY 26 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Program**
   - **K. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Appointments**
   - **L. Approval of Expenditure for Continuation of the Bike/Walk Central Florida Best Foot Forward Program in Volusia and Flagler Counties**
   - **M. Approval of Expenditure for an Active Transportation Network Analysis of Gaps and Opportunities in Volusia and Flagler Counties**

MOTION: ***A motion was made by Commissioner Heriot to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Vice Chair Reinhart and carried unanimously.***

4. **Action Items**

   A. **Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-12 Amending the FY 2026/27 to FY 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Incorporate the Roll Forward Project Report *(Roll Call Vote Required)***

Ms. Nicoulin explained the need to amend the TIP to include projects to roll forward into the new FY 2026/27 to FY 2030/31 TIP.

MOTION: ***A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve Resolution 2026-12 amending the FY 2026/27 to FY 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Council Vice Chair Reinhart and carried unanimously by roll call vote.***

B. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-13 Amending the FY 2026/27 to 2030/31 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) *(Roll Call Vote Required)*

Ms. Nicoulin explained that an activity needed to be formally added to the UPWP that went into effect on July 1st. This activity, to provide funding and planning support to VoTran for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), had been programmed but not listed in the new UPWP. For VoTran to receive the funds, this must be listed as an activity.

MOTION: ***Council Vice Chair Reinhart made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 amending the FY 2026/27 to 2030/31 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Grubbs and carried unanimously by roll call vote.***

C. Review and Approval of Resolution 2026-14 Recommending the Redesignation of VoTran as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Volusia County

Mr. Harris discussed the redesignation of VoTran as the CTC for the period through June 30, 2032, while recognizing uncertainty regarding VoTran's ability to commit to the full five-year term and the potential for changes in Volusia County's funding. The existing agreement includes a termination provision allowing Volusia County to terminate the agreement with 30 days' notice at any time. Action is required by Volusia County, the TDLCB, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), and the TPO Board in order for the redesignation to be approved, followed by execution of a new five-year agreement. He explained that if the agreement is terminated, Volusia County or the TPO would need to identify and designate a new CTC which would take time.

Mayor Chasez expressed concern about finding another qualified entity to take on the CTC role due to VoTran's potential inability to commit to another five years. Mr. Harris discussed the process of finding a new entity to serve as the CTC.

Members discussed changing the length of the termination clause to allow the TPO time to find a qualified entity. Ms. Nicoulin stated that she would look into whether the termination clause could be amended, noting that the TPO is not a party to the current contract.

Ms. Nicoulin stated she had a conversation with Ms. Bobbie King about the timing and expressed concern about the 30-day notice. Ms. King had indicated that they would provide more than 30 days' notice.

Mayor Chasez noted that efforts to prepare for Amendment 3 need to move forward even if it does not pass.

Ms. Nicoulin agreed to reach out to the appropriate parties to determine whether the termination clause can be extended to 60-90 days.

MOTION: ***Mayor Chasez made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-14 recommending the redesignation of VoTran as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Volusia County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heriot and carried unanimously.***

5. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Ms. Nicoulin reviewed the BUILD America 250 Act and the local implications. She discussed the reauthorization process, how TPOs receive funding, the Legislative timeline, and the next steps.

Mayor Chasez asked if the presentation could be sent to the Board after the meeting. Ms. Nicoulin responded that the presentation would be sent out with the meeting summary following the meeting.

B. FDOT Report

Mr. Koppernolle presented the FDOT report; reviewed upcoming projects, a recently completed project, and offered a reminder of the Target Zero efforts now that school is back in session. He noted that it was recently National Stop on Red Week. He noted some District 5 events, including the Florida Freedom Tour and the I-4 truck parking groundbreaking.

Mayor Cloudman referenced the US 1 interchange project pamphlet provided as a handout and asked if the change in design had altered the project timeline. Ms. Nicoulin explained that the project's design has changed due to having identified cost-saving measures. FDOT was reaching out to affected local officials. She noted that there was a consultant from Ghyabi, the firm involved in the project, in the audience should anyone want to meet with them separately after the meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nicoulin highlighted recent TPO outreach events including the Deltona Regional Library Summer Bash, Flagler County's Back to School Jam which Commissioner Dance attended, Bunnell's Elementary School Bicycle Rodeo and helmet fitting, attended by Commissioner Dance and Vice Mayor Rogers, and Progressive Medical Research's Community Care Day in Daytona Beach. She invited anyone interested in attending an event in their area to reach out to Ms. Blankenship. Upcoming events include the Port Orange Library How-To Festival on September 12th and the Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD) Icebreaker on September 17th. She also highlighted county events including a ribbon cutting for the St. Johns River to Sea Loop and the announcement of the start of the Clyde Morris Boulevard corridor improvement project that Governor DeSantis spoke at and Chairperson Sander attended. She added that FDOT had recently released the 2026 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) which establishes a statewide framework for eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roadways.

7. Volusia-Flagler TPO Board Member Comments

There were no member comments.

8. Volusia-Flagler TPO Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Sander thanked everyone for their time and travel to attend the meeting.

9. Information Items

A. BPAC Attendance Record
B. CAC Attendance Record
C. TCC Attendance Record
D. TPO Outreach & Activities
E. Upcoming Events
F. Volusia County and Flagler County Construction Reports

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA COUNCILMAN ERIC SANDER
CHAIRPERSON, VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia-Flagler TPO Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 26, 2026 regular meeting of the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 28th day of October 2026.

Melanie Pruneau

MELANIE PRUNEAU, RECORDING SECRETARY
VOLUSIA-FLAGLER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A recording of the August 26, 2026 Volusia-Flagler TPO Board meeting is available upon request.