

SEPTEMBER 25, 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:

Vice Mayor John Rogers*
Commissioner Stacy Cantu
Vice Mayor Michael Politis**
Council Member William Sell
Commissioner Kevin Reid
Councilwoman Charlotte Gillis
County Chair Andy Dance
Commissioner Roy Johnson
Commissioner Lisa Martin
Vice Mayor Roger Eckert*
Vice Mayor Bill Lindlau*
Vice Mayor Alex Tiamson
Mayor Bill Partington, Chairperson
Vice Mayor Eric Sander
Council Chair Jeff Brower
Council Vice Chair Danny Robins
Council Member Matt Reinhart
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

TPO Board Members Virtually Present:

Ted Wendler (non-voting)

TPO Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema*
Mayor Karen Chasez (excused)
Mayor Chris Cloudman (excused)
Commissioner Dana McCool
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur* (excused)
Commissioner Randy Hartman (excused)
Mayor David Alfin (excused)
Vice Mayor Reed Foley (excused)
Councilwoman Sergia Cardenas*
Council Member Skip White*
Council Member Jake Johansson (excused)
Council Member David Santiago (excused)
Dave Castagnacci (non-voting)
Becky Mendez (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 Ralston, Recording Secretary
Colleen Nicoulin
Stephan Harris
Pamela Blankenship
Amy Beckmann
Melissa McKinney
Jonathan Scarfe

Others Physically Present:

Representing:

Bunnell
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary Alternate
DeLand Alternate
Edgewater
Flagler County
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach Alternate
Lake Helen
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach
South Daytona
Volusia County Chairman
Volusia County, District 3
Volusia County, District 2
FDOT

Representing:

BPAC Chairperson

Representing:

Beverly Beach
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Flagler Beach
New Smyrna Beach
Palm Coast
Port Orange
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, District 5
CAC Chairperson
TCC Chairperson
Volusia County School Board

Representing:

TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
FDOT
FDOT
FDOT

Representing:

Claire Hartman
Donna Graybill

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Others Virtually Present:

Justin Reck
Jay Williams
Omar Attallah

Representing:

George F. Young Inc.
Volusia County Traffic Engineering
Volusia County Traffic Engineering

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 Partington. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with fourteen voting members physically present, four non-voting members physically present, and one non-voting member virtually present.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sander to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by County Chair Dance and carried unanimously.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

III. Public Comment/Participation

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. August 28, 2024 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Executive Committee Reports
- D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report
- E. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
- F. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report
- G. River to Sea TPO Board (R2CTPO) Report
- H. Executive Director Timesheet Review Report
- I. Review and Approval to reschedule the November 27, 2024 TPO Board Meeting to November 20, 2024
- J. Review and Approval of an amendment to the FY 2024/25 TPO Budget

MOTION: *A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sander to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by County Chair Dance and carried unanimously.*

V. Action Items

A. Review and Approval of Slate of Officers to Fill Vacancies for the Remainder of the FY 2024/25 Term

Ms. Nicoulin explained that TPO officers, including the Chairperson, 1st Vice Chair/Treasurer, and 2nd Vice Chair/Secretary, are elected annually before the start of the fiscal year to serve a one-year term. Traditionally, nominees are selected from the Executive Committee and presented to the Board for approval. The current term runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. In November, two officer positions will become vacant due to local elections. According to TPO Bylaws, vacancies are filled by a majority Board vote. If a current officer fills a vacancy, the resulting vacant position must also be filled.

She noted that the Executive Committee met on September 4th and 16th and recommended the following officers for the remainder of the FY 2024/25 term, effective November 1, 2024:

TPO Chairperson: Vice Mayor Eric Sander, South Daytona
1st Vice Chair/Treasurer: Council Member Reed Foley, Port Orange
2nd Vice Chair/Secretary: Council Member Danny Robins, Volusia County

The terms will run through June 30, 2025.

MOTION: *A motion was made by County Chair Dance to approve the following slate of officers to fill vacancies for the remainder of the FY 2024/25 term: Chairperson; Vice Mayor Sander; 1st Vice Chairperson/Treasurer: Council Member Foley; 2nd Vice Chairperson/Secretary: Council Member Robins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantu and carried unanimously.*

B. Review and Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the North Florida TPO for Urban Area Coordination

Ms. Nicoulin explained that following the 2020 Census, the Daytona Beach-Palm Coast-Port Orange Urbanized Area expanded into St. Johns County. Under the approved Apportionment Plan, the River to Sea TPO extended its boundaries to cover all of Flagler County, while St. Johns County remained under the North Florida TPO. As a result, both TPOs now share responsibility for a joint Census Urban Area. This Agreement outlines how each TPO will manage metropolitan planning within their respective boundaries for the area of St. Johns County that is within the Daytona Beach-Palm Coast-Port Orange Urbanized Area, thereby ensuring coordination. The North Florida TPO will plan for all of St. Johns County, and the River to Sea TPO will plan for all of Flagler County.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sander to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the North Florida TPO for urban area coordination. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gillis and carried unanimously.*

C. Review and Approval of the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization Logo

Ms. Nicoulin explained that in August, the TPO approved the filing of a fictitious name application to operate as the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization. As part of this rebranding effort, the Executive Committee recommended a new logo, which she presented.

Vice Mayor Sander noted that the selection process for the new logo was thorough, with numerous strong options to consider. This design stood out for its boldness and modern format, making it more suitable for digital use compared to the current logo. The road element in the design also functions as a directional feature. After discussing the options at two Executive Committee meetings, this logo was ultimately chosen to present to the Board.

MOTION: *A motion was made by County Chair Dance to approve the Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization Logo as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Sander and carried unanimously.*

VI. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A. Presentation and Discussion of FY 2023/24 TPO Public Involvement Activities

Ms. Blankenship gave a PowerPoint presentation on the TPO's public involvement over the past fiscal year. She emphasized the importance of committee and board attendance and shared data on committee vacancies, website activity, social media engagement, and the monthly email newsletter. Key outreach events from the past year were highlighted, including a partnership with FDOT to distribute 72,000 buck slips to Flagler County residents via registration renewals. FDOT plans to extend this initiative to other Central Florida counties, including Volusia. Ms. Blankenship outlined upcoming outreach activities.

Board members expressed their gratitude to the TPO staff for their exceptional work, especially given the small team size. Ms. Blankenship responded to Mr. Reinhart's inquiry about subscribing to the Transportation Talk email newsletter. Mr. Reinhart also shared his experience of riding a Votran bus wearing vision occluding glasses while guided by a sighted person, to better understand the challenges faced by visually impaired passengers.

B. Presentation and Discussion of 2024 Mobility Week and the Ride Roll Stroll Challenge

Ms. Blankenship shared details about the upcoming Mobility Week, hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Ride Roll Stroll Challenge. Mobility Week is a statewide initiative promoting safety and

multimodal travel options, encouraging local partners to host or support events that advance these goals. It brings together agencies to maximize resources, increase visibility, and foster regional collaboration.

C. FDOT Report

Ms. Kia Powell delivered the FDOT report, directing members to www.cflroads.com for the latest project information. She also provided reminders on the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Mobility Week.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nicoulin provided updates on the status of project programming within FDOT's Tentative Work Program and shared information regarding the new TPO office location, with an estimated move-in date of February 2025.

VIII. River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments

Vice Mayor Sander expressed his gratitude for the honor of being chosen to lead the organization in the coming months. He sincerely appreciates the trust placed in him and acknowledges the significant learning curve ahead. However, he is confident in the wealth of knowledge and expertise within the room that will support and guide him. He extended his heartfelt thanks to everyone.

IX. River to Sea TPO Chairperson Comments

There were no Chairperson comments.

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 9:54 a.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



CITY OF ORMOND BEACH MAYOR BILL PARTINGTON
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 September 25, 2024 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 23rd day of October 2024.



DONNA RALSTON, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**** A recording of the September 25, 2024 TPO Board meeting is available upon request.**