



MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Please be advised that the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) will be meeting on:

DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Volusia TPO
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd.,
Suite 100 (Conference Room)
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-8145

Ms. A.J. Devies, Chairperson

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION (*Length of time at the discretion of the Chairperson*)
- III. ACTION ITEMS
 - A) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 BPAC MEETING MINUTES (*Contact: Stephan C. Harris*) (*Enclosure, pages 3-22*)
 - B) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE EXTRA URBAN (XU) BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROJECT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA (*Contact: Stephan C. Harris*) (*Enclosure, page 23*)
 - C) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-27 TO REVISE DEVELOPMENT SEGMENTS AND SHIFT FUNDING FOR THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL RAIL TRAIL (*Contact: John Harper, Volusia County Eng. & Const.*) (*Enclosure, pages 24-27*)

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT CR A1A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS FEASIBILITY STUDY (*Contact: Robert Keeth*) (*Enclosure, page 28*)
- B) PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED SR 40 SHARED USE PATH FROM US 17 TO CONE ROAD (*Contact: William Walsh, FDOT*) (*Enclosure, page 29*)

V. STAFF COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS (*Enclosures, pages 30-42*)

- Ø BPAC Attendance Record
- Ø Florida Safe Routes to School Updates – September 30, 2011
- Ø Letter of Support for Halifax Heritage Byway & Trails
- Ø White Cane/Pedestrian Safety Event Flyer

VII. BPAC MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

******The next meeting of the BPAC will be Wednesday, November 9, 2011******

NOTE: Individuals covered by the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations for this public meeting should contact the Volusia TPO office, 2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL (386) 226-0422, extension 21 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date.

SUMMARY SHEET
BPAC
OCTOBER 12, 2011

III. Action Items

A) Review and Approval of September 14, 2011 BPAC Meeting Minutes

Background Information:

Minutes are prepared for each meeting and must be approved by the BPAC. The September 14, 2011 BPAC meeting minutes are provided with this agenda packet for your review.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the September 14, 2011 BPAC meeting minutes

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011**

Members Present:

Mike Chuvén
Rani Merens
Tim Bustos
Michelle Grenham
Rene "Rocky" Rivera
Bob Storke
Phyllis Campbell, Vice Chair
Colleen Nicoulin
Peter Cerullo
A.J. Devies, Chair
Chad Lingenfelter

Representing:

Daytona Beach
DeBary
DeLand
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Orange City
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, District 2
Volusia County, District 3

Non-Voting Technical Appointees Present:

Joan Carter
Wendy Hickey
Gwen Perney
Tina Skipper
Jon Cheney
Heather Blanck

Representing:

FDOT, District 5
Orange City
Port Orange
Volusia County School Board
Volusia County Traffic Engineering
Votran

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Alexis Collock Rohr (excused)
Craig Wells (excused)
DeAnn Parker
Roy Walters (excused)
William "Bill" Pouzar

Representing:

Deltona
Flagler Beach
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, At-Large
Volusia County, District 5

Others Present:

Michael Porter
Mike Yeager
Stephan Harris
Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Karl Welzenbach

Representing:

HAVOC
JEA Construction Engineering, Inc.
TPO Staff
TPO Staff
TPO Staff

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

The meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chairperson A.J. Devies. The roll was called and it was determined that there was no quorum. A quorum was present by 3:11 p.m.

II. Public Comment/Participation

Mr. Sachs presented a letter to the BPAC from Gail Henrikson, New Smyrna Beach Planning Director. Mr. Sachs stated pedestrians are having difficulty crossing CR A1A in New Smyrna Beach and requested the inclusion of additional bicycle lanes/paved shoulders when the road is repaved by Volusia County.

III. New BPAC Member Introduction

Ms. Devies stated Ms. Alexis Rohr is the new representative from the City of Deltona, appointed by TPO Board member Herb Zischkau. [Editor's Note: Ms. Rohr was not present.]

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of June 8, 2011 BPAC meeting minutes

B. Recommend Approval of the draft Bicycle & Pedestrian School Safety Review Study – Phase 4 [Editor's Note: this item was pulled from the consent agenda by Chair Devies. Ms. Nicoulin, who is also a consultant project manager for the Bicycle & Pedestrian School Safety Review Study, abstained. A quorum was not present with the abstention, so no action was taken.]

MOTION: A motion to approve the June 8, 2011 BPAC meeting minutes was made by Mr. Chuven. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

A. Recommendation regarding the use of Extra Urban (XU) Bicycle/Pedestrian Set Aside Funds – Resolution 2011-15 (amended)

Mr. Welzenbach stated this issue came up last June when a bridge project was submitted by a municipality and was funded during a time when additional XU funds were available and had to be programmed on projects relatively quickly. Earlier this year, the same municipality submitted another bridge project for funding. The TPO Board and Executive Committee discussed this issue at their

meetings. The Executive Committee also created Resolution 2011-15 (amended) to address the policy issue.

Mr. Storke stated Resolution 2011-15 (amended) allows for a limit of 10% of total XU funds to go to non-bicycle/pedestrian projects, which meets the BPAC's needs.

Mr. Rivera asked if the resolution would preclude the BPAC from having a say in other project types. Mr. Welzenbach responded the resolution applies only to the use of XU funds.

Ms. Campbell asked if the resolution would prohibit funding future bridge projects. Mr. Welzenbach responded yes (if item #10 is removed).

Ms. Nicoulin asked how the 10% limit works. Mr. Welzenbach responded the 10% is intended to apply to road projects that may be bicycle/pedestrian related.

Mr. Bustos stated there are efforts underway in Washington, D.C. to strip away funding for bicycle/pedestrian projects.

Mr. Welzenbach suggested three choices: adopt the resolution drafted by the Executive Committee, adopt the alternative language suggested by Mr. Chuyen, or adopt the screening criteria for bicycle/pedestrian projects.

Mr. Cheney suggested taking a choice that is in line with what the BPAC views as their primary function.

Ms. Nicoulin stated XU funds are limited and should be spent only on bicycle/pedestrian projects.

MOTION: A motion to strike item #10 on Resolution 2011-15 (amended) and replace it with a statement that projects be bicycle/pedestrian only was made by Mr. Chuyen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried with Mr. Rivera voting no.

B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2011-21 supporting a Shared Use Path in the SR 40 widening project from US 17 to Cone Road

Mr. Welzenbach stated the purpose of this resolution is understood, but this project is completely unfunded with the right of way estimated at approximately \$2 million. The FDOT will require Volusia County to maintain the right of way (also unfunded). The resolution puts the VTPO in a position of telling FDOT to build the project and the county to maintain it, which is not the role of the VTPO. Also, there will be a gap of almost 2 miles between Cone Road and the Airport Road Extension.

Mr. Cheney suggested alternative resolution wording to accommodate bicycle/pedestrian access where appropriate.

MOTION: *A motion to reword Resolution 2011-21 to include "accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians along SR 40 between US 17 and Cone Road where appropriate" and delete reference to a Shared Use Path was made by Mr. Chuyen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried with Mr. Rivera voting no.*

C. Appointment of Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Subcommittee Members

Mr. Harris stated the current Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan dates back to 2005 and is overdue for revision. TPO staff is requesting volunteers for a subcommittee that will be actively involved in the revision of the plan. The subcommittee will be involved in public meetings (probably two on each side of the county), reviewing the draft plan and public survey. The number of subcommittee members is open.

*Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Subcommittee members:
Tim Bustos, Mike Chuyen, A.J. Devies, Colleen Nicoulin*

VI. Presentations and Discussion Items

A. Presentation on the Safe Routes to School Interactive Map

[Ms. Carter's demonstration was shown in its entirety. The BPAC had no questions.]

B. Presentation Identifying Key Components of the Ten Year Major Update to Votran's FY 2012 – 2021 Transit Development Plan

[The Transit Development Plan presentation is included with the minutes for reference purposes. The BPAC had no questions.]

C. Presentation on TransMap: an Interactive Transit Planning Tool

[The TransMap presentation is included with the minutes for reference purposes.]

D. Discussion of Accessible (audible) Pedestrian Signals

Mr. Harris stated representatives from FDOT led a discussion of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) with the BPAC in October 2010. Since then, FDOT has received requests for the equipment, but needs more specific information before it is installed at intersections. FDOT has asked for the public to make

written requests for APS at specific locations used in their travels. The requests should be sent to Mr. David Cooke, FDOT Project Manager.

Mr. Porter stated HAVOC handles physically and mentally challenged individuals. The locations chosen by FDOT appear to be the loudest possible areas. Noise from the speedway, local schools, hospital and motorized traffic hinders the effectiveness of the APS. SIS traffic is also taking detours onto local roads. [Mr. Porter submitted a letter to Mr. Cooke.]

Mr. Cerullo stated October is Meet the Blind Month. One event will take place at the intersection of White Street and Dunn Avenue. Another event will take place at the intersection of Beach Street and Orange Avenue.

Mr. Rivera asked if there was a process in place to reach the blind community. Mr. Harris responded the BPAC and TDLCB mailing (email) lists include visually impaired members. Information can also be posted to the VTPO website.

VII. Staff Comments

Mr. Harris stated International Walk to School Day will be on October 5th. Pride Elementary School will be participating on the west side of the county. The school on the east side of the county had not been announced at the last East Volusia CTST meeting. The Volusia TPO will be participating in the Port Orange Family Days event on October 1st. The update of the Walk and Ride Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety PSAs should be complete before Thanksgiving. Last year, The Volusia TPO was unsuccessful in receiving a grant for pedestrian safety, but it will be received this year. The cities of Deland, Holly Hill, Daytona Beach Shores and Flagler Beach will be participating with us in this program to enforce pedestrian safety laws at designated intersections.

VIII. Information Items

Ms. Devies stated the BPAC attendance report is in the information items.

IX. BPAC Member Comments

Mr. Rivera stated the BPAC needs to be an advocate for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Mr. Bustos stated FBA recently assisted Stetson University in launching a bicycle rental program. The TPO also fitted bicycle helmets at the groundbreaking event.

Mr. Chuyen suggested TPO Board members look to fill vacant BPAC positions.

Ms. Carter stated Walk to School Kits are being distributed to local schools.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Volusia Transportation Planning Organization

Ms. A.J. Devies, Chairperson
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia TPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the September 14, 2011 regular meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 12th day of October 2011.

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Volusia Transportation Planning Organization

VOTRAN

**Transit Development Plan
Major Update
(FY2012 – FY2021)**



TDP OVERVIEW


- 10-year plan
 - Annual progress report
 - Major update every 5 years
- Review existing transit
- Assess needs
- Estimate costs & identify funds
- Develop action plan



Sets the vision...

TDP Overview

- Baseline conditions
- Public input
- Transit demand
- Goals
- Future direction
- Financial Plan



Required for FDOT Block Grant Funding!

Baseline Conditions

- Standard service 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Limited Sunday and night service
- Primarily 1 hour frequencies
- Annual average ridership of 3 million



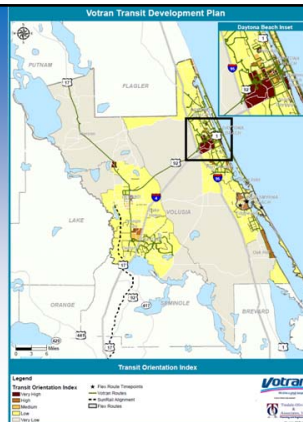
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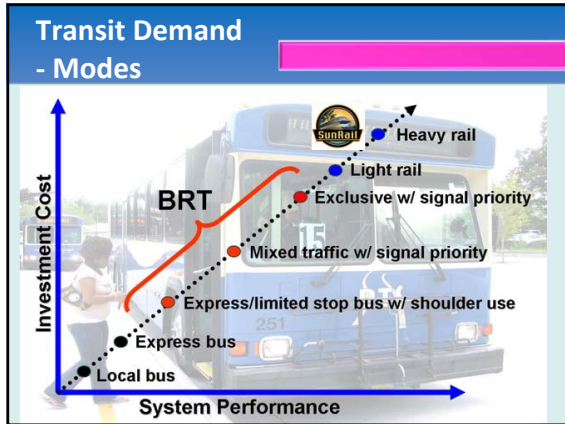
- Review committee
- On-board survey
- Stakeholder interviews
- Public workshops
- Discussion group workshops
- TPO Committees & Board
- **Volusia County Council**



Transit Demand

- Tools to measure demand
 - Transit Orientation Index (TOI)
 - Density Threshold Assessment
- Traditional versus choice market
 - Modal diversity





- ### Transit Demand – Corridor Approach
- Identify corridors for transit emphasis
 - Determine type and level of development
 - Density
 - Form
 - Determine appropriate premium modes and service levels
 - Develop supportive underlying network
 - Plan enhanced infrastructure and amenities
 - Direct investment

- ### Transit Demand – Corridors Identified
- US 1
 - A1A
 - Clyde Morris Boulevard
 - US 17/92
 - Nova Road
 - International Speedway Boulevard
 - SR 44
 - Doyle Road
 - Dunlawton Avenue

Goals

- **Customer** - Deliver a transit experience that is pleasing to the customer and encourages additional use
- **System** - Provide a superior transit system delivering effective and efficient service
- **Community** - Reduce energy demand, implement environmentally-friendly processes, and protect Volusia County's natural environment

Goals

- **Financial** - Ensure that Votran is a viable and fiscally responsible transportation alternative for the community
- **Staff** - Provide top-notch leadership in attaining the region's mobility needs
- **Technology** - Utilize the best technologies and innovations available that offer both enhanced system performance and positive return on investment

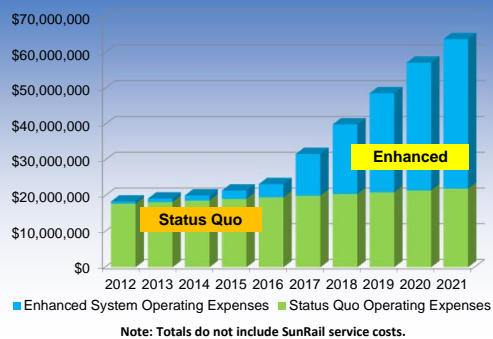
Future Direction

- Maintain and improve existing service
- **Bus connections to SunRail**, beginning with hourly express service and building premium intra-county network
- **Local service** providing countywide connectivity
- **Flex-service** adding service to new areas, allowing lower costs assessment of service demand and offering community circulation
- **Trolley service** in New Smyrna Beach (Potential CRA funding support)

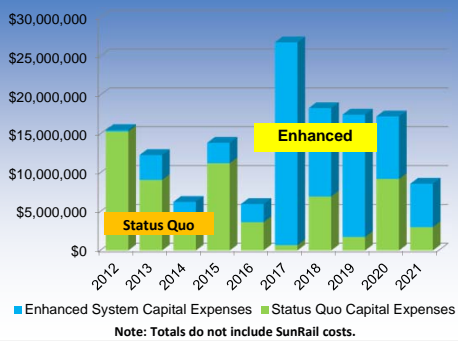
Financial Plan

- All projects that might be proposed over 10-year time period
- Not a financial commitment by adopting plan
- Two scenarios:
 - Maintain existing system
 - Vision financial plan
- Potential revenue sources
 - Taxes
 - Mobility fees and private investment

FY 2012-2021 Operating Expenses




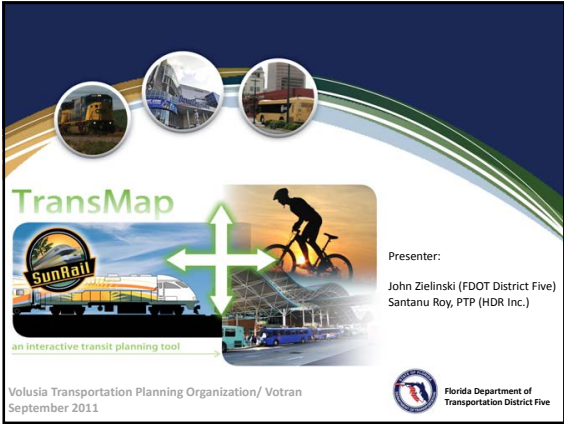
FY 2012-2021 Capital Expenses



Questions?

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TransMap
an interactive transit planning tool

Presenter:
John Zielinski (FDOT District Five)
Santanu Roy, PTP (HDR Inc.)

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September 2011

Florida Department of Transportation District Five

What is TransMap

- Interactive GIS mapping and analysis tool
- Available online at CFGIS - <http://www.cfgis.org/FDOT-Resources/transmap.aspx>
- One-stop-shop for transit data
- Includes relevant information on other modes (Work Program, RCI database, land use information, bike-ped gaps, etc.)
- Hosts previous studies, adopted plans, web-links, and other documents

Florida Department of Transportation District Five

Purpose

- How transit systems fit into the big picture
- Building regional transit synergy
- Inter and intra-agency coordination including Work Program development
- Integration of various modes

Florida Department of Transportation District Five

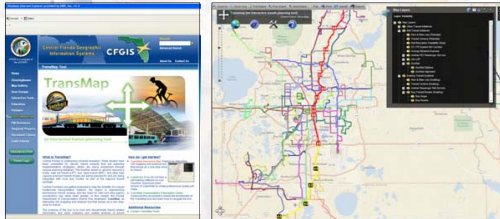
Motivation

- Ability for users to create maps at no cost and access information (previous studies, existing and planned transit routes and stations, etc.)
- Coordinate project development activities
- Multimodal approach to planning and project implementation




Implementation

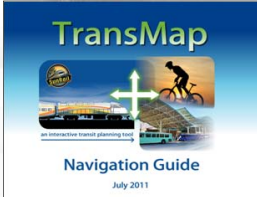
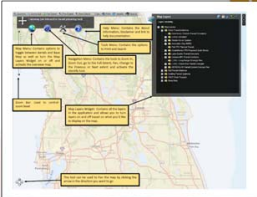
- TransMap on CFGIS




<http://www.cfgis.org/FDOT-Resources/transmap.aspx>



Navigation Guide





- Available online at - <http://www.cfgis.org/getattachment/1f80e2ef-599c-45d3-b866-8e1fcd1e72ee/TransMap-Functionalities--Navigation-Guide.aspx?disposition=attachment>



Maintenance Plan

- Periodic update
 - January – tentative WP & bus routes
 - September – adopted WP
 - Interim updates as needed
- Agency contacts have been identified
- Maintenance activities will be tracked and notification will be sent out to the users using CFGIS system



Next Steps

- Integration with –
 - Operations planning (COA)
 - APC, AVL data
 - Google Transit
 - NTD reporting/ FTIS
 - Travel demand model
 - TRANSCIP (grants administration)
 - Transit safety (14-90, 49 CFR Part 659)
 - TDP (14-73)
- The possibilities are endless
- Being evaluated by the Central Office for statewide implementation




Questions/ Suggestions?

<http://www.cfgis.org/FDOT-Resources/transmap.aspx>

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- B) Review and Recommend Approval of the Extra Urban (XU) Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Proposal Requirements and Criteria

Background Information:

The draft 2012 XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Proposal Requirements and Criteria reviewed by the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee will be available at the BPAC meeting.

Action Requested:

Motion to Recommend Approval of the XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Proposal Requirements and Criteria

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- C) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2011-27 to revise development segments and shift funding for the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail**

Background Information:

The East Central Regional Rail Trail (ECRRT) will be a 50+ mile long, 12 foot wide, paved, multi-use trail located along the abandoned Florida East Coast rail bed from Enterprise to Titusville, with a spur to Edgewater. The rail bed was purchased by the Florida Office of Greenways & Trails on December 31, 2007, making it the longest "rails to trails" purchase of its kind in the state. The ECRRT, a project of regional significance, is the Volusia TPO's top Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Project for Enhancement funds.

Mr. John Harper, Senior Project Manager, Volusia County Engineering & Construction, will deliver a brief presentation on a revised strategy for development of the ECRRT.

Action Requested:

Motion to Recommend Approval of Resolution 2011-27

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2011-27

**RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (VTPO)
REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REVISE DEVELOPMENT
SEGMENTS AND SHIFT FUNDING FOR THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL RAIL TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Volusia County and the cities of Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach in Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) has actively supported the East Central Florida Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, the VTPO recognizes that this trail will require a significant investment in funding both for construction as well as for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, to take advantage of programming opportunities, the VTPO recognizes that the project has been segmented into five distinct areas to more effectively design and develop the trail; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County Engineering has proposed an approach to completing the trail by first addressing Segment IV (SR 415 to Guise Road) and Segment VI (Maglev Site to Dale Street) of the trail nearest to the population centers; and

WHEREAS, this proposal change requires the available funds currently programmed on Segment III (Guise Road to Maytown Spur) to be shifted to Segment V (Brevard County Line to Maglev Site); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation, Central Office, has final authority on the programming and expenditure of Federal Enhancement (SE) funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) that the:

1. Volusia TPO requests that the Florida Department of Transportation re-designate and reprogram the existing Enhancement (SE) funds, currently programmed for design (phase 38) on segments I and II, to design/build (phase 58) and place the funds on segment IV in order to pursue a pedestrian overpass across SR 442 as well as the connecting trail segments; and
2. The Chairman of the TPO, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the following:

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- (a) the Governor, State of Florida;
- (b) the Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;
- (c) the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection;
- (d) the Secretary of FDOT District V;
- (e) the Division of Resource & Management, Department of Community Affairs;
- (f) the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; and
- (g) the members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the **25th** day of **October, 2011**.

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

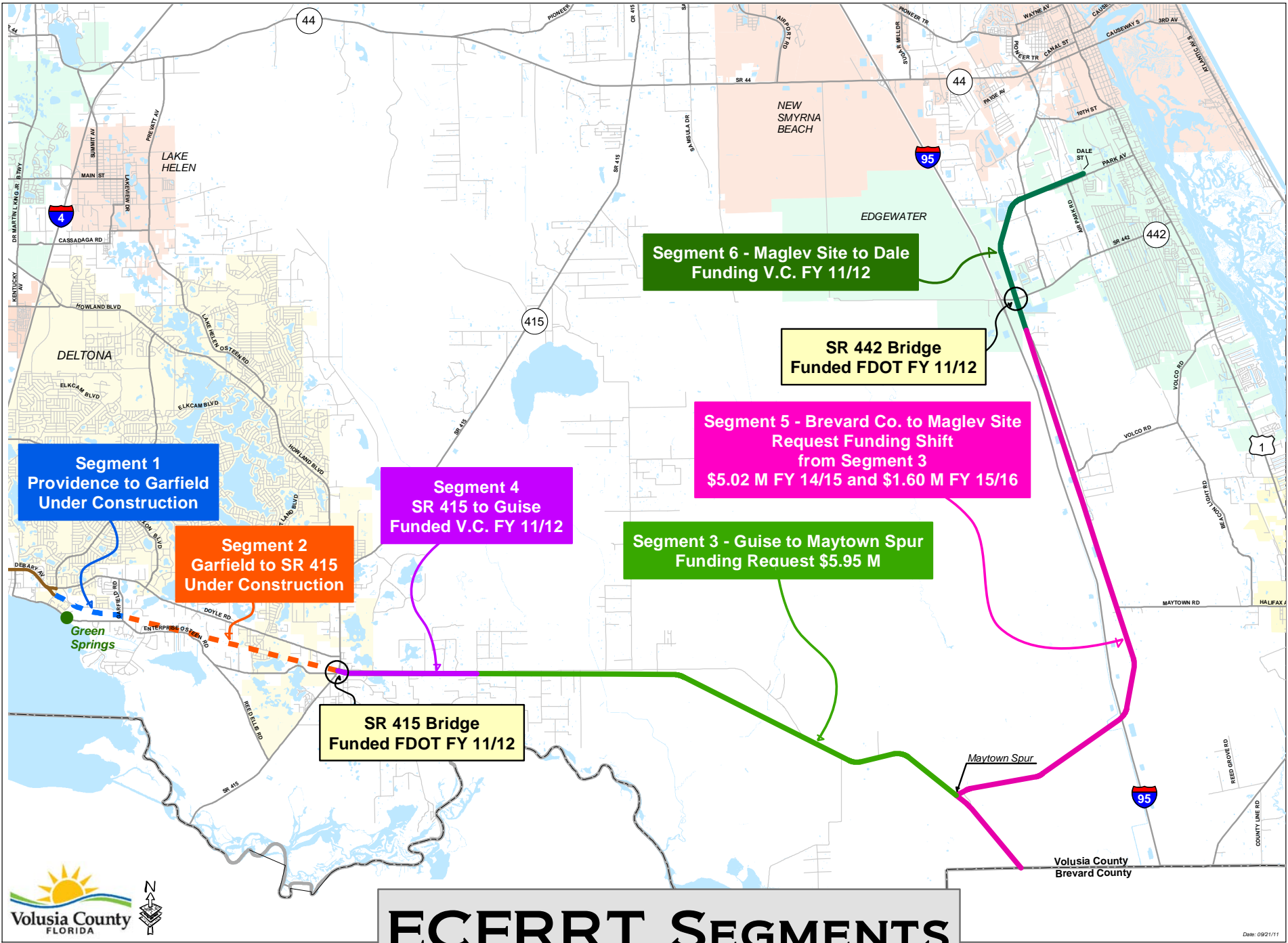
City of DeLand, Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick
Chairperson, Volusia TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia TPO, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Volusia TPO held on October 25, 2011.

ATTEST:

Pamela C. Blankenship, Recording Secretary



ECFRRT SEGMENTS

Date: 09/21/11

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A) Presentation on the Draft CR A1A Pedestrian Safety and Access Feasibility Study

Background Information:

The CR A1A Pedestrian Safety and Access Feasibility Study is a follow up to the Pedestrian Crosswalk Research Study completed in 2010. Both studies have been prepared by GMB Engineers & Planners, Inc.

The current feasibility study focuses on the existing marked crosswalks located along South Atlantic Avenue (CR A1A) between 3rd Avenue and the south New Smyrna Beach city limit. The study involves performing pedestrian counts at 13 crosswalk locations along the corridor, reviewing historical crash data for the last 3 years, evaluating traffic and pedestrian operating and safety conditions and recommending safety countermeasures.

Mr. Robert Keeth, TPO Senior Planner, will deliver a brief presentation on the draft CR A1A Pedestrian Safety and Access Feasibility Study.

Action Requested:

No action is required unless otherwise directed by the BPAC

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IV. Presentations and Discussion Items

B) Presentation on the proposed SR 40 Shared Use Path from US 17 to Cone Road

Background Information:

Last month, the Volusia TPO Board adopted Resolution 2011-25 in support of a separated Shared Use Path along SR 40 between US 17 and Cone Road. This month, representatives from Volusia County, FDOT and Volusia TPO are discussing the financial and technical issues associated with developing the project.

Mr. David Graeber, Associate Principal/Senior Project Manager for Inwood Consulting Engineers, will deliver a brief presentation on the SR 40 Shared Use Path from US 17 to Cone Road.

Action Requested:

No action is required unless otherwise directed by the BPAC

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Florida SRTS Updates
By Pat Pieratte
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(pat.pieratte@dot.state.fl.us, 850-245-1529)
September 30, 2011



Florida Updates: State

To Do List for October 5, 2011: Next Wednesday is going to be a very busy day! Here is what's on the agenda:

- ✓ **International Walk to School Day:** This is your annual opportunity to help plan a special event and walk or bike to school with your children. You can celebrate the wonderful fall weather and set a precedent for walking or biking to school once a month, once a week, or every day the rest of the year!

I am very excited to announce that to date Florida has 232 Walk to School Day events registered on the website: <http://www.walktoschool.org/>. This is 7 more events than last year, and there may be more planned which haven't yet been registered. Even more exciting is that Florida's percent of national events went up from 6.3% last year to 7% this year--great work everyone! Have a great time on WTS Day, and be sure to send in your stories and photos from your events. Remember, you can still register your event at the above website.

- ✓ **Virtual Transplex presentation on Florida's SRTS Program:** The SRTS session will be the first live session of the conference, and is scheduled for 2:00-4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 5. You can read more about this session and register at: <http://transplex.org/live2.asp>. The seven FDOT Districts and I have been working very hard with David Lee from our Planning Office, to give a snapshot of Florida's SRTS program. I'll give an introduction and overview to the program, and then each District will discuss one or more SRTS programs and/or projects, to give you a sampling of our progress to date. Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

The main web page for Transplex 2011 (http://transplex.org/conference_11.asp), begins:

"Partnerships: Making Connections" is the theme for TRANSPLEX 2011. Conference 2011 will be conducted as a "Virtual Conference". There are no registration fees, no travel costs and all you'll need to participate is an Internet connection. The schedule for TRANSPLEX 2011 is available [HERE](#).

Some other sessions which may be of interest are:

- [Lunchbox Cafe: Lunch with Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad](#) - Tuesday, October 4, noon
- [Networking Lounge: Bicycle and Pedestrian](#) - Tuesday, October 4, 2:00 pm
- [Brainstorming Forum: How can visualization be used to improve transportation planning?](#) - Monday, October 10, 2:00 pm
- [Lunchbox Cafe: Public Involvement Performance Measures](#) - Tuesday, October 11, noon
- [Brainstorming Forum: How do we make our roads safer for our most vulnerable travelers?](#) - Thursday, October 13, 2:00 pm
- [Brainstorming Forum: What are the best locations for roundabouts?](#) - Monday, October 17, 2:00 pm
- [Lunchbox Cafe: ETDM Overview](#) - Tuesday, October 18, noon (ETDM stands for Efficient Transportation Decision Making)
- [Live Session: Tour of MPOs](#) - Wednesday, October 19, 2:00 pm
- [Live Session: Tour of States](#) - Thursday, October 20, 2:00 pm
- [Brainstorming Forum: How can we use data more effectively in transportation decision-making?](#) - Friday, October 21, 2:00 pm
- [Lunchbox Cafe: Design 101](#) - Tuesday, October 25, noon
- [Live Session: Federal Update](#) - Wednesday, October 26, 2:00 pm

We hope to "see" you at the SRTS and other sessions of Transplex 2011!

Florida Department of Education Facebook Page Has Link to Walking School Bus Information: The Florida Department of Education's Facebook page recently added this quote with a link to the Florida Department of Health's Facebook page and their *Getting Started with the Walking School Bus* information:

Get on the bus – the “Walking School Bus”! If you live near school, the [Florida Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) has some easy ways for you to stay safe and healthy. Like this post if you or your kids walk to school!

Click on the links to access these Facebook pages.

11th Annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® is Monday October 10, 2011: Florida Governor Rick Scott has declared October 10, 2011 as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day in Florida. This is part of an annual national campaign by the American Society of Civil Engineers to bring down traffic fatalities. Although traffic fatalities in Florida have declined every year since 2005, fatalities are still way too high. The downward trend has included bicycle and pedestrian fatalities, but these fatalities have not always decreased as fast as total fatalities.

Find out more about Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day at: <http://www.brakesonfatalities.org/>.

Florida Updates: Local

Event Highlights Bicycle, Pedestrian Safety: This recent article from TBO.com begins this way:

Child safety is a priority in New Tampa, brimming with young families who flock to the area for its quality schools and suburban-style living.

The sprawling enclave is considered among the safest places to live in the city.

The Tampa Palms Owners Association wants to play a role to make sure the community maintains its reputation. The property owners' group is spearheading a community convoy to help raise awareness about bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The association is teaming up with WalkWise Tampa Bay and the national Safe Routes to School Program to host a neighborhood bike ride and a bicycle and pedestrian safety class on Saturday.

The article concluded:

WalkWise Tampa Bay is managed by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida and funded by the Florida Department of Transportation District 7, covering Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Hernando and Citrus counties.

"We have been working with elementary and middle schools to set up walking school buses and bicycle trains," said Jessica Brenner, outreach coordinator at USF's Center for Urban Transportation Research. "We get groups of kids who walk separately to walk together. ... The bike program is similar."

Jason Jackman, a program planner analyst at the center who is coordinating the Tampa Palms safety program, likened the "walking school bus" and "bicycle train" concepts to adults commuting to work.

"It's like carpooling without the car," Jackman said.

Read more at: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/northeast/2011/sep/05/event-highlights-bicycle-pedestrian-safety-ar-254601/>.

Pedestrian Flags Make Gulf Boulevard Safer: This article in the Pinellas Beaches Patch begins this way:

Unless you live on the Gulf side, crossing Gulf Boulevard to enjoy a few hours at the Beach without pedestrian safety measures could be scary, especially when Tampa has been dubbed tops on the list of cities to incur traffic accidents.

The Pedestrian Flag program seemed to be an answer. The program is a team effort of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, beach towns and cities located along Gulf Boulevard in Pinellas County to use retro-reflective flags to gain the attention of drivers and pedestrians.

Pedestrians ready to cross where flags appear simply take the flag from its container and while crossing display the flag to approaching drivers. At the end of the crosswalk they return the flag to the container on the other side. Each location also has a sign that reinforces the need for pedestrians to be aware of their surroundings before stepping in the crosswalk.

Read more at: <http://pinellasbeaches.patch.com/articles/pedestrian-flags-make-gulf-boulevard-safer>.

Project's Goal: Make Streets Safer for Pedestrians: A recent Orlando Sentinel article announced that the nonprofit Bike/Walk Central Florida has been awarded \$41,750 from the Orlando City Council and \$108,250 from the Winter Park Health Foundation to pay for an 18-month project supporters are calling the "Triple E Initiative." The article continues:

The idea is to educate motorists, walkers and law officers about the rights of pedestrians and to combine that with low-cost engineering, such as better striping at crosswalks, to make walking safer.

Kuhn said the effort will include working with officers from the Winter Park, Eatonville, Maitland and possibly Orlando police departments. His group wants officers to stop cars that encroach on crosswalks where pedestrians have the right of way.

Money also will be spent on a pair of specialists who will help determine the best places to improve walking conditions by adding better lighting, striping or traffic signals. The consultants have worked in St. Petersburg and Gainesville, where motorists are more courteous to walkers, Kuhn said.

Some of their efforts, Kuhn said, have resulted in the percentage of cars yielding to pedestrians in targeted crosswalks increasing from single digits to 80 percent or more. The key is staying with the program so that walkers and drivers do not slip into old habits, he said.

Read more at: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/os-pedestrians-study-orlando-20110914.0.1071731.story>.

News from Other States and Countries

Healthy Food and Beverage Choices for Children: New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital has produced a guide to planning special event meals for children. Although *Making Food Healthy & Fun for Kids* was written for pediatric patients at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, many ideas can be used for SRTS events. It has a chart called "Try this... Instead of..." that gives healthier alternatives for food and beverages which appeal to children. It also includes a child-friendly "My Plate Planner" which shows that half of a plate should be vegetables and one quarter each should be protein and starch. The Guide can be accessed at http://clients.aaronguzman.com/NYPH/CHALK/PediatricFoodGuideline_rev2.pdf.

National News

SAFETEA-LU Extended through March 31, 2012: The most important news on the national front is that the federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, was recently extended through March 31, 2012. That means that the SRTS program will continue as is for an additional six months, to be accompanied by six months' worth of funding. Congress is planning to use this time to come up with the successor to SAFETEA-LU, which could look very different from the current bill. A September 19 update from the SRTS National Partnership began this way:

Last week, the Safe Routes to School National Partnership asked for your help in fighting an effort by Sen. Coburn (R-OK) to eliminate funding for Transportation Enhancements in the SAFETEA-LU transportation extension.

Tens of thousands of people across the country responded to defend this important source of federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Together, the bicycling and walking community generated more than 50,000 emails plus thousands of phone calls to all U.S. Senators.

There are expected to be more threats to specific bicycle and pedestrian funding. If you are interested in being involved in this decision-making process, stay tuned for news from various national groups such as the SRTS National Partnership or League of American Bicyclists for appropriate times to get involved.

News from the National Center for SRTS:

- **Nominations Open for the 2011 James L. Oberstar SRTS Award:** A recent announcement by the National Center for SRTS says:

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is now accepting applications for the 2011 James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award. The annual Award recognizes a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program for outstanding achievement in improving the health and well-being of an entire generation of school children. This year's Award will recognize exemplary achievement by a SRTS program that has greatly improved the safety or increased the number of elementary or middle school students who walk and bicycle to school. Additional consideration will be given to applicants who have made active transportation to/from school an integral part of the school's culture over time. The application deadline is Wednesday, October 26, 2011. For more information, please see www.saferoutesinfo.org/data-central/success-stories/safe-routes-to-school-award.

- Applications are now open for Spring 2012 mini-grants in the amounts of \$1,000. This is the last round of mini-grants which is currently funded, so if you have been thinking about applying, now is the time. Their website says:

The National Center for Safe Routes to School funds a local \$1,000 mini-grant program that supports the goal of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs, which is to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bicycle to school. SRTS programs are implemented nationwide by parents, schools, community leaders, and local, state, and tribal governments.

Mini-grants may fund activities ranging from the nuts and bolts that help start or sustain a program to new ideas that explore the range of benefits of safe walking and bicycling. The National Center invites student and adult leaders to consider their school's needs and interests and to propose solutions that are also part of a broader safe walking/bicycling to school effort.

Proposed mini-grant activities should occur between January 1, 2012, and the end of the Spring 2012 semester. Applications are due Wednesday, October 19, 2011. See more information and apply at: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/funding-portal/mini-grants>.

U.S. Department of Transportation Partnering with Creators of 'Chuggington' on Nationwide Traffic Safety Campaign for Kids: a recent announcement from NHTSA begins this way:

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and popular animated series Chuggington today announced a new partnership to teach children how to be safe in and around cars. The nationwide traffic safety campaign is geared specifically towards children from the ages of 2 to 7 and includes a public service announcement featuring characters from the show, a kid-focused safety pledge and downloadable tips and activities for parents and caregivers to use with children.

"This exciting partnership with Chuggington will help us bring our traffic safety message to young children and parents alike," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "Educating children at an early age about the importance of wearing bicycle helmets, looking both ways when crossing the street and buckling up leads to a lifetime of good traffic safety habits."

To access the *Chuggington* kids pledge and online tools, visit www.chuggington.com/safety.

News from recent issues of the Centerlines E-Newsletter:

- **WALK21 Pre-Conference Workshop on School Transportation Set:**

In a recent note, Omar Bhimji of Hub for Action on School Transportation Emissions wrote, "I'm organizing a pre-conference workshop to the Walk21 conference in Vancouver in October on school transportation. The workshop will focus on three issues -- rural schools, working with high schools and road safety -- and will (we hope) be attended by conference delegates and local transportation staff, practitioners and professionals."

You can find more information about the workshop here: <http://bit.ly/obSYOV>.

- **Birmingham (AL) Moving Toward Complete Streets:**

According to a Sept. 21st entry in the National Complete Streets Coalition blog, "The City of Birmingham Planning Commission unanimously adopted a Complete Streets resolution at its regular monthly meeting on September 7, 2011. The resolution encourages the City to design and build roads in a manner that accommodates all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and individual automobiles. 'We've been studying the pros and cons of a Complete Streets policy for several months,' said Birmingham Planning Commissioner Brian Ruggs, who led the Complete Streets study committee. 'I believe we've come up with a statement of principles that will help guide the city in a context sensitive manner that will keep all users in mind when designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining city streets.'..."

Source: <http://bit.ly/pySJ58>.

Changes in Liability Laws Could Open up Schools for Community Recreation: This article in the University of Florida News for June 8, 2010, includes these quotes:

Politicians can't outlaw childhood obesity, but they can tweak current laws to encourage public schools to open their recreational facilities after hours without the fear of getting sued.

So concludes [John Spengler](#), an associate professor in the [University of Florida's Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sports Management](#).

Spengler recently completed a national study that found that even small legislative changes could encourage public schools to open their playgrounds and other sport and recreational facilities on school property for healthy recreation after school hours...

Another possible solution, although not addressed in the paper, would involve splitting the risk of liability between parties, such as a school district and a city, through a joint use agreement, he said.

"Liability is not the only barrier to public access to school facilities," he said. "There is also cost, maintenance, security and supervision. But we feel it is the most important issue that needs to be addressed in terms of making school administrators feel more comfortable about opening their facilities."

The subject is particularly timely with increasing public awareness about the relationship between physical inactivity and obesity, particularly among children, a problem that is receiving national prominence with attention from First Lady Michelle Obama, he said.

Read more at: <http://news.ufl.edu/2010/06/08/schools-use/>.

Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

∨ Indicates new items Calendar items are repeated until events are held All times are Eastern unless noted

- **October 2-5, 5th Mid America Trails and Greenways Conference**, Fort Wayne, IN. Info: Amy Hartzog, City of Fort Wayne, phone: (260) 427-6228; email: <amy.hartzog@cityoffortwayne.org>. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/4cofdy7>.
- **October 3-5, Walk 2, the International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities**, Vancouver, Canada. More info and registration is now open at: <http://tinyurl.com/4y5p5xj>.
- **October 4 - 5, (tentative dates), free webinar: Transportation Alternatives for Energy Efficiency**
More info and register at: <http://www.energysmartplanning.org/Webinars.html>.
- ∨ **October 5, International Walk to School Day:** For a list of planned Florida Walk to School Day events, see <http://www.walktoschool.org/who/seestate.cfm?st=FL>. You can still register your event at <http://www.walktoschool.org/>
- ∨ **October 5, 2:00-4:00 pm, Virtual Transplex presentation on Florida's SRTS Program:** This session will include an overview of Florida's SRTS program and presentations from each of our seven Districts about some sample projects they are working on. More info and register at: <http://transplex.org/live2.asp>.
- ∨ **October 11, 2011, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m, free Webinar: Location, Location, Location: New Guidance for Locating Schools in a Healthy, Sustainable Way**, hosted by America Walks & the National Center for SRTS. Presenters:

Peter Grevatt, US EPA; Renee Kuhlman, Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation; Cynthia Melde, Arizona Dept of Health Services; Sara Zimmerman, Public Health Law & Policy. Info & registration: <http://bit.ly/oszTNX>.

- ✓ **October 11-12, Growing Sustainable Communities Conference**, Dubuque, IA. More info: <http://bit.ly/nVfWz4>.
- ✓ **October 12, Moving Together: Advancing Healthy Transportation with GreenDOT**, Boston, MA. More info: <http://bit.ly/o4Thji>.
- ✓ **October 12, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. , free Webinar: Promising Practices and Solutions in Accessible Transportation: Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process**, hosted by The National Center on Senior Transportation & Easter Seals Project ACTION. Presenters: Donna Smith, Easter Seals Project ACTION; Mary Grinsfelder, Dallas Area Agency on Aging; James Powell, N. Central Texas Council of Governments; Dan Gadbury, Transportation Systems Change Program. Info and Register at: <http://bit.ly/n26TBI>.
- **October 16-19, Rail-Volution Conference**, Washington, D.C. This conference focuses on the relationship between rail, other forms of mass transit, and livable communities. More info: <http://www.railvolution.org/conference-program/schedule-of-events>.
- ✓ **October 19, 2011, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., free Webinar: Building Capacity and Leadership through an Effective Campaign**, hosted by the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. Presenters: Dan Grunig, Bicycle Colorado; Jeremy Grandstaff, Alliance for Biking and Walking; Sarah Shipley, BikeWalk-KC (Kansas City). Info and register at: <http://bit.ly/otT9Lw>.
- **October 24-27: APBP Professional Development Seminar**, Charlotte, N.C. APBP's Professional Development Seminar is a biennial conference distinguished by in-depth seminars and a collegial atmosphere where participants network, share knowledge, and learn to propel policy into practice. More information on workshops and registration: <http://apbppds.org>.
- **October 25-27, Using Census Data for Transportation Applications Conference**, Irvine, California. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/676ngsa>.
- **October 29-November 2, American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting 2011**: Washington, DC. The theme this year is *Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds and Bodies*. More info: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting/>.
- **November 8-11 - PolicyLink Equity Summit 2011**, Detroit. This conference focuses on creating a more sustainable and equitable development with access to jobs, transportation, education, health, and housing for all. More info: <http://www.equitysummit2011.org/>.

2012:

- **January 22-26, TRB 91st Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C. Info: <http://tinyurl.com/4vk6jw8>.
- **March 12-14, Active Living Research Conference, Disparities in Environments and Policies that Support Active Living**, San Diego, CA. Info on Call for Abstracts and nominations for awards at: <http://bit.ly/foFdg>.
- **April 16-19, National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP) Annual Conference**, Baton Rouge, LA. More info: <http://bit.ly/pVVUOV>.
- **May 7-9, Weight of the Nation Conference: Moving Forward, Reversing the Trend, Washington, DC**, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. Call for Papers deadline is October 2, 2011. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>.
- ✓ **May 9-12, CNU 20: The New World**, West Palm Beach, FL. This is the 20th national conference sponsored by the Congress of New Urbanism. More info: <http://bit.ly/r35AAW>.
- **June 24-27, 4th Urban Street Symposium**, Chicago, IL. Info: TRB flyer <http://tinyurl.com/4p2yoc8>. Submit abstracts by Oct. 31, 2011.

- **September 10-13, Pro Walk/Pro Bike® 2012**, Long Beach, California, produced by the National Center for Bicycling & Walking, and Project for Public Spaces: email Mark Plotz, mark@bikewalk.org.



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October 3, 2011

Garry Balogh, Scenic Highways Coordinator
FDOT District 5
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DeLand, FL 32720

Subject: Letter of Support for Halifax Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Corridor, Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia Counties

Dear Mr. Balogh:

As this region seeks to expand and diversify its economy, the citizens are well aware that their historical resources are an important source of tourism development and promotion. A group of citizens have recently formed a corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) with the goal of applying to the Florida Department of Transportation for a heritage highway designation in the Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia tri-county area. The project has been named "Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Heritage Highway", and will be named encompass roughly 125 miles of roadway.

We have been delighted to learn of the opportunity to continue to promote and conserve historical resources in the tri-county area through seeking this designation, and we applaud the efforts of our fellow citizens in this effort. This project will help bring a greater awareness of historical resources and the importance of their conservation. More specifically, residents and visitors will eventually have the opportunity to learn about and enjoy the beauty and history of this region.

Because of the obvious value of conserving our historical resources and their potential boost to local tourism, our organization is pleased to endorse the heritage highway project. We believe that the designation will enhance this region for generations to come.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 386-226-0422, extension 25, or by email at kwelzenbach@volusiatpo.org.

Sincerely,

Karl Welzenbach, Volusia TPO Executive Director

Cc: TPO Board Members

Beverly Beach
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
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Deltona
Edgewater
Flagler Beach

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South Daytona
Volusia County

2011 White Cane Safety Day and Pedestrian Awareness Event

Purpose:

- Alert the public about White Cane Safety Day.
- Celebration of the forty-fifth year anniversary of White Cane Safety Law.
- Bring much needed consciousness towards the Safety and Awareness of all Pedestrians.
- To advocate for improved accessibility at intersections, including appropriate curb cuts, alignment, signage and accessible (audio) walk lights.
- To increase students' awareness of their rights and to empower them to be self-advocates, as well as to encourage them to take the knowledge and skills back to their home communities.

There will be two locations for the White Cane and Pedestrian Awareness event this year.

- Beach Street and Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach

(The gathering starts at the historic northeast corner of Orange Avenue /Beach Street *Jackie Robinson Stadium side*)

- White Street and Dunn Avenue,

(The gathering will start at the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Conklin Center for the Blind)

Schedule of Events

At each location on Friday, October 21, 2011

10:00 AM – Gather

10:15 -10:30 – Presentations

11:00 – 1:00 – Crossings will be in a clockwise direction.

To all of our community partners;

We would like to see Representatives from a wide variety of groups concerned with Pedestrian Safety:

- The Rehabilitation Center Blind and Visually Impaired
- Conklin, Center for the Visually Impaired
- CVI Center Visually Impaired
- Disability Solutions for Independent Living
- Handicap Adults of Volusia County
- Lions clubs
- The Volusia Transportation Planning Organization's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Cycling groups and other organizations), who could serve as organizers within their own groups and/or as team guides or leaders for the crossing teams are encouraged to attend.
- Votran
- Volusia County Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Volusia County
- Disabled American Veterans
- Daytona State College
- Bethune Cookman University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Daytona Beach Downtown Partner Association
- Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce

For information about activities at specific sites contact.....

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What's it going to take?



To keep us all safe!

