



# MEETING AGENDA

Please be advised that the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE** will be meeting on:

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** River to Sea TPO Conference Room  
 2570 W. International Speedway Blvd.,  
 Suite 100  
 Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**NOTE:**  
 Microsoft Teams Meeting has been established for remote participation

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**Legislative Issues Subcommittee**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:00 AM (EDT)**

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## AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION
- III. BUSINESS
  - A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2021 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES MINUTES
  - B. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TPO'S LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS FOR 2022  
 Discussion will continue regarding updates to the Legislative Positions that the organization will support during the upcoming legislative session (supporting materials will be sent under separate cover).

**IV. STAFF COMMENTS**

**V. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Legislative Issues Subcommittee Members:**

Volusia County Council Vice Chair Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member Barbara Girtman, DeLand Commissioner Chris Cloudman, Edgewater Councilwoman Christine Power

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**Legislative Issues Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2021**

**Members Physically Present:**

Commissioner Chris Cloudman  
Councilwoman Christine Power  
Council Member Barbara Girtman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson

**Representing:**

DeLand  
Edgewater  
Volusia County

**Members Absent:**

County Council Vice Chair Billie Wheeler, Chairperson (excused)

**Representing:**

Volusia County

**Others Present:**

Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary  
Colleen Nicoulin

**Representing:**

TPO Staff  
TPO Staff

**Others Virtually Present:**

Pam Blankenship  
Kelvin Miller

**Representing:**

TPO Staff  
Votran

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

The meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Legislative Issues Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson Barbara Girtman; it was established by consensus that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson Girtman would chair the subcommittee. 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 three voting members physically present.

**II. Public Comment/Participation**

There were no public comments.

**III. Business Items**

**A. Discussion Regarding the TPO's Legislative Positions for 2022**

Ms. Nicoulin started the discussion regarding the TPO's Legislative Positions for 2022; the 2021 Legislative Positions were provided in the agenda for review. The legislative positions fall into three categories; funding, safety and technology which are common themes among other MPOs and the MPO Alliance Council (MPOAC). Last year's update provided a lot of refinement; other MPOs positions state "increase funding" instead of "maintain funding". She provided comments regarding transit projects and supporting state legislation that establishes predictable funding for transit; the current legislative positions do not address transit funding.

Members discussed updates and changes to the 2021 Legislative Positions for 2022; they asked if staff had any recommendations. They discussed was adding transit funding as a priority in the funding category as well as how to achieve an increase in funding; what type of tax or fee the TPO could support to achieve new revenue sources. The technology and safety categories of the legislative positions were also discussed.

Ms. Nicoulin stated the updates and changes to the 2022 Legislative Positions will be discussed at the TPO Board meeting later this month; based on input from the TPO Board, this subcommittee will meet again next month to review the proposed changes and then they will be presented for adoption in November.

Commissioner Cloudman provided comments regarding the Volusia County Legislative Delegation; the delegation is meeting today in DeLand. The TPO will miss being able to stand up as an organization to speak but there will be opportunities to meet with the legislators one-on-one. The policies cannot go before the delegates until the TPO Board has adopted them.

It was clarified that the process is accelerated every four years and when this meeting was scheduled, it was not realized this was the year the process is accelerated. This subcommittee typically meets in October and November with the legislative session in March; this year, the session starts in January.

The next Legislative Issues Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 am.

**IV. Staff Comments**

There were no staff comments.

**V. Legislative Issues Subcommittee Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

**VI. Adjournment**

The Legislative Issues Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

**River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization**

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**VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON BILLIE WHEELER  
CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO**

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the October 6, 2021 regular meeting of the Legislative Issues Subcommittee, approved and duly signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021.

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**Debbie Stewart, Recording Secretary  
River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization**