

**Minutes
Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting**

**2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 120
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-4185**

Members Present:

Donald Smart
Ferd Heeb
J. NeJame
Gilles Blais
P.J. Arvidson, Chairperson
Bob Storke
Susan Elliott
Don Romanik
Bobby Ball
Lary Galphin
Nadine Collard
Dan D'Antonio
Heather Blanck
Mary Schoelzel (non-voting)
Karl Welzenbach (non-voting)

Representing:

Daytona Beach
Edgewater
Flagler Beach
Holly Hill
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Volusia County
Volusia County
Volusia County
Votran
FDOT District V
MPO Staff

Members Absent:

Malcolm Smith (excused)
Peter Hauser (excused)
Tomm Friend (excused)

Representing:

DeLand
Ormond Beach
Volusia County

Others Present:

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Bob Keeth
Lois Bollenback
Jean Parlow
Carole Hinkley
Melissa Booker
Jon Cheney
Matt Dorsten

Representing:

MPO Staff
MPO Staff
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MPO Staff
VC Traffic Engineering
VC Traffic Engineering
Tindale-Oliver

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

The meeting of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chairperson P.J. Arvidson. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of September 15, 2009 CAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Smart moved to approve the September 15, 2009 CAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.*

III. Action Items

A) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2009-24 Amending the FY 2009/10 - 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Repaving Projects Utilizing ARRA Funds

Mr. Welzenbach explained that this amendment was a request from the State and the resolution had changed since the agendas had been sent out. Deltona was not ready to move forward with the Elkcarn Boulevard resurfacing project; therefore, that project would be replaced with the next one on the list, Brentwood Avenue in Daytona Beach, from Derbyshire Road to the FEC Railroad.

MOTION: *Mr. Heeb moved to recommend approval of amended Resolution 2009-24 amending the FY 2009/10 - 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add bridge replacement projects, a safety project, and a streetscape project, including the replacement of the Elkcarn Boulevard project with the Brentwood Avenue project.*

Mr. Storke asked if the Orange Camp Road project had been withdrawn.

Mr. Cheney replied that Volusia County has requested the project be withdrawn because there was not sufficient right of way.

The motion carried unanimously.

B) Determination of the Allocation of Remaining \$213,000 in ACSA Funds

Mr. Welzenbach asked if the two projects on the Priority List, SR A1A at Lyndhurst and SR 5A at US 92 were ready to proceed.

Ms. Schoelzel replied that FDOT decided to hold off on those two projects until next September. She added that the next project on the list is the Pioneer Trail at Turnbull Bay Road curve redesign.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that there was not enough funding available for that project. There will be a call for projects in a couple months and he suggested that it may be best to wait until that time.

Chairperson Arvidson asked if the money would remain secure.

Mr. Welzenbach replied yes. He added that he would suggest to the TCC to hold off on a decision until the next call for projects. The current Priority List is funded with the exception of the last two projects, which there is not enough funding for.

Mr. Cheney asked how much time was available, adding that he thought that the Pioneer Trail curve redesign was programmed through next year and he would like to find out if the Volusia County Construction and Engineering Department would like some of the funding to go towards that project or if they would prefer to wait until next year.

Ms. Schoelzel noted that she had heard that some of the funding may be rescinded; therefore, it would be best if the projects were programmed. In addition, these funds are State Enhancement funds, which after being converted to a project are then given an SA code.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that none of the projects on the list are eligible for Enhancement funding. Federal Enhancement funds are only used to pay for bicycle/pedestrian, historical renovation and beautification projects; not capacity or ITS projects. He asked how these funds being used for SR A1A.

Ms. Schoelzel replied that she would check with Mr. Moscoso.

IV. Presentation and Status Reports

A) Discussion on the Development of Communication Policy for the MPO

Ms. Bollenback explained that the MPO Board has established a subcommittee to develop a formal communications policy. This policy will cover the responsibilities of MPO staff as well as committee and subcommittee members. Clear and accurate communication will be emphasized along with asking questions, documenting and following up. Sample policies are being looked at and she will be contacting some of the committee members to get their thoughts on how to communicate more effectively and to get suggestions as to what can be done to open communication paths. A draft policy will be developed and distributed at the beginning of the year.

B) Presentation on the Volusia Goods Movement Study

Mr. Matt Dorsten, Tindale-Oliver & Associates, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Volusia County Freight Movement & Goods Study. Tindale-Oliver was contracted with Volusia County, FDOT and the MPO to conduct the study which will result in a truck route plan for Volusia County, which can then be passed on to the cities.

Discussion ensued.

C) FDOT Report and ARRA Project Status Updates

Ms. Schoelzel noted that all of the Stimulus projects had been obligated. Two more bid openings have occurred for the 8th Street resurfacing projects in Holly Hill; both were overbid. Four out of the seven projects on the Priority List have had their bid openings; CR 4139, the Dunn Avenue Extension and the SR 40 Multiuse Trail have yet to have their openings but are expected to between November and December.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the bid for the Canal View Boulevard resurfacing project in Port Orange came in higher than expected while the Riverside Drive project in New Smyrna Beach came in lower than anticipated. Last month, the MPO Board authorized the transfer of excess funds from the New Smyrna Beach project to the Port Orange project in an effort to cover the cost overrun. Since that time, two more project bids have come in over the anticipated estimate.

Minor discussion ensued.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that FDOT was going to begin planning the projects it will be programming into the tentative 2015 Work Program. FDOT is asking the MPO to decide what they would like to do with SR 415. Right now, SR 415 is in two sections, from the Seminole County line to Reed Ellis Road, and from Reed Ellis Road to Acorn Lake Road. The total cost for both projects is estimated at \$88 million dollars. The segment from Reed Ellis Road to Acorn Lake is fully funded with Volusia County and the City of Deltona partnering to match the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) funds. However, at this time, the County and Deltona may no longer be able to partner with FDOT. If this is the case, FDOT will take any District Dedicated Revenue (DDR) funding it receives and place it on that segment of SR 415 in an effort to fully fund the project. A second option is to put the funding on SR 415, from the Seminole County line to Reed Ellis Road. However, if the funds are placed on this segment, there is a chance that when the revenue estimating conference comes the money may be taken away. In order to prevent this from happening, she suggested putting any additional funding received on the US 1 intersections design phase.

Ms. Schoelzel reminded the CAC members of the \$35 million dollars was lost last year (even though it was eventually returned) because it was placed in a reserve box for SR 415.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that over the last seven years, SR 415 has been having money placed on it and removed from it. The entire project is very expensive and therefore funds must be banked. As soon as funds are banked, the Legislature ends up taking those funds back.

MOTION: *Mr. Galphin moved to recommend that the initial \$10 million dollars in potential DDR funding be placed on SR 415, from Reed Ellis Road to Acorn Lake Road, with the balance (if any) to be placed on the US 1*

intersections design phase. The motion was seconded by Mr. NeJame and carried unanimously.

D) Volusia County Construction Report

Ms. Booker stated that there was nothing to report.

V. Staff Comments/Information Items

Mr. Welzenbach stated that there were three cities who had not yet adopted the Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines Methodology. Two of those cities will be adopting it next month and the third city will be adopting in the near future.

VI. CAC Member Comments

Mr. Galphin asked about the status of SunRail.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that there was going to be a special Legislative session December 7-11. The issue was that the State Legislature would not pass the insurance plan and without that plan CSX would not enter into the contract. CSX has now agreed to negotiate with Florida. Since that issue has been resolved, the only step left is for the Legislature to pass the bill and have the Governor sign off on it. Additionally, there is an issue with Tri-Rail. Over the last three years, Tri-Rail has had several budgetary crises; they are not fully funding themselves and they will need an infusion of cash or they will go bankrupt. If that happens, the government will request their \$500 million dollars back. Florida is the only state that can go out for bid for construction for the Tampa to Orlando rail link. SunRail is in a good position at this time.

Ms. Blanck showed the members a draft prototype of the new Votran bus stop signs. The signs will be round, double-sided, and show the route numbers on them. In addition, there will be a Braille tag placed on the bus stop sign pole at wheelchair height which will identify the location as a bus stop.

Mr. Welzenbach announced that the Volusia County MPO's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) has been named "BPAC of the Year" by the Florida Bicycle Association. He recognized Mr. Harris, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, for his hard work and contribution to the BPAC.

VII. Press/Citizen Comments

There were no press or citizen comments.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.