

**Minutes
Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

Members Present:

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

Representing:

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

Members Absent:

Bob Storke (excused)
Tomm Friend (excused)
Heather Blanck (excused)

Representing:

Orange City
Volusia County
Votran

Others Present:

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Lois Bollenback
Carole Hinkley
Ric Prine

Representing:

MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
VC Traffic Engineering

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 1:33 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 October 20, 2009 CAC Meeting Minutes

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

B) Cancellation of December CAC Meeting

MOTION: *Mr. Smith moved to cancel the December CAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blais and carried unanimously.*

III. Action Items

A) Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Smart nominated Chairperson Arvidson for Chair.

MOTION: *Mr. Smart moved to reelect Chairperson Arvidson for CAC Chairperson of 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.*

Mr. D'Antonio was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman.

MOTION: *A motion was made to elect Mr. D'Antonio as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

B) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2009-25 Amending the FY 2009/10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Welzenbach stated that this UPWP amendment allocated an additional \$30,500 among two tasks in the UPWP: Planning Assistance to Local Communities – in anticipation of the MPO working with the local governments to develop mobility plans in response to SB 360, and Publications, Reports and Printing – for the reprinting of Votran's bus route maps.

Mr. Smart asked what FTA funds had been used for in the past.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that they had been used for Long Range Transportation Planning, TIP development and UPWP development as well as a number of other things.

MOTION: *Mr. Heeb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-25 amending the FY 2009/10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Mr. NeJame and carried unanimously.*

C) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2009-26 Amending the FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Welzenbach explained that this amendment to the TIP is to include ARRA funding for the Port Orange and Holly Hill repaving projects, as well as the funding of the US 17 intersection improvements in Pierson. In addition, the MPO has received an additional \$400,000 in Stimulus funding which will be allocated to the next project on the list, Phase 2 of the SR 40 Multiuse Trail in Ormond Beach. Both phases of the multiuse trail are now completely funded.

MOTION: *Mr. Smith moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-26 amending the FY 2009/10 - 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Mr. Blais and carried unanimously.*

IV. Presentation and Status Reports

A) Discussion on the CAC Bylaws

Mr. Welzenbach stated that the MPO Board has requested that the CAC review their bylaws and update them based on changes which were made to the MPO Bylaws. He asked for volunteers to serve on the CAC Bylaws Subcommittee.

The following CAC members volunteered:

Ms. Elliott

Mr. Collard

Chairperson Arvidson

B) Presentation on the FY 2010 /11 – 2015/16 Tentative Work Program

Ms. Schoelzel stated that the Revenue Estimating Conference was yesterday, however final allocations have not yet been received. Because of this, the presentation on the tentative Work Program would have to be postponed until the January CAC meeting. She added that she would be giving the Work Program presentation to the MPO Board at their meeting on Tuesday and the members were welcome to attend.

Ms. Schoelzel announced that the public hearing on the Work Program would be held on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the FDOT District Five Office in DeLand.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the Revenue Estimating Conference is a group that decides what the anticipated revenues will be for the entire State of Florida. All FDOT districts must adjust their budgets based on those estimates. He added that for the last twelve quarters, FDOT received negative news, but hopefully the news will be better this year.

Ms. Schoelzel anticipated having the revenue estimates by Friday. She stated that she would send the information via email to Mr. Welzenbach to distribute to the CAC members.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that SR 415, from Reed Ellis Road to Acorn Lake Drive is fully funded. However, that funding includes a CIGP grant which requires a 50% match (25% from Deltona and 25% from Volusia County). Last month, commitment letters were requested from each of the participants (Deltona and Volusia County). In addition, the MPO agreed to work with FDOT to reduce the amount of the CIGP grant, thereby reducing the amount of the local match required. Volusia County agreed to provide a local match, Deltona did not. Because Deltona declined to provide the local match, all of the money for this project could be lost. By State law, FDOT is not permitted to program a project unless it is fully funded. The CIGP grant and local match were part of the funding for that phase of SR 415. The MPO submitted an application for a TIGER grant to fund the other portion of SR 415. Within that application, the MPO stipulated that the northern section of SR 415 was fully funded. If we lose the northern portion of SR 415, there is no possibility of being awarded the TIGER grant. The total cost of losing Deltona's 25% local match is close to \$100 million dollars. There are two possible options:

1. Ask FDOT to take money from the construction phase of SR 415 and put it on the next MPO priority, the US 1 intersection improvements, or
2. Use XU funding which the MPO receives yearly (\$5.2 million per year). The MPO allocates its XU funding into three categories: ITS, Traffic Operations & Safety, Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities and Votran. The MPO would not touch the funding for Votran, which then leaves 70% of the funding. The MPO can direct FDOT to take that funding over the next three years and program it to cover the local match. In addition, any DDR funds the MPO receives would be used to reduce the CIGP grant, thereby reducing the match amount.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that SR 415 is the number one priority for the MPO. If the money is locked in, the project will be guaranteed to begin in 2013.

Mr. Hauser noted that the second option seems like the best one, however, it sets a bad precedent.

Mr. Galphin commented that this would give Deltona a free ride.

Mr. Blais asked about the possibility of funding the SR 415 project through tolls revenues.

Mr. Smart agreed with Mr. Hauser that this would set a negative precedent.

Mr. Smith stated that SR 415 helps with Volusia County's evacuation system and that the countywide impact of the project needs to be considered.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: *Mr. Hauser moved to recommend that the 25% match for SR 415 be funded through the MPO's Bike/Ped and Traffic Ops & Safety XU funding over the next three years. If the MPO should receive any additional DDR funding from FDOT, that money would be used to reduce the amount of the CIGP grant, consequently reducing the local match required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.*

Mr. Welzenbach explained that in the past the money had been put in reserve boxes. Two years ago, the State Legislature decreed that FDOT empty all reserve boxes. This puts any money placed in a reserve box at risk of being taken by the State.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that the money is at risk if it is put in a reserve box. She added that everything needs to be approved by Central Office and the money cannot sit for more than one year. Once the Revenue Estimating Conference concludes, the MPO may not need to use their XU funding; if that occurs, SR 415 would be fully funded in 2015.

Mr. Welzenbach added that the MPO could ask FDOT to put the money on the US 1 intersection improvements. It is their money and their choice where to put the money.

Mr. Prine, Volusia County Traffic & Engineering, stated that SR 415 is a regional road that benefits more than the City of Deltona.

Mr. Romanik asked if the two sections of SR 415 could be separated.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the TIGER grant application was contingent on both sections of SR 415 being funded. If one section is not fully funded, the MPO will lose the possibility of receiving the grant. If SR 415 were awarded the TIGER grant, the entire project would be fully funded and the match from Volusia County and Deltona would not be necessary.

Mr. Hauser noted that while he was angry at Deltona, a decision must be made.

Mr. Welzenbach clarified that the motion on the floor recommended that the MPO direct FDOT to use XU funding to cover the match on the northern section of SR 415 and, if any extra DDR funding is received, that funding would be used to replace the MPO's XU funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

C) FDOT Report and ARRA Project Status Updates

Ms. Schoelzel noted that five out of the seven projects have had their bid openings. Dunn Avenue and CR 4139 will have their openings by December 1st. Volusia County has received additional enhancement Stimulus funding which was awarded to Phase 2 of the SR 40 Multiuse Trail, from Breakaway Trail to Hunters Ridge. With the low bid funding that has been accumulated, Brentwood Drive in Daytona Beach has begun. She added that she would be doing a presentation on the Work Program on Tuesday at the MPO Board meeting and the CAC members were welcome to attend.

Ms. Schoelzel pointed out that Volusia County has successfully obligated all of its Stimulus projects with the exception of the two new ones.

Ms. Schoelzel added that FDOT had a total of 88 projects, 82 of which have been obligated.

Mr. Ball asked if a report could be given to show the contractors on each project. This would enable everyone to see where the contractors are based out of and if the money is being distributed locally.

Ms. Schoelzel replied that the website www.cfroadways.com has all of the construction projects and who the contractor/consultants are.

Mr. Welzenbach requested the funding source be shown on the projects that are listed on the website.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that she would send the link to Ms. Blankenship to be distributed to the members.

D) Presentation on the Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Vision and Goals

Ms. Bollenback explained that the Long Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee (LRTP) had been working on the vision statement and goals that will guide the LRTP process. She reviewed the vision and goals individually.

Chairperson Arvidson noted that the goals were ambitious but vague.

Ms. Bollenback stated that she would be coming up with measurable objectives for each of the goals. Public involvement for the LRTP is beginning and FDOT has requested that the first list of projects be submitted by the end of January. She was planning to schedule the Strings & Ribbons activity and asked for the CAC members availability in December. The first workshop will be with all of the MPO committees.

Mr. Galphin asked why the Volusia County School Board does not interact and collaborate with the public bussing system.

Ms. Bollenback replied that they are two separate systems and high school students would be included in the Strings & Ribbons activity.

The first Strings & Ribbons workshop was scheduled for December 8th during lunch.

Ms. Bollenback added that in addition to Strings & Ribbons, a citizen survey will be available both online and in print. The link will be posted on the MPOs website. A sample was provided for comment.

E) Volusia County Construction Report

Mr. Prine gave a brief construction report for Volusia County.

V. Staff Comments/Information Items

There were no staff comments.

VI. CAC Member Comments

Mr. Galphin asked why the Volusia County School Board was not a member on the CAC.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that they were members on the TCC and MPO Board.

Mr. Galphin asked for an update on SunRail.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that there would be a special Legislative session on December 7th.

VII. Press/Citizen Comments

There were no press or citizen comments.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.