

**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
Bob Storke
Peter Hauser
Susan Elliott
Bobby Ball
Dan D'Antonio
Tomm Friend
Lary Galphin
Mary Schoelzel (non-voting)
Karl Welzenbach (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Sandra Siepietoski
Don Romanik
Heather Blanck (excused)

Others Present:

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Jean Parlow
Bob Keeth
Stephan Harris
Lois Bollenback

Others Present:

Jon Cheney
P. Peter Merens
Bob Wallace
Nadine Collard
Fred Ferrell

Representing:

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

Representing:

Beverly Beach
Ponce Inlet
Votran

Representing:

MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff

Representing:

VC Traffic Engineering
LAP Consulting Group
Tindale-Oliver & Associates
Volusia
TEDS, Inc.

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 June 16, 2009 CAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Storke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. NeJame and carried unanimously.*

III. Action Items

A) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2009-19 Amending the FY 2008/09 - 2012/13 and 2009/10 - 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIPs)

Mr. Welzenbach stated that this action item was going to change a little. The TIP amendment was originally meant to roll last year and this year's unobligated XU funded projects into the Transportation Improvement Program. Unobligated funds are those funds which the Federal government does not recognize as being identified for a specific project. This year there was a significant amount of money the MPO was unaware of which was identified by FDOT. In June, the TCC, CAC, BPAC and MPO Board came to a decision on which projects the money fund, contingent on a deadline of September 30. Since then, the Federal Government has changed that deadline to August 24, one day before the MPO meeting. Therefore, Volusia County is faced the possibility of losing all those unobligated funds, \$3.4 million dollars. FDOT has been working with MPO staff to come up with a solution to this problem. The recommendation is for the unobligated XU funds to be swapped with ACSA funds currently programmed for a SR A1A resurfacing project. The remainder of the TIP amendment is the same as that which is done every year. The MPO adopts the TIP in June; the June TIP is based on the draft TIP which the State is recommending, but does not become effective until after the Legislature edits and approves it. Every August, the MPO does a major amendment to accommodate the changes in the State's Work Program.

MOTION: *Mr. Heeb moved to recommend approval to swap the XU funds for the ACSA funds on SR A1A. Mr. Galphin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.*

MOTION: *Mr. NeJame moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-19 amending the FY 2008/09 – 2012/13 and FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded.*

Mr. Heeb asked about the cost of the Oak Hill Bridge replacement listing (\$1) in the agenda.

Ms. Schoelzel replied that she would check into that and let him know the answer.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that the Transportation Improvement Program is a Federal document which runs on the Federal fiscal year and it does not expire until September 30. Therefore, we still have our current Transportation Improvement Program along with our newly adopted Transportation Improvement Program and both must be amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

B) Review and Recommend Approval of Amending Resolution 2007-22 (Transportation Impact Analysis)

Mr. Welzenbach stated that Resolution 2007-22 adopting the Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) was originally adopted in 2007 and requires all local jurisdictions to adopt by reference the MPO's TIA Methodology prior to the adoption of the LRTP or November 2009, whichever comes first. Since that time, it has come to staff's attention that Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach were not referenced in the TIA, nor was there any reference to Flagler County. MPO staff is requesting the deadline be extended for Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach to adopt the TIA until the MPO can work out any additional language or edits to the TIA Methodology to accommodate those jurisdictions.

MOTION: *Mr. NeJame moved to recommend approval of amending Resolution 2007-22 (Transportation Impact Analysis). Mr. Smith seconded the motion.*

Mr. Galphin asked what might be different in for the two jurisdictions.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that Volusia County has a thoroughfare system; he is not aware of whether Flagler County has one or not. Additionally, growth rates are referred to in the TIA, but they are for Volusia County, we do not know if Flagler County uses growth rates. We need to coordinate with them to ensure the TIA does not conflict with what they are doing and can accommodate their plans.

Mr. Galphin asked if Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach have had a chance for input up until this time.

Mr. Welzenbach answered yes, they have had that opportunity. He also noted that the MPO is trying to work with them.

The motion carried with Mr. Galphin in opposition.

C) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2009-18 Supporting the Reclassification of County Road 305 as a Rural Major Collector

Mr. Welzenbach stated that Volusia County, along with FDOT, determines which roads within the County are eligible for Federal funding. County Road 305, due to its classification as a rural minor collector, is not eligible for Federal funding. This road is a major connector between US 17 and SR 100 in Flagler County. Flagler County is pursuing the reclassification of CR 305 and FDOT is amenable to that; however, a portion of CR 305 is in Volusia County and therefore Volusia County is requesting that the road be reclassified in order to make it eligible for Federal funding.

MOTION: Ms. Elliott moved to recommend the reclassification of County Road 305 as a Rural Major Collector. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blais and carried unanimously.

D) Presentation of the Final Report on the Countywide Traffic Signal Emergency Preemption Study and Recommendation to Accept Report

Mr. Fred Ferrell, Traffic Engineering Data Solutions, Inc., gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Countywide Traffic Signal Emergency Preemption Study.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to recommend acceptance of the Countywide Traffic Signal Emergency Preemption Study report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heeb and carried unanimously.

E) Appointment of LRTP Subcommittee Members

Mr. Welzenbach explained that in previous years, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee consisted of all the members of the TCC, CAC, BPAC and TDLCB. This year, the MPO is asking for three or four volunteers from each committee. The Subcommittee will meet on a regular basis, at least once a month, sometimes twice. The 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan will be different than any other plan the MPO has done. The MPO has been working with the local jurisdictions to develop an accommodated land use. The Central Florida region has gone through a two year effort to come up with a 50 year vision called "How Shall We Grow?". The vision shows what the seven counties of Central Florida should look like fifty years down the road. The vision was initiated by *Myregion.org* and funded by FDOT, DCA, the MPOs, the Central

Florida Planning Council and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. All of the MPOs in FDOT District Five agreed to work with the “How Shall We Grow?” land use vision and try to incorporate it into their respective Long Range Transportation Plans. During the last year, the MPO has been working with the local communities showing them what their trend would be based on their comp plans and what the vision would be scaled back to 2035. We have asked them to tell us how much they can accommodate the vision. There is now a draft accommodated land use, which the MPO Board will decide on in September. Once that decision has been made, (which land use will be used in the Long Range Transportation Plan: the trend or the accommodated land use), then the transportation infrastructure will be discussed. Mr. Welzenbach added that he hopes the choice will be the accommodated land use. The public outreach will include the Strings & Ribbons game and reinforced that the publics’ input will be greatly considered and looked at as a valid alternative.

The following CAC members volunteered:

- Tomm Friend, Volusia County
- Ferd Heeb, Edgewater
- Bobby Ball, Port Orange
- Gilles Blais, Holly Hill
- Dan D’Antonio, Volusia County

F) Appointment of Bylaws Subcommittee Members

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the MPO Board has spent the last three months reviewing their bylaws and requested that each of its committees do the same. The CAC Bylaws Subcommittee will meet two or three times to review and make any necessary changes to the CAC bylaws.

Mr. Friend reminded the Committee that at their last meeting they passed a motion recommending that the bylaws be amended to allow a representative from Volusia County Traffic Engineering an advisory, non-voting seat at the CAC meeting table.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that that item would be addressed at the Bylaws Subcommittee meeting.

The following CAC members volunteered:

- P.J. Arvidson
- Susan Elliott
- Gilles Blais

IV. Presentation and Status Reports

A) Presentation on the Draft Comp Plan and Accommodated Land Use Scenarios

Ms. Lois Bollenback gave a PowerPoint presentation on the draft comp plan and accommodated land use scenarios. She explained the new approach that the MPO will be taking towards determining how we expect our communities to develop in the future. Each of our communities has a different approach to growth; we are trying to understand what those growth patterns look like and develop a transportation system that can support that growth. She reviewed the areas considering changes. Ms. Bollenback urged the CAC members to contact their city councils and commissions and ask them if they have any questions regarding this. She also explained that workshops and one-on-one meetings were held to get direction and input from each area.

Mr. Welzenbach stressed that the MPO staff would be more than willing to sit down with the three representatives from the CAC, TCC and MPO Board to discuss what MPO staff was told by the community. The MPO did not go out and say that the communities needed to do this; the MPO asked what the communities were willing to do to accommodate the vision and this is the result.

Mr. Friend stated that he would have appreciated some advance notice of those meetings.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that he would be more than happy to discuss this with him privately.

Mr. Friend noted that he was concerned about the Port Orange accommodations. He added that there is no agreement between New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange as was stated. New Smyrna Beach is in agreement but Port Orange has backed out. It would have been appropriate to know what is being planned in Port Orange.

Ms. Bollenback stated that two workshops were held, as well as follow up meetings with almost every community to go over this information.

Mr. Friend noted that the addresses of the intersections are not identified. He would like that information.

Mr. Heeb asked who the meetings were with.

Ms. Bollenback replied that the meetings included MPO members, technical staff, planning staff and the city/county managers were also notified.

Mr. Friend commented that there is no public involvement at all – it goes straight to the MPO Board. He asked again for the addresses of the five intersections. He added that for the record, he did not get the response he requested.

Ms. Bollenback stated that the groups she met with are the people that are most familiar with what is in the comp plans and the details of SB 360. She reiterated that she is available at any time to meet with anyone to go over this information.

B) Review and Discussion of Second Round of Project Selections for ARRA Funds

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the MPO staff met with the public works directors twice. FDOT was concerned that should any funding become available in addition to what we have already identified for expenditure, they would like us to be prepared with a list of projects. The MPO agreed to look at resurfacing projects due to the small amount of money that may become available. Typically, the MPO does not deal with resurfacing projects and therefore has no way to rank them. The public works directors requested that the MPO hire a consultant to rank the projects using software designed specifically to do this.

Mr. Heeb noted that in looking at the pictures in the Volusia County Pavement Conditions Surveys, some do not match their location label. He asked if the table was right and the pictures were wrong or the other way around.

Mr. Cheney recommended that the report be taken back to the public works directors to verify the information.

C) Presentation and Update on the Volusia County Concurrency Data Management Screening Tool and the Implementation Schedule

Mr. Welzenbach stated that the ultimate goal with the Volusia County Concurrency Data Management Tool and the Transportation Impact Analysis is to have a web-based database that all the communities can access.

Mr. Bob Wallace, Tindale-Oliver & Associates, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Volusia County Concurrency Data Management Tool and its implementation schedule.

D) FDOT Report

Ms. Schoelzel stated that Florida is ranked last out of all the states in regards to using Stimulus funds. However, she believes that there are a number of good reasons, including:

- Some of the Federal requirements are different
- Some of the states used the money on state jobs
- Florida's budget requirements are different

Once the audits begin, she feels confident that Florida will come out on top.

Ms. Schoelzel gave an update on the Stimulus Funds. Volusia County has seven projects. Two have executed LAP agreements and five do not.

E) Volusia County Construction Report

Mr. Cheney gave a quick update on the new Volusia County trails program. Construction will begin on Dunn Avenue, up to LPGA Boulevard. This will include intersection improvements at LPGA Boulevard (dual left turn lanes at all four approaches).

V. Staff Comments

- **XU Funds and Feasibility Studies**

Mr. Welzenbach stated that there has been a change in the Federal requirements and a local match is now required for feasibility studies. Currently, the MPO pays for 100% of the studies. This item will go before the MPO Board in September and all studies are on hold until then. At most, a local match of 9.03% match will be required (about \$800-\$1300) per feasibility study.

VI. CAC Member Comments

There were no CAC member comments.

VII. Press/Citizen Comments

There were no press or citizen comments.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.