

**March 16, 2010  
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Donald Smart  
Malcolm Smith  
Ferd Heeb  
Gilles Blais  
Bob Storke  
Peter Hauser  
Susan Elliott  
Don Romanik  
Bobby Ball  
Nadine Collard  
Lary Galphin  
Dan D'Antonio  
Heather Blanck  
Mary Schoelzel (non-voting)  
Karl Welzenbach (non-voting)

**Representing:**

Daytona Beach  
DeLand  
Edgewater  
Holly Hill  
Orange City  
Ormond Beach  
Pierson  
Ponce Inlet  
Port Orange  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
Votran  
FDOT District V  
MPO Staff

**Members Absent:**

J. NeJame (excused)  
Tomm Friend (excused)  
P.J. Arvidson, Chairperson (excused)

**Representing:**

Flagler Beach  
Volusia County  
New Smyrna Beach

**Others Present:**

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary  
Lois Bollenback  
Bob Keeth  
Stephan Harris  
Melissa Booker  
Jon Cheney  
John Zielinski  
Bob Hamm  
Frank Kinsley  
Douglas Lynch  
Les Gillis

**Representing:**

MPO Staff  
MPO Staff  
MPO Staff  
MPO Staff  
VC Traffic Engineering  
VC Traffic Engineering  
FDOT  
FDOT  
DeLand  
TranSystems  
South Daytona

**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 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Peter Hauser. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A) Approval of February 16, 2010 CAC Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Storke moved to approve the February 16, 2010 CAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Antonio and carried unanimously.*

**III. Action Items**

**A) Review and Recommend Approval of Project Prioritization Criteria for Enhancement and XU Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety Set-Aside Projects**

Mr. Welzenbach noted that the Enhancement criteria up for approval had already been approved at the February CAC meeting. This action item was solely for the review and recommendation for approval of the project prioritization criteria for XU Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety Set-Aside projects. He added that more points had been added to the safety portion of the projects.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Galphin moved to recommend approval of the updated project prioritization criteria for XU Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety Set-Aside projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Antonio and carried unanimously.*

**B) Review and Recommend Approval of Roadway and Enhancement Projects Eligible for New Jobs Bill (HIRE)**

Mr. Welzenbach asked the CAC members to defer their recommendation on this action item to the TCC. He stated that there was a list of criteria that must be met before submitting a projects for the Jobs Bill, that criteria had been sent out multiple times and the responses received had been less objective that he would have liked. The MPO received two pages of projects (about 40) and it appears only ten are ready to go and meet the criteria.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Smith moved to defer their recommendation to the TCC on the Roadway and Enhancement Projects Eligible for New Jobs Bill (HIRE). The motion was seconded by Mr. Heeb and carried unanimously.*

**C) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2010-03 Amending the Adopted TIP to Include Federal Land Highways Projects**

Mr. Welzenbach explained that this TIP amendment was regarding the Lake Woodruff Wildlife Preserve. In order to receive federal funding, the project must be in the TIP and was requested was FDOT.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Smith moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2010-03 amending the adopted TIP to include Federal Land Highways projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blais and carried unanimously.*

**IV. Presentation and Status Reports**

**A) Presentation on I-95 Transportation Alternative Study**

Ms Schoelzel stated that this study was a result of House Bill 1021. It is to be completed by June 2010.

Mr. John Zielinski, FDOT, stated there were two reasons for this presentation: one is to make the members aware of the study and two, is to tell the members how they can participate and contribute to the study. The study encompasses the entire length of I-95. There are four purposes of this study to assess travel demand and freight movement along the I-95 corridor:

1. Assess transportation
2. Emergency management
3. Homeland security
4. Economic development

Mr. Zielinski introduced Mr. Bob Hamm, FDOT, who continued with a PowerPoint presentation. The final results will be presented to the Legislature in June.

Discussion ensued.

**B) Presentation on the Draft FY 2010/11 – 2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the UPWP is the MPOs two-year, federally required work program that identifies how much federal funding the MPO will receive for planning purposes, as well as how it intends to expend those funds. He noted some of the categories and tasks that have been added to the upcoming plan. These additions include:

1. Strategic planning workshop for MPO Board members in December – this will set the goals for the following year
2. Census activities (CTTP)
3. Community planning assistance – coordinating Mobility plans
4. Livability
5. Small community assistance to develop master plans for bike/ped
6. Choice ridership for Votran

Mr. Cheney asked if the small communities could be identified and defined. He noted that he has continuing services contracts with some of the smaller communities and did not want to compete.

Mr. Galphin asked about the possibility of integrating Votran system with the Volusia County school busses.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that the idea had been discussed before.

Mr. Keeth noted that one other addition to the UPWP is for adaptation to global warming and climate change.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that every draft bill that has passed in the House in Washington D.C. has included a requirement that MPOs address climate change. The MPO is a planning agency, not one that implements; therefore it has no authority to tell a city or agency what it can and cannot do. There are two sides to climate change; what can we do to reduce the carbon footprint and greenhouse gasses, and the other is the assumption that regardless of what we do in the next 30-40 years, there will still be climate change. Included in the assumptions is that the sea level will rise anywhere from one to three feet. This task in the UPWP is to make use of Volusia County's LiDar system and determine what facilities will be affected by a sea level increase. Next, we will identify a priority in which we determine what facilities need to be looked at first. Finally, we will need to identify mitigation measures, including the possibility that the best thing to do may be nothing. If there is a three foot level in sea rise, CR A1A will be gone.

**C) 2035 LRTP Update**

Ms. Bollenback gave an update on the LRTP schedule and the development of the second citizen survey. She stated that she had requested comments and suggestions for the second survey but she had not received many comments back on it and therefore, the task may get moved out another month. There are two alternatives, the Technical alternative, which has been submitted to FDOT for modeling and is expected back in a couple days; then, there is the Public Alternative, which must be completed by the end of March. She went on to announce that the last two Make Your Mark events have been scheduled in Daytona Beach and DeLand. There will still be many more opportunities for input. The results of the Public Alternative will be available in April, at which time, the two will be merged together. She asked the members to let her know if anyone had any specific thoughts on how to best approach merging the two lists. She suggested that either the LRTP Subcommittee or a workshop might be successful. In completing LRTP, it includes more than addressing how traffic issues are addressed; it includes completing the goals that were originally set and keeping with the vision.

Ms. Bollenback gave the results of the current public outreach activities. The first survey had produced responses from 334 people. The number of responses to the survey was higher than originally anticipated. Eleven Make Your Mark events have

been held to-date, with about 165 people in attendance. This is lower than what was expected. The completed 2035 LRTP is scheduled for adoption in September.

**D) FDOT Report and ARRA Project Status Updates**

Ms. Schoelzel gave an update on the ARRA projects. All nine projects in Volusia County have had their bid openings and the first seven are currently under construction. There is \$192,943 remaining from a low bid on the SR 40 multiuse Trail, Phase 2. FDOT is recommending that the Orange Avenue Sidewalk, the Tomoka State Park Trail sidewalk and the Flagler Beach Streetscape improvement projects be considered to receive that additional stimulus enhancement funding.

**E) Volusia County Construction Report**

Ms. Booker gave the Volusia County construction report. She noted Volusia County would be hosting a public hearing for the six-laning Saxon Boulevard access management project.

**V. Staff Comments/Information Items**

There were no staff comments.

**VI. CAC Member Comments**

Mr. Smith announced that this was his last meeting and introduced Mr. Frank Hinsley, the new representative for DeLand. The members of the CAC and MPO staff thanked Mr. Smith for his many years of service to the MPO.

Mr. Galphin asked for an update on the status of SunRail.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that SunRail was moving forward with full funding grant agreement being completed this fall. He explained that everything had been on hold after the rejection of SunRail last time. A regional meeting had been held last week to discuss ways to tie Amtrak and SunRail together. The SunRail Board meets once per quarter and the SunRail Technical Committee meets once a month.

Mr. Ball asked about the status of Amtrak in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that last year in the Stimulus package \$8 billion dollars had been set aside for high speed rail. The State of Florida had submitted three applications for high speed rail, only one of which was actually high speed rail. The high speed rail system between Orlando and Tampa is estimated at \$2.5 billion dollars. In addition, there was a \$300 million dollar study to identify potential corridors and conduct a PD&E study from Orlando to Miami. Florida also submitted an application for Amtrak passenger rail service on the FEC line, as well as the purchase of the entire CSX A-Line corridor up to Jacksonville. Of all of the applications submitted, FHWA determined that the Orlando to Tampa line was ready to go and was awarded \$1.2 billion dollars. They determined that the PD&E study was not worth the

expense at this time and the other two corridors were, in FHWA's opinion, not ready. When these awards were presented it had been assumed that there would be another round of awards at some point in the future.

Ms. Schoelzel added that FDOT was working on the SunRail stations and involving the local governments.

Mr. Smart stressed the importance of filling out and returning the 2010 census surveys.

**VII. Press/Citizen Comments**

There were no press or citizen comments.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.