

**Minutes**  
**Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**2570 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 120**  
**Daytona Beach, FL 32114-8145**

**January 26, 2010**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner John McDonald  
Commissioner Robert Gilliland  
Mayor Greg Northrup  
Council Member Jack Lenzen  
Commissioner Leigh Matusick  
Commissioner Janet Deyette  
Councilman Ted Cooper  
Commissioner Ron Vath  
Commissioner Liz Towsley  
Commissioner Rick Basso  
Commissioner Lynne Plaskett  
Commissioner Bill Marcello  
Mayor Fred Costello  
Mayor James Sowell  
Council Member Kris Derr  
Council Member Joshua Wagner  
Council Member Andy Kelly  
Council Member Pat Northey  
Council Member Joie Alexander  
Mary Schoelzel (non-voting)  
P.J. Arvidson (non-voting)  
Mike Chuyen (non-voting)  
Doug Gutierrez (non-voting)

**Members Absent:**

Vice-Mayor Jeff Allebach  
Vice- Mayor Mary Martin (excused)  
Council Member George Locke  
County Chair Frank Bruno (excused)  
Council Member Jack Hayman  
Diane J. Smith (non-voting)(excused)

**Others Present:**

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary  
Karl Welzenbach

**Representing:**

Beverly Beach  
Daytona Beach  
Daytona Beach Shores  
DeBary  
DeLand  
Deltona  
Edgewater  
Flagler Beach  
Holly Hill  
Lake Helen  
New Smyrna Beach  
Oak Hill  
Ormond Beach  
Pierson  
Ponce Inlet  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
FDOT District V  
CAC Chairperson  
BPAC Chairman  
TCC Chairman

**Representing:**

Orange City  
Port Orange  
South Daytona  
Volusia County  
Volusia County  
Volusia County School Board

**Representing:**

MPO Staff  
MPO Staff

**Others Present:**

Stephan Harris  
Lois Bollenback  
Carole Hinkley  
Herb Seely  
Steve Kreidt  
Jon Cheney  
Melissa Booker  
Heather Blanck  
Brenda Young  
Gary Huttman  
Fred Ferrell  
George Recktenwald  
Susan Sadighi  
Paul McKitrick  
Arlene Smith  
Jerry Brinton  
John Dillard  
Big John

**Representing:**

MPO Staff  
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MPO Staff  
MPO Staff  
KCG Engineering & Design  
VC Engineering  
VC Engineering  
Votran  
FDOT  
Burgess & Niple  
TEDS Inc.  
Volusia County  
FDOT  
Daytona Beach  
DB International Airport  
Volusia County  
South Daytona  
Press

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

The meeting of **Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization** (MPO) was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chairperson Joie Alexander. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Public Comment/Participation**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of November 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- C. Executive Committee Report
- D. Technical Coordinating Committee Report
- E. Citizens' Advisory Committee Report
- F. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
- H. TDLCB Appointments and Resignations
- I. Report on the Central Florida MPO Alliance
- J. Report on Alternative Funding Task Force

- K. Review and Approval of Consultant Firms for Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Cost Estimate Feasibility Studies
- L. Review and Approval of Revised BPAC Bylaws
- M. Review and Approval of Revised XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Proposal Requirements/Criteria with Modifications

Chairperson Alexander noted that a listing of consultant firms for item K of the Consent Agenda had been provided.

Commissioner Matusick requested Item L be pulled for further discussion.

**MOTION:** *Councilman Cooper moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item L, the BPAC Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilliland and carried unanimously.*

Commissioner Matusick noted that page 27 of the BPAC Bylaws, first paragraph, the acronym "TPO" needed to be added.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Matusick moved to approve Item L of the Consent Agenda, the review and approval of the BPAC Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cooper and carried unanimously.*

Chairperson Alexander noted that on page 32 of the MPO agenda, the correct date is 2010, not 2009.

## VI. Action Items

### A) **Determination of \$191,555 Available from Reduced Estimate for Design of Clyde Morris Boulevard (SR 483)**

Mr. Welzenbach stated that the amount of money available from the Clyde Morris Boulevard design had changed since the agenda was sent out. At the January 2009 MPO Board meeting, the Board approved \$3.8 million in XU funds for the design of Clyde Morris Boulevard. Subsequent to that, \$191,555 in XU funds also became available. The MPO asked FDOT to remove that money, instead, \$40,000 more was added to it. The TCC, CAC and BPAC recommended that the money be put back into the Bike/Ped XU set aside box.

Chairperson Alexander added that there have been a number of questions regarding the six-laning of Clyde Morris Boulevard and a question/answer session with the stakeholders is being set up.

Ms. Schoelzel explained that FDOT is putting the \$191,555 and the \$40,000 back into the XU Bike/Ped set aside reserve box. FDOT had asked the MPO for the \$3.8 million

currently in the design phase to be reduced, allowing for the money to complete the mitigation.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Costello moved to allow the \$3.8 million in XU funding to be categorized to cover both the design and mitigation for Clyde Morris Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilliland and carried unanimously.*

**B) Review and Approval of Updated ARRA Enhancement Listing**

Mr. Welzenbach noted that Action Items B and C go together. The bid for the SR 40 Multiuse Trail has come in under bid about \$190,000. (It is estimated that the bid will come in lower on the second phase of the project as well). There is still a March 1, 2010 deadline for projects to be let. A list of projects which are ready to go has been created. Flagler area sidewalks came in under bid and they are requesting the money be kept on the projects until they are completed. The TCC and CAC had different recommendations regarding the order of the projects to be funded. The TCC recommended that the projects be completed in the following order: Orange Avenue, CR 4139, Dunn Avenue Sidewalk Extension, and Tomoka State Park Trail. Their recommendation was based on the fact that the cost of the Tomoka State Park Trail was more than the amount that would be received and the other three projects could be completely funded for the amount received. The CAC recommended the projects in the following order: Orange Avenue, CR 4139, Tomoka State Park Trail and the Dunn Avenue Sidewalk Extension. The CAC felt that because Dunn Avenue had already received most of the funding from the last Stimulus, it should go to the bottom of the list to give the other projects a chance at the funding.

Mr. Welzenbach explained the reasoning behind the two committees recommendations, adding that MPO staff agreed with the TCCs recommendation .

Council Member Northey recommended supporting the list as recommended by the CAC.

Mayor Costello noted that the first three projects on the TCCs list add up to an estimated \$210,000. He suggested using the TCCs list; the Tomoka State Park Trail can be revisited at a later time.

Ms. Schoelzel noted that Enhancement projects are not guaranteed and are ultimately chosen by Central Office.

Commissioner Towsley asked about the Riverside Drive project.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that Riverside Drive had already been 100% programmed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Gilliland moved to accept the updated ARRA Enhancement Listing as recommended by the TCC: Orange Avenue Sidewalk, CR 4139 Sidewalk replacement, the Dunn Avenue Extension Sidewalks and Tomoka State Park Trail. Councilman Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Matusick and Council Member Northey voting in opposition.*

**C) Determination of Allocation of ARRA Funding**

This item was previously addressed.

**D) Review and Approval of LRTP Alternative #1**

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the LRTP Technical Alternative #1 was brought before the TCC and CAC for a recommendation at their February meetings, however, both committees deferred their recommendation on the roadway projects to the LRTP Subcommittee and the transit projects were deferred to Votran. MPO staff is trying to keep the plan fiscally constrained regarding the roadways with the exception of the county's projects. Volusia County is still identifying their priorities. The citizen alternative is still in progress. Technical Alternative # 1, which is up for approval includes transit, which implies that there will be a local dedicated revenue source in the future. No policy decision needs to be made at this time.

Ms. Bollenback noted that three Make Your Mark events had been held and seven are currently scheduled.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that MPO staff is working on scheduling a number of Make Your Mark events on the west side of the County, including Pierson.

Council Member Northey stated that there is only one segment of SR 415 on the Technical Alternative and asked if that was because the rest of the project was already funded.

Mr. Welzenbach replied yes.

Council Member Northey asked how the Make Your Mark events worked, which Mr. Welzenbach proceeded to explain.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the Technical Alternative was only the first one. There will also be a public alternative. He clarified that this was not the final alternative; it is primarily for modeling purposes.

Mayor Costello asked if an extension for SunRail from the West to East side of the County could be added to the Technical Alternative.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that a connector had been identified at nearly all of the public Make Your Mark events that had been held.

Chairperson Alexander asked when the 2035 LRTP would be completed.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the Public Alternative would be finished in March, after which, the policy decision on a local dedicated revenue stream will need to be made. The final 2035 LRTP will be adopted in October.

Council Member Wagner noted that he would not support SunRail until funding for it had been identified.

**MOTION:** *Council Member Wagner moved to add a connector from the DeLand Amtrak Train Station to a proposed station near International Speedway Boulevard and US 1 in Daytona Beach to the LRTP Technical Alternative # 1. The motion was seconded by Mayor Costello.*

Discussion on the recent Make Your Mark event for elected officials took place.

Council Member Northey suggested scheduling another Make Your Mark event for the elected officials because representation from the previous one was low. She also recommended that the Economic Development Planning Board be included.

The motion was restated.

**The motion carried with Councilman Cooper voting in opposition.**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Gilliland moved to approve the amended LRTP Technical Alternative #1 Listing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kelly and carried unanimously.*

## **VII. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items**

### **A) Presentation on the Flagler County MPO Forum**

Mr. Welzenbach gave a brief synopsis of the recently held Flagler County MPO forum. Discussion ensued on some of the possible ramifications of the decision that Flagler County will have to make in regards to forming or joining an MPO. It was noted that the results of the 2010 census would determine whether or not this process would be necessary to move forward and, if so, the process would take place over two to three years. In addition, should the Flagler County governments join the MPO, it was noted that we would need a larger space for meetings.

## **B) FDOT Reports**

Ms. Schoelzel noted that FDOT District Five has obligated all of its Stimulus projects. They are currently working on the low bid funding. She stated that she is still waiting on the plans for a number of projects.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that Orange Avenue and Tomoka have already been designed and should have been submitted. He added that he would follow up with the city managers.

Ms. Schoelzel noted that there is a job creation bill that is currently in the Senate and she is asking the MPOs and local governments to submit any projects that are ready to go. After the bill is passed, FDOT will have 90 days to execute the contracts with the contractors. She is asking the MPO to look at their project priority list.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that there is one bill in the House and the other is a "Jobs 2" bill. He has met with the public works directors and has notified the city/county managers that he does not expect a large amount of money with this bill. However, regardless of the amount of funding that Volusia County receives, the local governments still need to be ready to go.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that she was informed that as it stands now in the Senate, the funding provided will be the same as it was in the first round, however, the Senate has the ability to change the bill if they wish.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that this item was on the agenda for the directors and managers meeting.

Mayor Costello stated that Tomoka State Park Trail was shovel ready and the plans were complete.

Discussion continued.

## **VIII. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Welzenbach discussed the possible change to the ambient ozone levels required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He noted that if the acceptable levels were reduced to 60 ppm and Volusia County was identified as in non-attainment of the national ambient air quality standards, the MPO will end up dealing more with air quality than transportation.

Councilman Cooper asked if the MPOs recommendations would have any impact on the decision made by the EPA.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the MPO could submit a letter stating its concerns and submit it during the 65 day open comment period. AMPO is also looking into this issue.

## **IX. MPO Member Comments**

Chairperson Alexander noted a mobility fee article was included in the MPO agenda. She recommended the members review the attendance records and make appointments as needed.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that every year he does a presentation on the various types of earmarks. Recently, he was notified that South Daytona is pursuing an earmark and is requesting a letter of support from the MPO. He is not sure what type of earmark they are pursuing and therefore, he would recommend the MPO wait until he is informed which kind of earmark it is. If the earmark they are seeking is not discretionary, the MPO will lose money. He added that if it is an earmark that is going to affect the MPO negatively, the members have the authority to not program it.

Commissioner Towsley requested that Mr. Daugherty be removed from the BPAC attendance listing as he is no longer on the committee.

Council Member Derr announced that Ponce Inlet passed the first reading of the TIA Guidelines. The second reading will take place in February.

Council Member Northey asked for an update on the TIGER Grant.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that the results are expected to be announced in January.

Council Member Northey noted that there was another accident on SR 415 and requested FDOT focus their efforts on safety improvements to the road. She recommended that a traffic signal be placed at the intersection of SR 415 and Doyle Road.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that she had spoken with the Traffic Operations Department and they are currently doing a study on the posted speed. She noted that she would update on the progress of the study at the next MPO meeting. They have already completed a study on the need for a traffic signal at that intersection and the results show it was not warranted. She suggested requesting that they do an additional study.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that the majority of turns at that intersection were right turns onto SR 415 and that is most likely why it does not warrant a signal.

Council Member Northey requested regular updates on SunRail.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that she would have updates on SunRail at each meeting.

Council Member Northey updated the members on the west side corridor study. In addition, Volusia County is looking at doing an Osteen JPA transportation study.

Commissioner Matusick gave an update on the Dedicated Funding Task Force meeting and requested a notice be sent regarding the Communications Subcommittee meeting.

Councilman Cooper asked if there was anything addressing member attendance at committee meetings in the Bylaws.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that there was a limit of three consecutive absences before a member is removed from a committee.

Chairperson Alexander noted that the Budget Committee would be meeting soon.

**X. Information Items**

Mr. Big John, WELE, asked if any of the MPO members had commented on the Amtrak article in the paper.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that Amtrak was raising concerns regarding the insurance agreement that SunRail had received.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

**Volusia County  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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**County Council Vice Chair Joie Alexander  
Chairperson, Volusia County MPO**

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia County MPO, certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 26, 2010 regular meeting of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (VCMPO), approved and duly signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010.

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**Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary**