

Minutes
Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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February 23, 2010

Members Present:

Commissioner John McDonald
Commissioner Robert Gilliland
Vice-Mayor Jennie Celona
Council Member Jack Lenzen
Commissioner Leigh Matusick
Commissioner Janet Deyette
Councilman Ted Cooper
Commissioner Ron Vath
Commissioner Liz Towsley
Commissioner Rick Basso
Commissioner Bill Marcello
Vice-Mayor Jeff Allebach
Mayor Fred Costello
Mayor James Sowell
Council Member Kris Derr
Council Member George Locke
County Chair Frank Bruno
Council Member Joshua Wagner
Council Member Pat Northey
Council Member Joie Alexander
Mary Schoelzel (non-voting)
P.J. Arvidson (non-voting)
Mike Chuyen (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Commissioner Lynne Plaskett
Vice-Mayor Mary Martin
Council Member Andy Kelly
Council Member Jack Hayman
Diane J. Smith (non-voting)(excused)
Doug Gutierrez (non-voting)(excused)

Others Present:

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary
Karl Welzenbach
Stephan Harris

Representing:

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

Representing:

New Smyrna Beach
Port Orange
Volusia County
Volusia County
Volusia County School Board
TCC Chairman

Representing:

MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff

Others Present:

Lois Bollenback
Carole Hinkley
Herb Seely
Bob Keeth
Jon Cheney
George Recktenwald
Melissa Booker
Ron Paradise
Jerry Brinton
Lance Decuir
Heather Blanck
George Lovett
Jim McCroskey
Fred Ferrell
Virginia Haas
Mark Garcia
Arlene Smith
Lennon Moore
George Trovato
Judson Pankey
Big John

Representing:

MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
VC Traffic & Engineering
Volusia County
VC Traffic & Engineering
Deltona
VC Traffic & Engineering
FDOT
Votran
FDOT
Daytona Beach Shores
TEDS
Oak Hill
FDOT
DB Int'l Airport
Ghyabi & Associates
Port Orange
CPH
Press

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

The meeting of **Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization** (MPO) was called to order at 8:00 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 January 26, 2010 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. MPOAC Report
- H. TDLCB Appointments

- I. Review and Acceptance of Selection Committee’s Recommendation of the PFM Group as the Consultant Undertaking the Transit Alternate Funding Options Study and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract
- J. Review and Approval of Revised CAC and TCC Bylaws
- K. Review and Approval of Revised List of ARRA Enhancement Projects

Chairperson Alexander noted that there was a revised agenda which added item K, review and approval of the revised list of ARRA Enhancement projects. She pulled this item from the consent agenda for further discussion.

MOTION: *Councilman Cooper moved to approve the revised Consent Agenda with the exception of Item K, approval of the revised list of ARRA Enhancement projects. The motion was seconded by County Council Chairman Bruno and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the enhancement project listing had been approved last month; however, there was some confusion over the limits of the sidewalk in Lake Helen. Last month, the intent was to supplant the \$25,000 that the county agreed to contribute to the Lake Helen repaving project (which included a sidewalk). The limits that were described on the list last month did not match the limits on the designs the county had.

Mr. Brinton stated that the roadway stimulus project which Lake Helen had submitted was CR 4139 and included a segment of new sidewalk, between Summit Avenue and Lakeview, which is currently under construction. The stimulus funding would not cover the entire cost so the county agreed to contribute the shortfall of \$25,000. Lake Helen also submitted a second project, a year ago, to replace a piece of a sidewalk on CR 4139, between Washington and Main. County staff then took the plans they had for the roadway and added the statement “remove and replace five foot sidewalk” and sent them to FDOT in the hope that they would place it on the list for enhancement funding. In addition, there was an error in the Dunn Avenue extension sidewalk which was approved last month. The cost estimate was incorrectly reported and is actually \$520,000. FDOT was given the corrected estimate and a decision will be made at the state level.

Mr. Welzenbach requested that the MPO Board not take action on the revised consent agenda item K. The only clarification that needed to be added is to the cost of the Dunn Avenue sidewalks.

V. Action Items

A) Review and Adoption of 2010 Legislative Priorities

Chairperson Alexander stated that the 2010 Legislative priorities were recently developed by the Legislative Issues Subcommittee. She thanked the members of the subcommittee.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the CFMPOA met recently and had a presentation by the Space Coast TPO regarding the Florida Space Comprehensive Plan. They were asked to support the resolution that the Legislators and FDOT pursue the plan as they would any other transportation plan. It was included in the Alliance's priorities and added to the MPOs priorities as well.

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve the Volusia County MPOs 2010 Legislative Priorities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cooper and carried unanimously.*

B) Review and Approval of Resolution 2010-01 Amending the FY 2009/10 to FY 2103/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in Anticipation of a "Jobs Bill"

Mr. Welzenbach stated that the House passed a jobs bill and the Senate agreed to pass the bill along, however, it is only 1/10 the size of the House bill. Because of this, it is not known how much funding the bill will include. In January, he sent an email to the Board members, the TCC, the public works directors and the city and county managers stating that there was an upcoming jobs bill and we should be preparing for it. With the exception of Volusia County, no one has replied. A letter was received from Daytona Beach Shores for their project on A1A. FDOT has also been calling the local governments and he sent another email out last week saying the same thing. There will be a meeting of the city and county managers coming up and he will speak to them as well. The MPO is working with FDOT to see if any pushbutton projects can be moved up or the possibility that design-build projects may be allowed.

Commissioner Gilliland asked Mr. Welzenbach to elaborate on the possibility of including design-build projects on the list.

Mr. Welzenbach stated that the TCC brought up the fact that a number of traffic projects are meant to be design-build and could move forward within the 90 day time period required. He added that Assistant Secretary Debbie Hunt made a statement confirming that there would only be a 90 day time period. She proposed that the MPOs come up with their priority lists, get the suballocation and turn the money over to FDOT to let the jobs. If it were done this way, no LAP certification would be needed.

Mr. Brinton noted that the county has two projects: Old Dixie Highway bridge repair and the resurfacing and widening of Old New York Avenue, from SR 44 to the Amtrak station.

Councilman Cooper suggested the possibility of bartering services in exchange for LAP services for the smaller cities.

Mr. Brinton noted that in the past, Volusia County has acted as the agent for the smaller cities, adding that they would like to be able to do that, however, county staff is stretched thin.

Mr. Welzenbach added that the MPO is currently developing its UPWP and is considering having MPO staff engage a consulting firm on behalf of the local governments. A portion of the fee would be charged to the cities.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Martin moved to approve Resolution 2010-01 amending the FY 2009/10 to FY 2103/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in anticipation of a "Jobs Bill". Councilman Cooper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

C) Motion to Authorize LRTP Subcommittee to Review, Edit and Submit the Revised Technical Alternative

MOTION: *Councilman Cooper moved to authorize LRTP Subcommittee to review, edit and submit the revised Technical Alternative. Commissioner Gilliland seconded the motion.*

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the transportation alternative included in the agenda was not the final plan; it is for modeling purposes only. He described the model and how it was used to identify projects included in the alternative. There was a glitch in the model, and therefore, the TCC did not have the results until recently, after the first alternative was put together. In order to update the list using this information, the committees agreed that more time was needed to look at the information and decide if any changes were needed.

Council Member Northey stated that there was a park and ride missing at the DeBary station. She questioned the reference to a park and ride at the rail station at Rhode Island extension.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that there was not enough time to bring the updated alternative back to the MPO Board before transmitting it to FDOT.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items

A) Update on the LRTP Process and Schedule

Ms. Bollenback reminded the members that the MPO was developing its LRTP as part of a region-wide model. This MPO is working with the other MPOs in District Five to combine the plans into a single model; therefore, the schedule is not up to us as an individual MPO. Ms. Bollenback went on to explain the public alternative and how

public opinions are gathered through the Make Your Mark events and surveys. The public alternative is due to be submitted to FDOT by the end of March. Once that is done, the MPO will take the two lists (the technical and public alternatives) and combine them to make one list. The next phase will be to develop a cost-feasible plan. After the July break, the plan will be available for public review, followed by its adoption in September.

Commissioner Gilliland asked how to go about scheduling a Make Your Mark event in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that staff would need a point of contact in Daytona Beach.

Ms. Bollenback stated that Daytona Beach is a specific area that needs to be targeted.

Mr. Welzenbach explained that the draft LRTP would be brought before the MPO Board at least two more times before it is adopted.

Council Member Wagner requested that any changes that were made to the listing be highlighted or marked in red.

Commissioner Matusick asked who makes the final determination on what projects are ultimately included in the 2035 LRTP.

Mr. Welzenbach replied that the MPO Board has the authority to decide what projects are included. He added that a policy decision will also need to be made regarding funding and transit. The MPO Board needs to make the choice as to whether or not a specific issue on funding is included in the plan because it will impact transit.

Ms. Bollenback discussed the survey results and the development of a second survey.

Discussion continued on the various Make Your Mark events that have taken place and the future events which are scheduled, as well as the LRTP website.

Mr. Welzenbach noted that he will be meeting with Flagler County staff, in coordination with VCARD and FCARD, to hold a planning exercise which may include all of Flagler County.

Commissioner Basso stressed his concern about future transportation and the use of fossil fuels, adding that the 2035 plan looks at using the same type of transportation for the next 25 years, without taking our changing needs into account. He requested that the MPO look into addressing that.

B) FDOT Update on XU Funds and FDOT Reports

Ms. Schoelzel stated that there was no construction report this month. She gave a brief report on the status of the Stimulus projects. She announced that Commuter Rail had a new project manager, Mr. Todd Hammerle. FDOT is working on the full funded grant agreement and the design for the stations. In addition, the public involvement portion has begun. Ms. Schoelzel noted that she would begin sending the updated project list for the Jobs Creation bill every Monday to the MPO, who would distribute it through its committees.

Mr. Welzenbach requested the addition of two columns on the project list for the FDOT project manager and the contact at the local governments.

Ms. Schoelzel replied that she would check but it should not be a problem to do.

Mr. Welzenbach asked why the Old Tomoka State Park project was not on the list.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that FDOT had not received any of the necessary documentation of the project.

Ms. Schoelzel noted that the funding for the resurfacing project on SR A1A came in lower than expected and that low bid funding was moved back to bike/ped for the MPO to program.

Commissioner Matusick explained that there was an issue with the upcoming Bike Florida route; the bridge is out on SR 305 and the route had to be modified accordingly, however, the only alternate is Highway 11 which currently has a resurfacing project being done.

Ms. Schoelzel stated that the resurfacing project on Highway 11 would not be completed by the commencement of the ride but she would set up a meeting with the Bike Florida team to discuss the issue.

C) ISB Coalition Presentation

Mr. Lance Decuir, FDOT, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) Coalition Multimodal Transportation Study. FDOT is consulting with Ghyabi & Associates on this 18 month study which will look at the future vision (long and short term) for the International Speedway Boulevard corridor. Public outreach efforts will be a key piece of the study. The ISB Coalition meets on the 1st Monday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Daytona State College.

Discussion ensued with Council Member Northey expressing her concerns over the projects limits, deliverables and timeframe.

[PowerPoint presentation is available upon request]

VII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Welzenbach stated that staff is trying to schedule a Budget Subcommittee meeting prior to the March Executive Committee meeting. He went on to discuss the results of the TIGER grant, adding that Florida did not receive any funding. About one-half of the projects that received grant funding were transit.

Council Member Northey expressed her frustration over the Legislature's decisions that Florida did not receive any funds.

MOTION: *Council Member Northey made a motion to send a letter from the MPO to the Legislature to express disappointment and ask for clarification and an explanation of how projects were selected to receive TIGER grant funding. Commissioner Basso seconded the motion.*

Mayor Costello noted that he was hesitant to send the letter because Florida had just received a large sum of money for High Speed rail; he did not want to upset the people in Washington.

Vice Mayor Martin stated that we should let the Legislature know we are concerned; we should know why Florida didn't receive any money.

The motion carried with Council Member Wagner voting in opposition.

VIII. MPO Member Comments

Mayor Costello thanked Mr. George Lovett and FDOT for their work and contribution to the Ormond Crossings project.

Vice Mayor Martin stated there would be an AMPO meeting in March.

Commissioner Gilliland commented on the lane closures during the Bud Shootout and the businesses that lost revenue due to this. He asked if the work could be done later at night or early in the morning.

Discussion on park and ride facilities ensued.

IX. Information Items

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**Volusia County
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Flagler Beach Commissioner Ron Vath
Vice Chairman, 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 February 23, 2010 regular meeting of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (VCMPO), approved and duly signed this 23rd day of March, 2010.

Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary