

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC) MEETING MINUTES
WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (Designated staff)
West Florida Regional Planning Council
4081 E. Olive Road, Suite A, Pensacola, Florida

August 8, 2016

Members Attending:

Shawn Ward, Chairman	Santa Rosa County
Tommy Brown, Vice-Chairman	Escambia County
Shomari Rawls	Escambia County
Randy Jorgenson	City of Milton
Ryan Novota	City of Pensacola
John Fisher	Escambia County
Tonya Ellis	ECAT
Leslie Statler	City of Pensacola

Advisory Members Attending:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT, Non-Voting
Christy Johnson	FDOT, Non-Voting

Others Attending:

John Alaghemand	DRMP
Taylor Rider	BRATS
Jim DeVries	Consultant Escambia County
Barbara Mayall	CAC
Marie Kammerdiener	CAC
Bill Johnson	ECUA
David Forte	Escambia County
Ben Faust	DRMP
Daniel Kristoff	RS&H Inc.
Tim Milstead	City of Milton
Andrea Kvech	Pensacola International Airport
Monty Alcindor	PNS
Gary Kramer	WFRPC Staff
Kathy Saldana	WFRPC Staff
Amanda Weber	WFRPC Staff
Mary Beth Washnock	WFRPC Transportation Planning Manager
Brian Youpatoff	WFRPC Staff

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Ward called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Chairman Ward called for approval of the agenda with the add-on item from the City of Gulf Breeze to ask the TCC to evaluate and make recommendations to the TPO regarding the possibility and feasibility of utilizing surplus project funds to add enhancements to the Pensacola Bay Bridge project that might improve its aesthetics and functionality.

Mr. Jorgenson moved to approve the agenda to include the add-on item proposed by the City of Gulf Breeze for possible enhancements to the Pensacola Bay Bridge (FDOT Project 480035). Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers from the public except Ms. Barbara Mayall, CAC member, had a question. Ms. Mayall asked when trees will be replanted around the Scenic Highway and I-10 interchange. Mr. Ward stated that there is a landscaping plan but it has not been started yet. Mr. Forte stated that he can get with her after the meeting to discuss.

D. CONSENT

1. Approval of June 2016 minutes

Chairman Ward called for approval of the June 2016 minutes.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the June 2016 minutes. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 16-25 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adding the Construction Phase for County Road (CR) 184 (Muscoogie Road) from the Alabama State Line to CR 297A

Mr. Paulk, FDOT, presented, and requested approval of the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add FDOT project number 4370392 (construction phase for County Road (CR) 184 (Muscoogie Road) from the Alabama state line to CR 297A in FY 2016 – FY 2017 costing \$1,674,000. Mr. Brown asked for clarification that it would only be from Beulah to Carlisle. Mr. Paulk replied yes.

Mr. Jorgenson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO Chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 16-25 amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adding the construction phase for County Road (CR) 184 (Muscoogie Road) from the Alabama state line to CR 297A. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 16-26 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adding the Study Phase for the Bluff's Corridor Phase I Beck's Lake Road from US 29 (SR 95) to Spring Lake Park Entrance

Mr. Paulk, FDOT, presented and stated that the addition is being sought to ensure FDOT can authorize funding. The addition will be funded through economic development transportation funding and is reimbursable. Mr. Paulk further stated that the registry can be updated to add this addition.

Mr. Brown moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chairman sign Resolution FL-AL 16-26 amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adding the study phase for the Bluff's Corridor Phase I Beck's Lake Road from US 29 (SR 95) to Spring Lake Park entrance. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 16-27 Authorizing the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Chairman to Sign a Letter from the TPO to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Expressing Support for a Military Access Facility (MAF) Strategic Intermodel System (SIS) Designation of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Connector

Mr. Youpatoff, WFRPC staff, presented and noted that there is one correction to be made. Where it states "will provide access from the main gate at NAS Pensacola" should be "will provide access from the West gate at NAS Pensacola." This recommendation ensures continuing support, safety, and security to the military facility.

Mr. Jorgenson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 16-27 authorizing the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Chairman to sign a letter from the TPO to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) expressing Support for a Military Access Facility (MAF) Strategic Intermodel System (SIS) designation of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Connector. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Add-On Item - Consideration from the City of Gulf Breeze that the Technical Coordinating Committee evaluate and make recommendations to the TPO regarding (i) the possibility and feasibility of utilizing surplus bridge project funds to add enhancements to the Pensacola Bay Bridge project that might improve its aesthetics and functionality; (ii) specific enhancements that should be considered, and (iii) an effective process through which public input could be obtained on the recommendations. After due consideration of public input, the TCC would then provide its recommendations to the TPO for its consideration and appropriate action.

Mr. Paulk, FDOT, stated that the decision lies with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Mr. Paulk further stated that there will be a presentation on the bridge by Secretary Barfield and Ms. Harrell, both from FDOT, at the TPO meeting.

Mr. Brown asked if funds can go to 17th Avenue at the landing. Mr. Paulk stated that they cannot because they will have to go to the next available bridge plan. Mr. Brown stated that there are plenty of other bridges that the funds can possibly be used for.

Mr. Jorgenson moved to recommend the consideration from the City of Gulf Breeze that the Technical Coordinating Committee evaluate and make recommendations to the TPO regarding (i) the possibility and feasibility of utilizing surplus bridge project funds to add enhancements to the Pensacola Bay Bridge project that might improve its aesthetics and functionality; (ii) specific enhancements that should be considered, and (iii) an effective process through which public input could be obtained on the recommendations. After due consideration of public input, the TCC would then provide its recommendations to the TPO for its consideration and appropriate action. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 16-28 Adopting an Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Task D.1 Corridor Management Planning
This item was not discussed by the committee.
5. Consideration of Appointing a Primary Member to the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)
This item was not discussed by the committee.
6. Discussion of Upcoming Events and Projects with Potential Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Member Participation
This item was not discussed by the committee.

F. FDOT/ALDOT UPDATE

Mr. Paulk, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, stated that he encourages everyone to attend the TPO meeting for the bridge presentation. Secretary Barfield and Ms. Harrell will be presenting. Mr. Brown asked if the other bridge submittals will be available to view. Mr. Novota stated he would send it to WFRPC staff so they can be posted on the FTP site and distributed.

G. PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the Escambia/Santa Rosa Counties Regional Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Feasibility and Implementation Plan

Mr. Faust, DRMP, presented. Mr. Faust introduced himself and stated that he has been helping to manage the ATMS study. There have been monthly meetings with the ITS subcommittee. There has been good interaction and participation from Atkins. They are about 90% complete with the study. There has been corridor prioritization. The study is a feasibility study and implementation plan. There has been contact with FDOT and they are in favor of a large implementation phase (phase II). Mr. Faust further stated that an interlocal agreement has been approved by all the local boards with Gulf Breeze pending. They would like to move forward with the project and have the TPO authorize a \$25 million dollar project. If everything continues to go well with the upcoming prioritization meetings, the TPO meeting, and the continued support, they can get the ball rolling. Mr. Faust stated that it will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final review and approval in mid-September.

2. Review of the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 – FY 2022 Project Priorities

Mr. Kramer, WFRPC staff, presented with a PowerPoint. Mr. Kramer discussed the draft Fiscal Year 2018-2022 project priorities. There is an advisory committee workshop on August 15th at 9:30 a.m. at Pensacola City Hall. Mr. Kramer discussed how a project is funded and some of the background on project priorities. Mr. Kramer noted that Escambia County has some changes and that it will be discussed at the workshop. Comments are requested by August 18. Mr. Novota asked about the last priority being the state system power service. Mr. Novota stated concerns with upcoming storms and asked if the project could be moved quicker. Mr. Novota stated that the city of Pensacola could provide staff to install if it would speed up the project. Mr. Paulk replied that with six priorities ahead of it, it will not likely move up. The project may be available under a push button project. Mr. Paulk stated he will discuss it with Traffic Operations and

provide an update.

3. Update on U.S. 98 (State Road 30) from Portside Drive in Santa Rosa County to State Road (SR) 393 (Mary Esther Boulevard) in Okaloosa County Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Mr. Kristoff, Project Manager, RS&H, introduced himself and presented with a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Kristoff stated that they are in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase. The project runs from Portside Drive in Santa Rosa County to Mary Esther Boulevard in Okaloosa County for a total of 24.5 miles. Mr. Kristoff stated that the purpose of the study is to examine capacity improvements for U.S. 98 and secure approval for compliance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. The corridor also serves as a hurricane evaluation route. There will be public kick-off meetings held on September 20th and 22nd at the Navarre Conference Center. They will be looking for approval from the Federal highway Administration (FHWA) in spring of 2019. Mr. Faust stated that more information can be found on the Santa Rosa and Okaloosa County websites and also on <http://nwflroads.com> under "Future Projects". Mr. Devries asked if this is just one project. Mr. Kristoff answered yes. Mr. Ward asked why it is a Santa Rosa and Okaloosa County combined project. Mr. Kristoff stated that when they are connected corridors, they like it to be combined into one contract. Different segments will be prioritized since it is such a long stretch.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Presentation)

The following items were included in the agenda package:

- 2016 TPO and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule – Please note change in September meeting dates
 - June 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 - June 2016 TPO Actions Report
 - Response from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Concerning Bridge Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 484092 on Old Corry Field Road (County Road 295A)
 - Letter to Secretary Barfield, FDOT, stating the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan was Modified for Updated Project Costs for the State Road (SR) 87 Connector from SR 87 North to SR 87 South
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform
 - Motor Fuel Tax PowerPoint Presentation
- I. **OTHER BUSINESS** – The next TCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Florida Regional Planning Council.
 - J. **ADJOURN** - There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.