

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
December 10, 2015 3:30 p.m.**

**NEW BRIDGE STREET CONFERENCE ROOM
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL**

Present: Mr. Michael Lazzara, Mr. Jack Bright, Mr. Bob Warden, Ms. Sandra Fountain and Mr. Paul Buchanan

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Peggy Holland, Lt Sean Magill, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Rob Myers, Mr. Ron Lucas, and Ms. Nazia Sarder (via call-in)

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Michael Lazzara called the Jacksonville Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2015 in the New Bridge Street Conference Room of Jacksonville City Hall.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Lazzara welcomed Mr. Ron Lucas to the TAC.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

Mr. Lazzara asked for a motion to accept the Agenda as written.

Mr. Bob Warden mad a motion to accept the Agenda. Mr. Jack Bright seconded the motion.

The Agenda was accepted unanimously by the Committee Members present.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

No Public Comment was made.

Action Items:

Consent:

V. [October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

Adopted in concurrence with the adoption of the agenda.

VI. [Draft Jacksonville MPO Prospectus](#)

Adopted in concurrence with the adoption of the agenda.

Discussion Items:

VII. [Prioritization 4.0 Update](#)

Mr. Prinz began the discussion by mentioning the last time the TAC met the list of projects was discussed. He noted that Division 3 did submit two projects for the MPO. He went on to discuss when the projects were submitted and directed the members to the complete list of projects in the meeting binder. He did note that two projects were removed from the list due to redundancy. The two projects that were omitted included a widening project on Gum Branch Rd at Henderson Dr and a project on Old Maplehurst Rd at NC 53.

He continued that all of the Aviation projects were taken from the current Aviation Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. He mentioned that the tower is not on the list because it has been fully funded. He discussed the Montford Point Greenway project from the Bicycle and Pedestrian list. He also mentioned the Multimodal Center, which is the only project on the Transit list and is actually funded.

Mr. Prinz noted that on the Work Program there is a not a whole lot of action between the end of the year and the New Year. After the New Year the local prioritization method will need to be revisited and accepted sometime in March.

VIII. [2016-2025 MTIP Projects Update](#)

Mr. Prinz began by addressing House Bill 97, a new funding law. He mentioned several ways that have been included in this new bill to increase transportation revenues. Some of these include: a new motor fuel tax stabilization, General fund transfers and DMV fees. He went on to discuss some of the newly funded projects that were picked up after the redistribution. Those included the Jacksonville Multimodal Center, widening at the intersection of Western Blvd/Gum Branch Rd, the Commerce Dr extension, the Henderson Dr widening and extension, and the NC 111 widening. He also noted several projects that have been accelerated. Those projects included the Blue Creek Rd/Ridge Rd alignment, the US 258 superstreet, the US 258/NC 24/NC 53 interchange and the Western Blvd access management project. Mr. Prinz stated that the projects that are in-process are moving along smoothly and much of that is due to the new way NCDOT has decided to approach projects. He closed the conversation by noting challenges that can arise, such as overlapping projects and timing.

IX. [Federal Transportation Reauthorization Update](#)

Mr. Prinz began by stating that reauthorization has been a long time coming. He noted that the FAST act is a five-year reauthorization bill. It is a \$305 billion bill over the 5 year period but has \$70 billion coming from General Fund transfer to keep the bill solvent. He noted that it is also leveling some funding from the strategic petroleum reserves. To close he stated that there will be more details to come as the act starts to move forward.

Reports/Comments:

X. [Report from MPO Administrator](#)

Mr. Prinz gave an update of the Downtown Circulation Study noting that data collection has started and a steering committee is being put together to meet in the near future. He also mentioned the Rail Study that is currently underway and the revised meeting schedule.

XI. [Report from NCDOT Division 3](#)

Mr. Patrick Riddle was present to give his update on the Division 3 projects, notably mentioning a new date of November 2016 for the Piney Green Rd project.

XII. [Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch](#)

Ms. Nazia Sarder gave her report from NCDOT. She noted that the Onslow County CTP steering committee is set to meet again on January 12. They have been working on county growth rates, as well as, working on locations for public involvement.

XIII. [Report from FHWA Field Officer](#)

Mr. Ron Lucas was present and gave a brief introduction on himself, as this was his first TAC meeting.

XIV. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Lazzara asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jack Bright made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bob Warden seconded the motion. Mr. Lazzara called the meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.