

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 12, 2015 3:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Mr. Michael Lazzara, Mr. Bob Warden, and Mr. Jack Bright

Others Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Peggy Holland, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Robert Vause, Mr. Present: Ron Massey, Ms. Nazia Sarder, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Ms. Karen Fussell, and Mr. Patrick Flanagan

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Michael Lazzara called the Jacksonville Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2015 in the New Bridge Street Conference Room of Jacksonville City Hall.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Lazzara welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated Commissioner Jarman has been appointed to serve on this committee from the Board of Commissioners. He has not fully completed the Ethics process and will not be able to participate until that is completed.

III. [Adoption of Agenda](#)

Mr. Lazzara asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

No Public Comment was made.

Action Items:

Consent:

V. [December 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Lazzara asked for a motion to accept the Consent Items.

Non-Consent:

VI. [Election of Officers](#)

Mr. Lazzara asked if there were any nominations.

Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Lazzara as Chairman and Mr. Jack Bright as Vice-Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee.

The motion to approve the two nominations was made by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Bob Warden and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VII. [FY 2016 UPWP](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the FY 2016 UPWP, stating each year the Jacksonville MPO produces a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to outline expenditures necessary to carry out planning activities by the MPO and its member agencies during the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Prinz discussed the new budget for FY 16, stating it's slightly less than FY 15. The revenues have no change and the expenditures have decreased. Mr. Prinz also stated in the coming year we will be working on the projects that are included on the Draft STIP. We will also begin the P4.0 prioritization process.

Some special studies we would like to take on are the Downtown Circulation Study and the Multimodal Center Route Planning.

Mr. Bob Warden moved to approve the FY 2016 UPWP. Mr. Jack Bright seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the FY 16 UPWP was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items:

VIII. [NC 53 Corridor Study](#)

Ms. Peggy Holland stated the NC 53 Corridor Study is complete.

Recommendations:

- Landscape medians
- Enhance lighting

- Shared-use path on east/sidewalk on west

Ms. Holland stated the study will be presented at the Public meeting on February 25, in conjunction with the LRTP and the Draft TIP. The NC 53 Access Management Project scored very well in the SPOT process and is funded in the Draft TIP.

Mr. Prinz replied that the stakeholder group consisted of some prominent business owners. Mr. Prinz asked the Committee to take a look at the Study and if any concerns should arise, please bring them to the February Public meeting to discuss with our consultants.

IX. [Sneads Ferry Community Plan](#)

Ms. Peggy Holland stated Sneads Ferry Community Plan is almost complete. The Blue Ribbon Panel has reviewed the draft plan. Public review and comment period will be until February 23rd.

Key Recommendations:

- Preserve community character, preserve open space, housing mix, commercial core
- Complete Streets, multi-modal improvements, intersection improvements

X. [Strategic Transportation Corridors](#)

Mr. Prinz stated next month the Board of Transportation will consider updating their Strategic Transportation Corridor Policy. In 2004 it focused solely on highways. The intent was to identify the Strategic Transportation Corridors that were of value of the entire State.

The intent of this policy update is to review the list of Highway Corridors that were adopted in 2004, update where needed and then fold in some of the multi-modal facilities like Seaports and Airports.

In southeastern North Carolina, US 17, I- 40, NC 24 & US 258 are identified as Strategic Corridors. The two ports, Morehead City and the Port of Wilmington, have been added.

Mr. Prinz stated in the work program a five year planning calendar was adopted, which sets out projects we would like to do in future years. Next year FY 17 is our Rail Feasibility Study. We want to take a detailed look at the Rail Corridor and evaluate what needs to be done and start programing those things into the STI.

XI. [GROW AMERICA Act](#)

Mr. Prinz stated earlier this month the President released his FY 16 Budget Proposal and included in that proposal is the GROW AMERICA Act. This is intended to be a proposed authorization bill for the Federal Transportation Program.

Mr. Prinz explained the acronym: **Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities** throughout **America**.

The proposal contains increased funding for Transportation across the board for the entire Federal DOT program every year for six years. This Bill also addresses the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) shortfall. Mr. Prinz reminded the Committee that they recently talked about this and stated if there wasn't an adjustment to the Highway Trust Fund Revenue; it is going to run out of money. However a continuing resolution brought some money into that program and it's solvent for now. Also there is long-term funding for long-term planning.

XII. [Downtown Jacksonville Circulation Study](#)

Mr. Prinz talked about the Downtown Circulation Study. The study shows a proposed scope of work.

- Current needs
- Future needs
- Parking - evaluation
- Streetscape – addressing
- Guide future investment
- Scope under development

Reports/Comments:

XIII. [Report from MPO Administrator](#)

Mr. Prinz reminded the Committee about the SEI and RED filing. The dead line is April 15, 2015.

Mr. Prinz stated the ITS Authorization is going well.

We are partnering with NCDOT on some landscaping; we will be seeing some construction soon. There will be landscaping on Marine Boulevard and Johnson Boulevard. We will also be extending Phase II of the Freedom Fountain. These are partnerships with NCDOT.

Mr. Warden asked if there was any other information on the Memorial Grove. Mr. Prinz stated there has been discussion on funding to recondition the Grove. Mr. Ron Massey stated there have been discussions also on changing the trees at the Grove.

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

Mr. Patrick Riddle gave his report with all the updates, completed projects, and delays.

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

Ms. Nazia Sarder gave her report. The Jacksonville model has been completed. The Onslow County CTP should be started around April.

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

Mr. Bill Marley was not available to give his report.

XVII. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Lazzara called the meeting adjourned.