

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2014 3:00 p.m.**

**JOHNSON BOULEVARD CONFERENCE ROOM
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL**

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

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Ms. Peggy Holland, Mr. Robert Vause, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Saeed Mohamed, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Bill Marley, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Ms. Karen Fussell, Mr. Rob Myers, Mr. John Kleinfeldt, Mr. Bob James, Ms. Rose James, Ms. Theresa Kleinfeldt and Dr. Richard Woodruff

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Michael Lazzara called the Jacksonville Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:03 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the Johnson Boulevard Conference Room of Jacksonville City Hall.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Lazzara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. [Public Comment](#)

Mr. Lazzara stated the first order of business would be public comments.

Mr. Bob James of Oakhurst River Estates, 203 Crooked Creek Rd., and others were present and had comments to make.

Mr. James's concern today is the intersection of Ridge Road and US 258. He has concern of possible death when trying to make a left turn from Ridge Road. Mr. James stated when drivers are coming off the bypass they do not slow down. While sitting at Ridge Road it's hard to see what is coming due to a curve in the road. Also during rush hour there is a steady stream of traffic from the base. Mr. James stated he has had to make a right and turn around to go back. Mr. James also stated drivers are using the center turn lane as a merge lane and there is traffic coming from Blue Creek Road doing the same thing.

Mr. James stated he noticed in the list of projects on the web site that there is a realignment of the intersection where a light would go. Mr. James suggests a light at the end of Ridge Road or police cars sitting in the strip.

Mr. Prinz replied to the concern of Mr. James and the other residents attending that public input had prompted us to contact NCDOT to do a safety analysis. The results came back showing there is a concern and action will be taken.

Mr. James asked if he could contact Mr. Prinz directly to keep an update of the progress and was told yes.

Action Items:

Consent:

IV. August 29, 2013 and October 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

V. Draft Unified Work Program Amendment

Mr. Lazzara asked for a motion to accept the Agenda as amended and the Consent Items.

Mr. Bob Warden moved to approve the agenda as amended and accept the consent items. Mr. Lionell Midgett seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended and accept the consent items was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Non-Consent

VI. [Election of Officers](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz went over the stipulations of the by-laws for the election of officers.

Mr. Jack Bright made a motion to maintain the current officers in their positions; Mr. Michael Lazzara as Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee and Mr. Lionell Midgett as Vice-Chairman.

The motion to maintain the current officers in their position was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items

VII. [Draft P3.0 Local Prioritization Model](#)

Mr. Prinz spoke about the Work Program that was adopted at the last meeting for P3.0 project selection. It identified how we will identify our transportation priorities and how we relay the information to NCDOT. The TCC sub-committee met several times the past few months.

Mr. Lazzara asked Mr. Prinz to identify the names to be read off. City of Jacksonville representatives were Mr. Ron Massey, Lt. Sean Magill; Onslow County were Mr. Ben Warren and Mr. Chris White; NCDOT Div. 3 was Mr. Patrick Riddle; NCDOT District 1 was Mr. Robert Vause; NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch was Mr. Saeed Mohamed; Marine Corps Base was Mr. Tim McCurry; and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development was Ms. Sheila Pierce.

Mr. Prinz stated there was great participation. Mr. Prinz then moved forward to the timeline and reminded the committee that the name was changed from SPOT 3.0 to P3.0.

A call for projects was sent out asking for any ideas. We received comments like we heard today for highways and other modes of transportation.

In October, November and December the sub committee worked on the draft project list. Mr. Prinz also reminded the committee that by law we are required to put together a written process for prioritizing all of our transportation needs.

On December 12th the TCC reviewed both of those documents, the Project List and the Prioritization Methodology. They have signed off on them and forwarded to the TAC for consideration today.

Mr. Prinz stated there are three critical tasks.

- Identify the projects
- Develop a prioritization methodology
- Submit to NCDOT

Mr. Prinz discussed the Draft P3.0 Local Prioritization Methodology stating it has to have qualitative and quantitative measures, must include public input process, must address all modes and must be approved by April 30, 2014. It must also consider/document public input when assigning points. Mr. Prinz stated since the TCC voted on the Prioritization Methodology, we've gotten some feedback from Raleigh and we need to make some adjustments.

Mr. Prinz stated he would like some feedback from the Committee on whether we are on the right track.

Ms. Karen Fussell talked about the Ridge Road and Blue Creek Road.

VIII. [Draft P3.0 Transportation Project List](#)

Mr. Prinz went into a detailed description of all the projects that were identified.

Highway Projects

- Statewide – 9 projects, 2 new

- Regional Impact – 15 projects, 6 new
- Division Needs – 21 projects, 6 new

Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects

Transit Projects

Aviation Projects

The committee discussed the removal of D-8 = Hemlock Halltown Connector and D-1 = Hunters Creek Connection. Further discussion will be via email.

Reports/Comments

IX. [Report from MPO Administrator](#)

Mr. Prinz stated he will email a report.

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

Mr. Patrick Riddle stated he will email the committee an updated report of resurfacing. Mr. Robert Vause stated the Rhodestown Bridge is still on schedule to open March 21, 2014.

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

Mr. Saeed Mohamed gave his report.

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

Mr. Bill Marley had nothing to report.

XIII. [Questions, Closings Comments](#)

Mr. Vause stated the resurfacing contract of Hargett Street has been awarded and ready to move forward. Mr. Lazzara reminded the committee that a Meeting Schedule is included in your agenda packet.

The TAC meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.