



Jacksonville Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator

DATE: August 7, 2015

RE: TAC Meeting – August 13, 2015

A Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 3:30 PM on Thursday, August 13, in Conference Room New Bridge Street of Jacksonville City Hall (815 New Bridge Street). The purpose of this meeting is to consider adopting resolutions of support for a Camp Lejeune Rail Study and an OAJ traffic control tower, in addition to holding discussions on Prioritization 4.0 and pending roadway improvement projects. An agenda for the meeting is attached.

Those unable to attend the meeting in-person are encouraged to participate via conference call - (910) 938-6543.



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 13, 2015 – 3:30 PM

Jacksonville City Hall, Conference Room New Bridge Street

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| I. | Call to Order | Chairman Lazzara |
| II. | Welcome and Introductions | Chairman Lazzara |
| III. | Public Comment | Chairman Lazzara |

Action Items

Consent

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| IV. | Draft April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1) | |
| | <i>Recommended Action: Approval of draft meeting minutes</i> | |
| V. | Title VI Program Update (Attachment 2) | |
| | <i>Recommended Action: Adoption of the Title VI Program Update</i> | |

Non-Consent

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| VI. | Camp Lejeune Rail Study Resolution of Support (Attachment 3) | Anthony Prinz |
| | <i>Recommended Action: Adoption of the resolution</i> | |
| VII. | OAJ Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support (Attachment 4) | Anthony Prinz |
| | <i>Recommended Action: Adoption of the resolution</i> | |

Discussion Items

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| VIII. | P4.0 Work Program | Anthony Prinz |
| IX. | P4.0 Division Needs/Regional Impact Criteria | Anthony Prinz |
| X. | Highway Projects In-Development | Anthony Prinz |

Reports/Comments

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| XI. | Report from MPO Administrator | Anthony Prinz |
| XII. | Report from NCDOT Division 3 | Patrick Riddle |
| XIII. | Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch | Nazia Sarder |
| XIV. | Report from FHWA Field Officer | Bill Marley |
| XV. | Questions, Closing Comments | Chairman Lazzara |



Attachment: 1
Transportation Advisory Committee
Consent - Action Required

To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator
Subject: Draft April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

8/13/2015

Recommended Action: Approval of draft meeting minutes

Attachments: Draft March 9, 2015 meeting minutes

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
April 9, 2015 3:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Mr. Michael Lazzara, Mr. Bob Warden, and Ms. Sandra Fountain

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Peggy Holland, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Robert Vause, Mr. Ron Massey, Ms. Nazia Sarder, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Ms. Karen Collette, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Mr. Robert Myers, and Ms. Allison Fluilt

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Michael Lazzara called the Jacksonville Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2015 in the New Bridge Street Conference Room of Jacksonville City Hall.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Lazzara welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our new Division 3 Board of Transportation Member, Ms. Sandra Fountain. Mr. Lazzara extended a welcome to her.

III. [Adoption of Agenda](#)

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

Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda. Ms. Sandra Fountain seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

No Public Comment was made.

Action Items:

Consent:

V. [February 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

VI. [FY 2016 Annual Self-Certification](#)

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

Ms. Sandra Fountain made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Mr. Bob Warden seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Non-Consent:

VII. [Draft 2040 LRTP](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz introduced Ms. Allison Fluitt from Kimley Horn and Associates. She briefed the Long Range Plan. Mr. Prinz stated the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is our Long Range strategy for Transportation investment for the greater Jacksonville area. The basis for our Plan is scientific evaluation.

Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to approve the Draft 2040 LRTP. Ms. Sandra Fountain seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VIII. [Draft FY 2016-2025 TIP](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the FY 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. The selections of projects in the document were the result of the P3.0 criteria, local points assignment and funding availability as determined by NCDOT. A financial plan is a critical component of the TIP which shows that the document is fiscally constrained and economically feasible.

Mr. Bob Warden moved to approve the Draft FY 2016-2025 TIP. Ms. Sandra Fountain seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

IX. [U-4906 Gum Branch Rd Widening Project Modification](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the need to change the scope of project U-4906. The original scope of the project was to widen to a three lane section. Mr. Prinz is proposing to change the scope to include paved shoulders, some added turn lanes and adjustments to sight distance and a few other enhancements.

The project is funded but not enough to complete the project as originally scoped. These scoping changes will serve as a “band aid” until the roadway can be widened to a 4 lane cross section, With that in mind, changing the scope also reduces the amount of wasted pavement.

Mr. Bob Warden had several questions on the changing of the scope that were answered by Mr. Prinz, Mr. Robert Vause, Ms. Karen Collette and Mr. Patrick Riddle.

Mr. Bob Warden moved to approve the U-4906 Gum Branch Rd Widening Project Modification. Ms. Sandra Fountain seconded the motion and unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items:

X. [Possible TAC/TCC Meeting – OAJ Tour](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed having a joint TAC/TCC meeting that would include a tour of the construction at OAJ. Transportation would be provided via Jacksonville Transit. This joint meeting would suffice for the May TCC meeting and the June TAC meeting but would not be mandatory. Meeting was planned for May

The present members consented on a joint meeting at OAJ.

Reports/Comments:

XI. [Report from MPO Administrator](#)

Mr. Prinz reported on the motor fuel tax. As of April 1, 2015 the motor fuel tax was adjusted to 36 cents. Mr. Prinz also reported on the stagnant GROW AMERICA Act. Reauthorization needs to happen in May.

Mr. Prinz discussed Council's approval with Camp Lejeune to bring the City's ITS on base.

Finally, Mr. Prinz discussed the flashing pedestrian signals on Henderson Drive.

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

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

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

Ms. Nazia Sarder discussed the CTP briefly and that it would be picking up next month, May. The CTP is an 18 month process.

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

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

XV. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Lazzara discussed the bike path/lane on Marine Blvd. where it crosses in front of driveways. A cyclist was hit recently. Mr. Prinz and Ms. Holland will look into the issue.

Mr. Lazzara called the meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.



Attachment: 2

Transportation Advisory Committee Consent - Action Required

To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator
Subject: Title VI Program Update

8/13/2015

Federal regulations require the Jacksonville MPO to maintain a program that demonstrates compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The program must include a demographic profile of the metropolitan area, the mobility needs of minority populations and an analysis of transportation project impacts. The program is updated every three years, or as necessary. Attached is a draft of the latest Title VI program update for TAC consideration.

Recommended Action: Adoption of the Title VI Program Update

Attachment: Title VI Program Update
Title VI Adopting Resolution



Jacksonville Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, all programs receiving financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration are subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to prepare and submit a Title VI Program; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO is a recipient of federal transportation planning funding; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO has compiled all required information for its planning area and completed all required analysis of impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Title VI Program is in compliance with all DOT Title VI regulations and serves as documentation of Title VI compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the Updated MPO Title VI Program on this the 13th day of August, 2015.

Michael A. Lazzara, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to me this ____ day of _____ 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____.



Attachment: 3 Transportation Advisory Committee Action Required

To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator
Subject: Camp Lejeune Rail Study Resolution of Support

8/13/2015

The rail line owned and operated by Camp Lejeune is identified by the Jacksonville MPO Long Range Transportation Plan and NCDOT Eastern North Carolina Infrastructure Improvement Study as a critical resource for improving commercial freight access to Jacksonville and Onslow County. Improved commercial access to the rail line has the potential to further economic development, while also creating a revenue source to fund long-term maintenance and enhancement of the rail line.

Section 331 of the FY 13 National Defense Authorization Act encourages the Marine Corps to partner with state and local governments to sustain and enhance critical infrastructure in support of the military mission. Recognizing funding limitations of the Marine Corps, in addition to the long-term carrying cost of the rail line, a partnership is envisioned amongst numerous stakeholders to maintain, operate and enhance the rail line in the future. A Camp Lejeune Rail Study has been proposed to evaluate the existing rail line, enhancements need to support commercial access and partnership options to reduce Marine Corps financial obligations, while reserving priority for deployment.

The purpose of adopting this resolution is to demonstrate need and support for the Camp Lejeune Rail Study.

Recommended Action: Adoption of the resolution

Attachment: Camp Lejeune Rail Study Resolution of Support



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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A CAMP LEJEUNE RAIL STUDY

WHEREAS, the rail line owned and operated by Camp Lejeune is identified by the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan and NCDOT Eastern North Carolina Infrastructure Improvement Study as a critical resource for improving commercial freight access to Jacksonville and Onslow County; and

WHEREAS, improved commercial access to the rail line has the potential to further economic development, while also creating a revenue source to fund long-term maintenance and enhancement of the rail line; and

WHEREAS, Section 331 of the FY 13 National Defense Authorization Act encourages the Marine Corps to partner with state and local governments to sustain and enhance critical infrastructure in support of the military mission; and

WHEREAS, recognizing funding limitations of the Marine Corps, in addition to the long-term carrying cost of the rail line, a partnership is envisioned amongst numerous stakeholders to maintain, operate and enhance the rail line in the future; and

WHEREAS, a Camp Lejeune Rail Study has been proposed to evaluate the existing rail line, enhancements need to support commercial access and partnership options to reduce Marine Corps financial obligations, while reserving priority for deployment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee supports completion of a Camp Lejeune Rail Study to further long-term economic development potential and Marine Corps mobility. The TAC hereby adopts this resolution of support on this the 13th day of August, 2015.

Michael A. Lazzara, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to me this ____ day of _____ 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____.



Attachment: 4 Transportation Advisory Committee Action Required

To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Anthony Prinz, Transportation Services Administrator
Subject: Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support

8/13/2015

Albert J. Ellis Airport (OAJ) is the third busiest in the country without an air traffic control tower. Once constructed, a control tower is expected to improve the safety of operations at OAJ and potentially increase competitiveness in recruiting additional commercial aviation services.

Combined, OAJ and the Federal Aviation Administration have allocated \$2.5 million toward the estimated \$4.5 million necessary to construct a tower. With P3.0, the Jacksonville MPO submitted the control tower for NCDOT funding consideration and weighted the project with the maximum number of local points allowed. Unfortunately, the tower was not selected for funding and is also not expected to compete well in P4.0. As a result, local stakeholders have requested that the North Carolina General Assembly consider funding the remaining \$2.0 million to construct the tower.

The purpose of adopting this resolution is to demonstrate need and support for the project from the Jacksonville MPO.

Recommended Action: Adoption of the resolution

Attachment: OAJ Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support



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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALBERT J. ELLIS AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Albert J. Ellis Airport, commonly known as OAJ, is a critical asset for the regional mobility of Jacksonville, Onslow County, area military installations and area beach communities; and

WHEREAS, the current level of commercial air traffic, in addition to opportunities for future economic development through air travel, point to the need for improving the safety and efficiency of aviation with the construction of an air traffic control tower at OAJ; and

WHEREAS, OAJ is the third busiest airport in the United States without an air traffic control tower and, once constructed, it is estimated to serve 410,000 people annually, which is significantly more than half of existing towers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, \$2.5 million in Federal Aviation Administration and local funds are allocated to further what is estimated to be a \$4.5 million project, leaving a funding gap of \$2.0 million; and

WHEREAS, since the need for air traffic control towers is not common throughout North Carolina, the Strategic Transportation Investment law and associated prioritization process did not rate the air traffic control tower high enough to be eligible for State transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, additional financial support is needed from the State to close the funding gap and position the air traffic control tower for construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee supports construction of an air traffic control tower at the Albert J. Ellis Airport to further safe and efficient regional air mobility for our community and our military partners, while promoting opportunities for economic development through air travel. Further, the TAC requests that the State identify and appropriate funds to fill the \$2.0 million gap and move the air traffic control tower project to construction. The TAC hereby adopts this resolution of support on this the 13th day of August, 2015.

Michael A. Lazzara, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to me this ____ day of _____ 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____.