

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

Jacksonville City Hall, Johnson Boulevard Conference Room

Present: Mr. Ben Warren, Mr. Wally Hansen, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Mr. Beshad Norowzi, and Mr. Jeremy Schmidt

Others Present: Ms. Peggy Holland, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Mr. Robert Myers, Mr. Chris White, Mr. George Hoops, Mr. Tim McCurry, Lt. Sean Magill, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Mark Eatman, Mr. Patrick Flanagan, Mr. Tom Slater, and Ms. Lillie Gray

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Ben Warren called the TCC meeting to order at 10:33 am, Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Jacksonville City Hall, Johnson Boulevard Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warren welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

III. [Public Comment](#)

Mr. Warren asked if there were any public comments.

No public comments were made.

Action Items

IV. [February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Warren asked for a motion to approve the February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Patrick Riddle moved to approve the February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wally Hansen seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

V. [Draft Public Participation Plan](#)

Ms. Peggy Holland discussed the Draft Public Participation Plan. She noted that the document has been updated to reflect changes issued via the FAST Act and FTA requirements. She also noted that the public comment period had been changed from 30 to 25 days. Additionally, the document has been streamlined to make it easier for both staff and citizens to use.

Mr. Warren asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Public Participation Plan to the TAC.

Mr. Wally Hansen moved to recommend approval of the Draft Public Participation Plan to the TAC. Mr. Patrick Riddle seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend approval of the Draft Public Participation Plan to the TAC was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VI. [Cape Fear Bicycle Plan Resolution of Support](#)

Ms. Holland presented an overview of the Cape Fear Bicycle Plan. The Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan helps to increase transportation choices, improve safety for all bicyclists, improve health and well-being of communities, create value and generate economic activity, and inform decision-making for roadway projects. A discussion occurred regarding adoption of the plan's resolution.

The TCC will recommend endorsement of the plan to the TAC.

Mr. Ron Massey moved to recommend endorsement of the Cape Fear Bicycle Plan Resolution to the TAC. Ms. Carol Long seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend endorsement of the Cape Fear Bicycle Plan Resolution to the TAC was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items

VII. [FY 2018-2027 TIP Timeline](#)

Ms. Holland began by noting that NCDOT will be releasing the STIP on June 29, 2017 and that the Draft STIP will be changing drastically. She noted that the STIP will be adopted on August 3, 2017 by the Board of Transportation. She mentioned that there would be a transportation open house on July 25, 2017 and that the TIP would be presented again at National Night Out on August 1, 2017 and then brought back to the TCC on August 10, 2017 at the next meeting.

VIII. [P5.0 Overview](#)

Ms. Holland gave an overview of the P5.0 process. She noted the new work plan for P5.0, mentioned changes in criteria and noted that a meeting to discuss alternative criteria in the Region was scheduled for July 6, 2017. 16 new projects may be submitted for each mode and the Local Input Methodology will need to be updated. She noted that major criteria changes in public transportation, safety, freight and multimodal and just minor changes to criteria for aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, rail and economic competitiveness. She discussed the scoring criteria and weights for statewide mobility, regional impact and division needs.

IX. [Gum Branch Road Improvements](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz noted how much of a challenge Gum Branch Road has been within in the community and noted that a community had drafted a petition for NCDOT to accelerate U-5793 project. He discussed the U-4906 project that has gone from a three lane widening project to a modernization project that includes shoulders, turn lanes and a couple road realignments. This project is scheduled for construction in FY 19. Mr. Prinz proposed breaking U-5793 into more manageable pieces from submission into the P5.0 system. One piece will go from Summersill School Rd to Ramsey Rd and the second piece will be from Ramsey Rd to Rhodestown Rd. The committee agreed that this is a reasonable action but Mr. Ben Warren asked for there to be more detail. Mr. Prinz agreed and noted that additional detail will occur when the P5.0 Subcommittee meets.

X. [MPO Website/Logo/Name](#)

Mr. Prinz noted that the last time the website has been updated was in 2010. He mentioned that both the software and the aesthetics were antiquated and that it was time to move to a more mobile friendly and easy to use version. He noted that the new website is more user friendly and mobile friendly, as well as cost effective. He showed the committee the live site.

Mr. Prinz also discussed updating the logo and name of the organization. He showed several previous examples of the logo and also the finalized logo. He mentioned two potential name changes "Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan *Transportation* Planning Organization" and "Jacksonville *Onslow* Urban Area Metropolitan *Transportation* Planning Organization."

Reports/Comments

XIII. [Report from MPO](#)

Mr. Prinz mentioned that the City's park and ride lot is out to bid. There is intent to begin the design process on the multimodal center in the fall. BlueTOAD is up and working as well. He also noted that there will be a series of signal modifications over the next few weeks.

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

Mr. Patrick Riddle provided a list of projects and asked for questions to be emailed to Alan Pytcher.

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

Mr. Beshad Norowzi gave an update on the Onslow County CTP and provided additional updates from TPB.

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

Mr. George Hoops gave a brief update for FHWA and mentioned providing guidance on the TIP.

XVII. [Questions, Closings Comments](#)

Mr. Chris White gave a quick update on what is happening at the airport. He noted that there has been a 10.5% growth rate the last 8 months and that they are at 85-86% capacity. The control tower project will be out to bid in July and will be open by August 10, 2017. He also noted the runway extension project and mentioned that commercial airports could receive funding above and beyond the STI program.

Ms. Carol Long gave an update on the Onslow United Transit System. She noted that they were gearing up to do the Community Connectivity Plan and that there will be a good deal of public involvement involved. She also noted that they are on track to increase ridership, noting approximately 87,000 trips this year.

She also brought up bicycle awareness and noting that bicyclists also need to be aware of the what they are doing and asked about warnings for bicyclists. Lt. Sean Magill addressed this issue and noted that bicyclists are stopped and given proper protocol. He also noted that a new law had passed that allows drivers to pass slower moving vehicles on a double yellow line.

Mr. Ben Warren moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.