

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
August 9, 2018**

**JACKSONVILLE – ONSLOW COMMERCE CENTER
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Mr. Paul Buchanan, Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Randy Thomas, and Mr. Jack Bright

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Lt. Sean Magill, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Mr. Zack O’Keefe, Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Ms. Sheila Knight, Mr. Daryl Vreeland, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Chad Kimes, Mr. Behshad Norowzi and Ms. Kristina Solberg

Absent: Mr. Mike Alford

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Bob Warden called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:34 pm on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at The Jacksonville Onslow Commerce Center – Executive Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warden welcomed everyone to the TAC meeting and introductions were made.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as written.

Mr. Jack Bright made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written.

The agenda was unanimously accepted as written by the committee members present.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Consent

V. [March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes \(Attachment 1\)](#)

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to adopt and approve the Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2018.

Mr. Jack Bright made a motion to accept the June 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to adopt and approve the Meeting Minutes.

Discussion Items:

VI. [Performance Targets – PM 2 and PM 3](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz discussed Performance Measures 2 and 3. He noted that these measures did not go over very well during the TCC meeting but through follow-up conversations with both NCDOT and FHWA a better understanding of how the targets are being measured evolved. He noted that the metrics on what is a “good interstate mile” changed as FHWA released the nation wide standard which may have resulted in the lower target, he stated that this doesn’t mean the actual condition of the pavement changed, simply how it’s scored has.

A lengthy discussion between committee members and others present surrounding the performance measures and the change between the state model and the federal model. Ultimately, Mr. Prinz noted while this doesn’t look good at face value it does make sense. Additionally, he stated that the “targets” can also be seen as thresholds and in order to not cross swords with FHWA the thresholds or “floor” is set lower. He discussed the remaining measures and noted that staff is currently collecting data to show the committee the entire picture before a motion is asked to be made regarding PM2 and PM3.

Mr. Prinz also made note of performance measures that will need to be adopted for public transit but stated that additional work was needed before a motion would be asked to be made. He noted that while PM2 and PM3 fall on NCDOT, the performance measures related to TAM directly correlate with OUTS and Jacksonville Transit.

VII. [P5.0 Status Update](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the P5.0 work program. He noted that significant progress had been made and stated that the end goal is a new STIP, with the draft hopefully available at the end of the year, beginning of next. He then discussed that some changes had been made to the Regional Impact Local Input Point allocation. Noting that initially there were only 13

projects but after further investigation it was discovered that while the NC 111 Extension scored at the Regional Level in P4.0, it had not been scored at that level in P5.0. He noted that staff worked to have the project reclassified and that points were moved from the lowest scoring project to allow NC 111 Extension to be allocated 100 points.

Additionally, he mentioned that we did gain one project at the Regional Level, which is the widening of Western Boulevard to 6 lanes. Mr. Prinz and Mr. Chad Kimes did note that while the NC 111 Extension may fall off the TIP, additional measures are being taken to assure the project doesn't completely die and will be in a better position to be picked up and funded in P6.0. Mr. Kimes noted that NEPA processes will continue and while that is in process additional funding will hopefully be allocated to continue the design as well which will ultimately reduce the total cost of the project.

Mr. Prinz continued on and noted that at the Statewide level McDaniel Drive at US 17 North was funded and scoping for the project has already begun. He also discussed several key projects that are being evaluated at the Division Needs label.

Mr. Patrick Riddle discussed briefly that the project at Gum Branch and Western would be going back out for bid as bids have come in high. Mr. Chad Kimes noted that contractors are not wanting to work at night and that the market is being overloaded right now and that changes are being made to give the project options for daytime work.

VIII. [Camp Lejeune Rail Update](#)

Mr. Prinz stated that we have made some really good progress. Ms. Shelia Knight noted that we have been very fortunate with working with US Delegation to set up meetings and move things forward. She noted that several meetings Senator Thom Tillis had occurred and that things looked positive that a solution would be found to continue commercial use of the existing rail line. She noted that a timeline was not known yet. Additionally, she stated that the short term goal is to get the existing roadway project on the ground and then the second part of this is to identify additional tracts of land for commercial development. Mr. Prinz also noted that having an additional source for bringing in aggregate will be a benefit to the community as well.

IX. [Jacksonville Station Update](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed Jacksonville Station, noting that the facility is a large bus station that will house Jacksonville Transit, OUTS, Greyhound and Amtrak. He provided images and details regarding the building. He noted that the land was once a rail spur and that the land was being used as the City's local match for the project. He continued on to discuss additional details of the building, both outside and inside. He also discussed the funding strategy and the timeline of the project.

Reports/Comments:

X. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz provided a brief update. He noted that there is an open house on Monday, August 13, 2018 for the interchange project at Jacksonville Parkway and Marine Boulevard. He also noted that the Transportation Secretary would be in town on August 31, 2018.

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

Mr. Patrick Riddle provided a brief update for Division 3. He noted the resurfacing contract is underway and that bids are going up for the resurfacing projects as well.

Mr. Chad Kimes introduced Ms. Caitlin Marks and noted that she does excellent work in prioritization both P5.0 and P6.0 in the future.

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

Mr. Zack O'Keefe provided an update for the Transportation Planning Branch. He noted that there was a temporary pause on the Strategic Transportation Corridor study. He also provided a brief update on the Onslow County CTP.

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

Ms. Kristina Solberg provided an update for FHWA. She noted that I95 was on the horizon to be widened from 4 lanes to 8 lanes and that US70 is being brought up to interstate standards and is the future I42. These projects were awarded an INFRA Grant by the federal government.

XIV. [Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Bright had a final discussion about how important rail is for economic development in this community and beyond.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm.