

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
October 8, 2020**

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
JOHNSON BOULEVARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Debbie
In Person: Jefferson, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, and Ms. Jessica Rhue
Virtually Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Lt. Sean Magill, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Chris
Present: Palsgrove, Mr. Brian Kelly, Ms. Stacie Miles, Mr. Ray Silance, Mr. Bill Marley, and Mr.
Dan Combo
Absent: Ms. Carol Long

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:33 am, Thursday, October 8, 2020, at Jacksonville City Hall, Johnson Boulevard Conference Room – 815 New Bridge Street., Jacksonville, NC.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting, both in person and virtual. Mr. Prinz did a roll call to make sure everyone that was virtual could be heard.

III. [Public Comment](#)

No public comments were made.

Action Items

IV. [May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Jessica Rhue moved to approve the May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ryan King seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

V. [2045 MTP Amendment 1](#)

Ms. Trebil presented Amendment 1 to the Committee. The TAC adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) on March 12, 2020, which is the long range plan for our urbanized area. Staff is recommending updates and changes to Chapter 7, Performance Measures by adding a new section called Transit Safety Performance Measures which also requires that NCDOT and MPO track performance towards these measures.

Additionally, Jacksonville Transit is now required to report Transit Safety Performance Measures (PTASP) for both fixed route and the demand response. This is a new section that has been added and is required to be part of JUMPO's MTP.

The Draft 2045 MTP Amendment 1 has been uploaded to JUMPO's website for public comment and no were received.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend to the TAC the 2045 MTP Amendment 1.

Mr. Ryan King moved to recommend to the TAC the 2045 MTP Amendment 1 for approval. Ms. Jessica Rhue seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend to the TAC the 2045 MTP Amendment 1 for approval was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VI. [2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 2](#)

The Transportation Advisory Committee adopted the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on December 12, 2019. Amendment 1 was approved by the TAC on June 11, 2020, which included the addition of two new projects for Jacksonville Transit as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This amendment also makes other adjusts that were made by NCDOT to assist in balancing their budget as well as increase the overall project budget.

In October 2020, the State Board of Transportation (BOT) will consider adopting a re-programmed State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) adjusting project schedules in order to ensure a fiscally constraint program in accordance with federal law. Projects that were committed as a result of Prioritization 5.0 remain committed even if funding is shown through FY 2027. Projects that fall in FY 2030 or later are shown for either illustrative purposes or to show fiscal impact.

The Division allowed JUMPO to provide feedback on the proposed changes. As a result, Commerce Drive Extension (U-5878) was able to stay on schedule, while Trade Street (U-5787) was pushed out. It should be noted that the changes for U-5787 and U-5878 were not initially presented to the BOT for consideration and that approval is expected in November.

As a result of NCDOT re-programming the STIP, JUMPO is required to update the MTIP to reflect these changes. The proposed Amendment has been uploaded to JUMPO's website for public comment and none were received.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval to TAC.

Mr. Ryan King move to recommend the 2020-2029 MTIP – Amendment 2 to the TAC for approval. Mr. Ron Massey seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the recommendation to TAC for approval of the 2020-2029 MTIP-Amendment 2 was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items

VII. [P6.0 Update](#)

Mr. Prinz reminded everyone we use the Prioritization work program as our guide to make sure we meet all our deadlines. Due to the prior discussion of reprogramming the TIP and other prior discussions related to revenue issues, the future of Prioritization 6.0 is very uncertain. At this point, we are continuing to move forward with DOT. We will be informed at a later date if we should stop or move forward.

The good news is DOT funding is recovering. Hopefully, in the future, we will see some of the projects on hold moving forward.

Mr. Prinz presented a month-end financial graph, and an ending cash balances example for DOT. Mr. Prinz stated DOT put a report out stating how much funds will be available for our area.

VIII. [Douglass Gate Improvements](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the safety and traffic concerns related to the Douglass Gate which include traffic stacking along US 17 in through lanes and difficulty making left turn movements from Douglass Gate onto US 17. Short term improvements are underway now that an ISGA has been approved between Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune and NCDOT. NCDOT will design and construct the project with reimbursement from the MCB.

The MPO's long term goal is to look realign Douglass Gate to intersect with either Onslow Pines Road or Murrill Hill Road. The MPO and the MCB are working on submitting a project to OEA to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate this project.

Mr. Kelly mentioned the traffic congestions in this area and if they could be included in the feasibility study. There will be a pre-scoping meeting the week of October 12, 2020. There is still a question about when the feasibility study would actually commence.

Reports/Comments

IX. [Report from MPO](#)

Ms. Trebil discussed the draft 2021 Meeting Schedule. Letting the Committee know it will be presented to the TAC at their next meeting.

Ms. Trebil spoke about the progress on Jacksonville Station. The storm water pond is built. Foundation work should begin in a couple of weeks. We are looking for a date to hold a Jacksonville Station Steel Signing Ceremony. We will extend an invitation, but only if we can do so safely due to COVID.

We are still working on the MOU regarding the MPO Boundary. Staff is hopeful that we can take this to the TAC early of 2021.

The Downtown Trail is still funded and is ready to proceed forward. The trail is an asphalt trail picking up where the current trail ends at New Bridge School and extending along Chaney Ave to Railroad Street to Newberry Street. Along Newberry Street, on-street marking will guide users to connect them to Thompson Street Boardwalk. The intersection of New Bridge Street and Chaney Avenue will also be improved to add pedestrian walkways and replacing the wood signal poles with metal.

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

Ms. Marks stated she did not have much to add. Compliments were given to staff for their easiness to work with during these changes and being readily available.

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

Mr. Norowzi gave his report stating that the NC Moves 2050 Draft recommendations/report would be released on October 9th for a 30-day public comment period. He also stated that NCDOT has developed an NCDOT Logistics + Freight Bulletin focusing on sharing current issues, trends, data and analyses on freight and logistics across every mode. Due to NCDOT's financial position, PTD is not adding any new positions at this time.

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

Mr. Bill Marley was not able to be heard so there was no report to present. Mr. Prinz stated the FAST Act is set to expire December 11, 2020.

XIII. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Hansen asked for an adjournment of the October 8, 2020 TCC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.