

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
July 13, 2017**

**JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL,  
JOHNSON BOULEVARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Mr. Paul Buchanan, Mr. Jack Bright, Mr. Bob Warden

Absent: Mr. Michael Lazzara

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Sgt. Phillip Williams, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Mark Eatman, Mr. Ron Massey, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Ron Lucas, Mr. Ben Warren, Mr. Patrick Riddle, Mr. Beshad Norowzi

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Paul Buchanan called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:35 pm on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Jacksonville City Hall, Johnson Boulevard Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

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

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

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

**Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Jack Bright 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. [May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes \(Attachment 1\)](#)
- VI. [Public Participation Plan Update \(Attachment 2\)](#)
- VII. [Cape Fear Bicycle Plan Resolution of Support \(Attachment 3\)](#)

VIII. [NC Corridor Study Resolution of Support \(Attachment 4\)](#)

**Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Jack Bright seconded the motion to approve the consent items.**

**The committee members present unanimously approved the consent items.**

Non-Consent:

IX. [Election of Officers for 2017.](#)

**Mr. Bob Warden made a motion to re-elect the current TAC Officers, Mr. Michael Lazzara as Chairman and Mr. Paul Buchanan as Vice Chairman. Mr. Jack Bright seconded this motion.**

**The motion to re-elect the current officers was unanimously approved by the committee members present.**

Discussion Items:

X. [Draft 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz discussed the Draft 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program and noted that there was no required action and that it would be discussed further in September. He noted that there were 24 total highway projects on the STIP for a total of 590 million dollars. 21 of those 24 projects were guaranteed and 3 would be subject to reprioritization. The Transportation Board is expected to adopt the STIP in August and that ideally adoption by the TAC will occur in September. Mr. Prinz also notes that the MPO will be working closely with the division office to make sure the projects are constructed in an orderly manner given the close vicinity of several of the projects. Further detailed discussion on specific projects ensued.

XI. [U-5716 US 258/NC 24/NC 53 Interchange Alternatives](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed several alternatives for the planned interchange at US 258, NC 24 and NC 53. He noted that the main reason for this project is to improve both congestion and safety, while improving access to the interstate. He discussed the partner projects in the vicinity and noted that the right of way acquisition was scheduled for FY 2019 and construction for FY 2021. Two alternatives were reviewed by the committee. Mr. Prinz noted that additional outreach is planned and that a public meeting had been scheduled on the recommendation of the business owners.

To conclude, Mr. Prinz recommended to the TAC that the committee support Alternative 1A with some modifications.

XII. [Gum Branch Road Improvements](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed improvements for Gum Branch Road. To start, he noted funded

projects that will most likely impact Gum Branch Rd. Additionally; he mentioned that the multilane widening project for Gum Branch Rd was not funded. To counter this, the initial multilane project has been broken down into three pieces in the hopes that these smaller sections will help the project score better and help incrementally improve Gum Branch Rd as surrounding projects are constructed. He concluded by noting that each piece would be submitted into prioritization 5.0.

XIII. [Fiscal Year 18 Initiatives](#)

Mr. Prinz began by making note of several FY 17 accomplishments. These accomplishments included P4.0, projects on the STIP, the Downtown Circulation Study, the Burton Park traffic study, MCBCL Rail Study, the Onslow County CTP, MCBCL traffic circulation and safety studies, among others. Additionally, he noted FY 18 initiatives; which include, P5.0, projects on the STIP, a rail agreement with MCBCL, completion of the CTP, the LRTP update and an ADA Transition Plan. He asked for approval to use funding for an intern/part-time employee to assist with data collection for the ADA Transition Plan. He also noted interstate connectivity as an initiative for FY 18.

**Reports/Comments:**

XIV. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz mentioned that there has been some concern regarding emergency response within super streets and noted that these concerns were addressed in the US 258 superstreet design. He also noted that the Secretary of Transportation would be visiting the community on August 30, 2017.

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

Mr. Patrick Riddle noted that he would get in touch with Mr. Alan Pytcher to distribute the project list.

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

Mr. Beshad Norowzi gave a brief update from the Transportation Planning Branch. He noted that the budget was approved and that public meetings have been set up for the Onslow County CTP.

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

Mr. Ron Lucas did not have an update for FHWA.

XVIII. [Closing Comments](#)

There were no closing comments.

Mr. Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 5:03p.m.