

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
March 12, 2020**

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

Present: Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Randy Thomas, Mr. Paul Buchanan, and Mr. Royce Bennett

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Lt. Sean Magill, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Trevor Carroll, Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, Mr. Chad Kimes, Mr. Chris White, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. BJ Eversole, Mr. Roy Bredahl, and (Mr. Bill Marley and Ms. Nazia Sarder – via phone)

Absent: Mr. Ron Massey, and Mr. Mike Alford

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Bob Warden called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the Jacksonville Onslow Commerce Center – Executive Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warden welcomed everyone to the TAC meeting.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

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

Mr. Royce Bennett made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written.

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

IV. [Public Comment](#)

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Consent

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the Consent items.

V. [January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

VI. [Annual Self-Certification](#)

Mr. Randy Thomas made a motion to approve the Consent items as written. Mr. Paul Buchanan seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the Consent items as written.

Non-Consent

VII. [FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

Ms. Trebil explained this draft is similar to last year's draft. We are working on the Transportation Resiliency Action Committee (TRAC) initiative and the MPO Boundary expansion.

The draft FY 2021 UPWP is similar to the current year's budget and is created to further the operational objectives identified by the TCC and TAC. The work program accounts for all direct operating expenses and includes a request for one additional position. This position is requested to continue conducting more feasibility and planning studies in-house.

NCDOT has modified the way they allocate funding for PL104, which now comes in two phases. We have been notified of the first phase of funding which is the basis for the FY 2021 UPWP. However, we anticipate the second phase of funding to be available in the coming months. Staff's intent to increase the overall budget to match the current year's budget after the second phase allocation allowing the funding distribution from both the City and the County to remain the same.

We have decided to wait on hiring an additional person at this time. We will come back in January which should give us a better understanding where we stand budget wise.

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to approve the FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motions and second to approve the FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program.

VIII. [Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#)

Formally known as the Long Range Transportation Plan, the scope for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) includes establishing goals for the region, reviewing current plans and studies, analyzing transportation and land use conditions, engaging stakeholders and the community, identifying multimodal recommendations, and developing a financially-constrained plan. The JUMPO 2045 MTP is the largest, most far-reaching, planning effort required by the Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (JUMPO).

Ms. Trebil reported that it is the intent of the MPO to update the 2040 MTP with minimal changes which will serve as the basis for the 2045 MTP. These changes incorporate the prior Amendments to the 2040 MTP while also updating the demographics and financials, as well as, a review of all modes of transportation. The 2045 MTP will be updated again with the boundary expansion.

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mr. Randy Thomas made a motion to approve the Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Discussion Items

IX. [P6.0 New Project Submittals](#)

Mr. Prinz stated this lays out all the action we need to take to get through all the projects to get submission. He reminded the Committee there have been public comment periods and public meetings with little or no feedback.

Every prioritization cycle we are allowed to submit a certain number of projects. This cycle we are allowed to submit 16.

Aviation:

Mr. Chris White from OAJ Ellis discussed his projects. Mr. White talked about the runway and Air Carrier Improvements.

The Runway Alignment Indicator Lights will improve the all-weather capabilities of OAJ. The Air Carrier Improvements will rehabilitate existing heavy aircraft pavement in the Terminal Area.

Mr. Chad Kimes stated from NCDOT standpoint, we need to get NC 111 completed and finished.

| From / Cross Street | Description | Cost to NCDOT |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Access Road Realignment and Extension | Realign and extend access roadway into the airport | \$ 300,000 |
| Access Roadway Extension and Realignment | New entrance road between the terminal and NC 111 | \$ 300,000 |
| GA Terminal Access Roadway Phase 3 | New roadway to divert traffic from main terminal | \$ 300,000 |
| GA Apron Expansion and Hangar Site Preparation | Southern expansion of the GA apron and site preparation for hangars | \$ 300,000 |
| MALSR RWY 23 | Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights | \$ 300,000 |
| Air Carrier Apron Improvements | Rehabilitate existing pavement in the Terminal area | \$ 300,000 |
| Taxiway Mill/Overlay/ Strengthening | Mill and overlay the main taxiway | \$ 300,000 |

BikePed:

Mr. Prinz continued with the BikePed projects. The Hunter's Trail Greenway was discussed in detail.

| Route / Facility Name | From / Cross Street | To / Cross Street | Description |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hunter's Trail Greenway | Hunter's Trail | Hunter's Trail | Multi-use path |
| Gum Branch Greenway | Henderson Drive | Summersill School Road | Multi-use path |
| Midway Park Greenway | Rail Trail | Piney Green Shopping Center Driveway | Multi-use path |
| Western Greenway | Marine Boulevard | Gum Branch Road | Multi-use path |
| Henderson Sidewalk | Gum Branch Road | Marine Boulevard | Sidewalk to ADA standards |
| Commons Greenway | Commons Drive | Carolina Forest Boulevard | Multi-use path |

Highway:

Mr. Prinz discussed on the new projects for P6.0.

- **Interchange and Realignment of Douglas Gate** – the intent of this project is to realign Douglas Gate with Onslow Pines Road.
- **Gum Branch Rd Widening Project** – the limits of this project include from Western Blvd to Summersill School Rd
- **US 258 Superstreet** – Convert US 258 to a superstreet from Pony Farm Rd/Northwest Corridor Boulevard to Rhodestown Fire Department Road.
- **Marine Boulevard Widening** – the widening of Marine Boulevard from Richlands Hwy/Wilmington Hwy to the Buddy Phillips Bridge.
- **Hunting Green Intersection Realignment** – intersection realignment of Hunting Green Drive and Ramsey Drive off of Gum Branch Road.
- **Dixon High School** – Installation of superstreet concept along US 17 from NC 210 to Dixon Estates Road.
- **Gregory Fork Intersection** – intersection improvement at Gregory Fork Road and US 258.

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the Projects discussed for P6.0.

**Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to approve the Projects discussed for P6.0.
Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motion.**

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the Projects discussed for P6.0.

X. [OAJ Ellis Airport Market Leakage Study](#)

Mr. Chris White discussed the Passenger Leakage and Why It's Important. Completed every 5-10 years, this study provides true data about passenger travel which is forwarded to the airlines.

Mr. White talked about capture rate, which means where people are flying out of. Also it informs us of where they are flying to.

The study shows us how many passengers a day fly out of OAJ. It also shows us how our citizens and businesses want improved air service that will enhance quality of life and expand our industries, including tourism.

Right now the airport supports an estimated 2,785 jobs. If OAJ can recapture half of the leakage this number would increase.

As of now the Airport pumps an estimated \$474,200,000 into the local and state economy and those jobs have a payroll of over \$95M.

Taxes generated by the Airport and its business partners are an estimated \$15,300,000 annually which helps to moderate local tax rates.

Mr. White had some suggestions for the citizens on what we can do. He suggested we can fill up the airplanes. Actively participate in air service development efforts. Let us know what your businesses need. Shop early and consider the total cost of travel when performing the value equation. Lastly, **Fly local Buy local** whenever you can and encourage others to as well.

Mr. Buchanan informed the TAC Committee that Mr. White's contribution with general aviation. General Aviation has grown tremendously because of Mr. White.

Reports/Comments:

XI. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz talked about the MPO expansions. We have met with all municipalities, in the process of drafting the MOU and we are still working with Surf City.

Mr. Prinz talked about the Census Week coming up. Mr. Prinz asked when the TAC meets again he would like to revisit the discussion of impact the Census has on our organization of Transportation in Onslow County. Also reminded the TAC members that the ethics deadline is April 15th.

Mr. Prinz stated we are working with the Base on a joint project between Federal DOT and US DOT and DOD, and it's called the Power Projection Platform Study. Meaning, looking at the mobility of Camp Lejeune.

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

Ms. Caitlin Marks gave her report. Stating NCDOT is in the process of lifting some suspensions.

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

Ms. Nazia Sarder, via phone gave some updates. We have a new Secretary since Secretary Trogdon has retired.

NC Moves 2050 wants to thank everyone who participated in their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd surveys.

NCDOT is accepting applications from communities for the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

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

Mr. Bill Marley, via phone had no report, but interested in the MPO Boundary expansion.

XV. [Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Warden reminded the Committee of the next meeting on June 11, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.