

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
May 14, 2020**

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
JOHNSON BOULEVARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Mr. Wally Hansen, and Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Debbie
In Person: Jefferson, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Mr. Roy Bredahl

Virtually Present: Ms. Carol Long, Ms. Jessica Rhue, Mr. Chris White, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Lt. Sean
Magill, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Trevor Carroll, Mr. Chris Palsgrove, Mr. Kerry Terrell, Mr.
Brian Kelly, Ms. Stacie Miles, Mr. Joe Fore, Mr. Nathan Rhue, Mr. Thomas Bradshaw,
Mr. Joe Ramirez, Mr. Bill Marley, and Mr. Steve Myers

Absent: None

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Wally Hanson called the TCC meeting to order at 10:32 am, Thursday, May 14, 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 new virtual meeting format.

III. [Public Comment](#)

No public comments were made.

Action Items

IV. [February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Ryan King moved to approve the February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Carol Long seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

V. [Revision of the TCC Bylaws](#)

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the Revision of the TCC Bylaws.

Ms. Carol Long moved to approve the Revision of the TCC Bylaws with the addition of adding the capability to host virtual meetings for approval by the TCC. Mr. Ryan King seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the Revision of the TCC Bylaws with the addition of adding the capability to host virtual meetings for approval by the TCC was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VI. [Public Participation Plan Revision](#)

Ms. Trebil stated that JUMPO strives to ensure an open transportation process where the free exchange of ideas and information, input from interested parties at all stages can take place in an effective manner.

The Public Transportation Plan (PPP) was recently adopted in September 2019 and is required to be adopted every three years. The proposed revision clarifies statements that appear to conflict with each other regarding how and when public comment should be solicited. Changes were made to clarify the intent of these sections, which did not reduce the number of days to seek public comment nor did it eliminate the requirement for public comment periods during TCC and TAC meetings.

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

Ms. Carol Long moved to approve the recommendation to TAC of the Public Participation Plan revision as stated. Mr. Ryan King seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the recommendation to TAC of Public Participation Plan revision was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VII. [\(MTIP\) Amendment #1](#)

Ms. Trebil reminded the Committee that the TAC adopted the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on December 12, 2019. Staff is recommending an amendment to the MTIP to add two new projects as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and to make other adjustments that were made by NCDOT to assist in balancing their budget as well as increase the overall project budget.

In order for Jacksonville Transit to utilize this funding for capital projects, the MTIP needs to be amended. Jacksonville Transit is interested in adding two projects: **Satellite Transfer Facility and Pedestrian Access/Walkways (new sidewalk connections).**

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation to TAC for approval of the MTIP Amendment #1.

Mr. Ryan King moved to approve the recommendation to TAC for approval of the MTIP Amendment #1. Ms. Carol Long seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the recommendation to TAC for approval of the MTIP Amendment #1, was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items

VIII. [TRAC Update](#)

Ms. Trebil provided an update on the Transportation Resiliency Action Committee's (TRAC) efforts of develop a predictive model that will help explain and identify areas of vulnerability. The predictive model is trying to answer: (1) areas that are prone to overtop; (2) criticality of roads; (3) duration the roadway is unpassable; and (4) who would be responsible for improvements.

Ms. Trebil shared with the Committee an example of an area that is prone to flooding and what the model would tell us if improvements were made. Located off of Ellis Boulevard and adjacent to Scales Creek, this area is prone to flooding with significant rainfall. Immediately adjacent to this area is the City of Jacksonville's Ellis Pump Station. The same consultant just happens to be working on both projects which allowed them to share the results of the predictive model if different types of improvements were made to the culverts under NC-24.

Ms. Trebil also shared some of the work done to date on gathering data such as identifying the FEMA crossings, road elevations, etc. The next step in developing the model is to identify and validate each FEMA crossing with stakeholders.

IX. [P6.0 Update](#)

Ms. Kutz stated the SPOT office issued a new schedule adjusting dates in large part due to COVID. The next date for the submittal of projects is July 31, 2020. Staff is ahead of the game since we have already submitted our projects.

Reports/Comments

X. [Report from MPO](#)

Ms. Trebil informed the Committee the paving on Henderson Drive has begun. Jacksonville Station is moving ahead as City Council authorized award of the contract. Construction is expected to begin mid to late June, with a 15 month construction schedule.

Mr. Prinz made some comments about the reports of NCDOT. Stating the character of the NCDOT we personally have contact with is not at fault. Mr. Prinz stated he believes it's a systematic issue that was intentionally done by the Secretary and other Chief executives at DOT at that time.

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

Ms. Marks gave her updated spreadsheet report. As previously reported, all projects in development remain on hold.

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

Mr. Behshad Norowzi gave his report stating that due to COVID traffic patterns have changed as many are now working from home. As a result, there has been an approximate 40% reduction in VMT between this time in 2019 and the present. As a result in reduction, it is impacting NCDOT's budget at expected decrease in revenues of 300 million dollars this fiscal year as a result of the decrease in gas tax revenues.

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

Mr. Bill Marley stated the authorized legislation is running out. If Congress does not approve a budget soon, the federal government will have to operate under a continuing resolution.

XIV. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Hansen asked the members who logged in late to introduce themselves.

Ms. Long gave an update on OUTS stating that they have been able to maintain operations through COVID. They have taken additional safety measures into account for the safety of their drivers and passengers. She also mentioned that OUTS had applied for CARES funding as well.

Mr. Hansen asked for an adjournment of the May 14, 2020 TCC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.