

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL
August 10, 2023**

**JACKSONVILLE STATION
1300 N MARINE BLVD
JACKSONVILLE, NC 28540**

Present Mr. Bob Warden, Ms. Cindy Edwards, Mr. Royce Bennett, Mr. Fred Fontana,
In Person: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams, Mr. Ron Massey
Virtually Mr. Larry Philpott, Ms. Kandy Koonce, Ms. Pamela Hall, Ms. Michelle Howes,
Present: Ms. Andrea Correll, Ms. Nazia Sarder, Ms. Paula Webb

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bob Warden called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Jacksonville Station –1300 N Marine Blvd and via teleconference.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Bob Warden greeted everyone and expressed his gratitude for their presence for this specially called meeting, both those who were physically present and those who joined via teleconference.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Warden asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Ms. Royce Bennett made a motion. Ms. Cindy Edwards seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written.

The agenda was accepted unanimously by the Committee members present.

IV. Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment and no requests were received.

Action Items

V. Adoption of 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 10

Chairman Warden asked Ms. Stephanie Kutz to explain 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 10 to the Committee members.

Ms. Kutz briefly explained the reason for this amendment. Prior amendments have been approved because of changes to either project budgets or schedules. Amendment 10 is

requested to add and/or modify several projects to obligate \$7 million in Vulnerable User Funds within NCDOT Division 3 before the end of Federal Fiscal Year. Without this amendment, the funds will be rescinded by FHWA. These funds are specifically intended to address bicycle and pedestrian safety issues on federal-aid highways.

Following this, Chairman Warden asked if there were any comments, and none were received. Chairman Warden asked for a motion to adopt of 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 10 as written. Ms. Cindy Edwards made a motion. Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motion.

The 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 10 was accepted unanimously by the Committee members present.

Reports/Comments

VI. Various Project Updates

Mr. Prinz began with a project for the Henderson Blvd and Western Blvd intersection. This project will make several improvements to the intersection, including additional turn lanes onto Western. Also included is a raised median with enough storage to alleviate congestion.

Mr. Prinz then spoke briefly about the Trade Street extension project. It is fully designed and funded but still needs city council approval. NCDOT is working with the city and businesses in the vicinity on finalization of the storm water design/plan. This project is almost ready for construction.

Ms. Kutz then gave an update on the extension of Commerce Drive. The project is currently under construction and continues with asphalt and curb installation being scheduled for next week. The Downtown Trail between Railroad Street and Court Street is currently underway as well as Old Bridge Street resurfacing. Finally, the Henderson Drive sidewalks project needs to be rescoped and will begin in the next few weeks.

Chairman Warden asked if there were any comments, none were received.

VII. Questions, Closing Comments

Chairman Warden asked the attendees if there were any additional questions or comments before adjourning the meeting; none were received. He then asked for an adjournment of the August 10, 2023, TAC Special Called meeting.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Edwards seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Next TAC meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023.