



Polk Transportation
Planning Organization

**Polk Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Draft MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 24, 2015**

Neil Combee Administration Building, 2nd floor Training Room
330 West Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

Members Present:

Sherry Carver
Jessie Pearson
Jerry Rodriguez
Ron Borchers
Adnan Javed
Kathy Bangley, *Chairman*
Chuck Barmby
Rick Perez
Richard Lilyquist
Sean Byers
Merle Bishop
John Bohde
Brenda Tajuri
Jeanna Cox
Bill Skelton

Others Present:

Ron Leder
Maureen Decker
Lori Carlton
David Turley
Douglas Zang
Nicole Mills
Heather Johnson
Beata Sikys-Pedose
Luis Diaz
Kipling Laskaris
William Roll
Quen Wilson
Tom Deardorff
Ronnie Blackshear
Curtis Knowles
Ryan Kordek
Xiomara Meeks
Cherie Simmons
Diane Slaybaugh
Tricia Pichette
Felicia Pannell
Jeff Trim

Representing:

Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)
City of Auburndale
City of Davenport
City of Frostproof (CFRPC)
City of Haines City
City of Lake Wales
City of Lakeland
City of Lakeland
City of Lakeland
City of Winter Haven
City of Winter Haven
Polk County Land Development
Polk County Schools
Polk County Transit Services
Polk County Transportation

Representing:

Envisors/Pennoni
Envisors/Pennoni
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
HNTB
KCA
Kimley Horn & Associates
Polk County OPD
Polk TPO Staff
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Call to Order, Roll Call

Chairman Kathy Bangley called the TAC meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 15 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Chuck Barmby motioned to approve the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Bill Skelton seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

Agenda Review

Ryan Kordek, TPO staff highlighted the significant topics and action items on the committee's agenda.

1. I-4 Ultimate Managed Lanes

Luis Diaz, HNTB updated the committee on the construction of the I-4 Ultimate Project. A presentation titled "I-4 Beyond the Ultimate" was shown and reviewed. The project will add express lanes to I-4. The express lanes are an innovative solution to manage traffic congestion and provide choices for travelers. Variable toll pricing based on the level of congestion in the adjacent non-tolled general purpose lanes. The express lanes will provide more reliable travel options for motorist. There was a brief discussion about the variable toll pricing.

2. Fort Fraser Trail

Felicia Pannell, FDOT consultant provided a presentation updating the Fort Fraser Trail PD&E study which is currently underway. The study is being done to provide opportunities for active recreation, provide commuters with non-motorized travel options, and to improve safety and help meet the social and economic demands in the area. The project has three segments. Segment one's estimated cost is \$193,600.00. Segment two has two different alternatives. Alternative one's estimated cost is \$540,000.00. Alternative two's estimated cost is \$3,296,000.00. Segment three's estimated cost is \$347,360.00. Neither design nor construction are funded in the Work Program at this time. There was a lengthy discussion about the trail crossing the parkway.

3. Review/Comment on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise FY 2016/17-2020/21 Draft Tentative Work Program

- A. Ryan Kordek, TPO staff gave a brief review of the Turnpike's Draft Tentative Work Program for 2016/17-2020/21. TPO staff recommends endorsement of the Program.
- B. Lori Carlton, FDOT staff gave a brief review. Some more changes may be coming to the tentative draft document because of timing.

Motion: Jerry Rodriguez motioned to endorse the Draft Plans as presented. Richard Lilyquist seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

4. Candidate Rail Quiet Zones

Tom Deardorff, TPO staff provided a brief presentation on the candidate rail quiet zones. Staff recommendation is to conduct a small study to systematically address the potential need for quiet zones along the 'S' Line. The study will document at-grade crossings by surrounding land use, (e.g., residential, commercial, office or industrial) and grouping of crossings through or near residential areas. It will also document the number of residential units in proximity of grouped crossings and potential noise levels in different areas. There was a lengthy discussion on areas needing quiet zones

Motion: Jerry Rodriguez motioned to endorse the process as presented. John Bohde seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

5. Communications and Reports

A. TPO TMA Certification Review

- i. Ryan Kordek updated the committee on the TMA Meetings and public hearing. Overall the TPO did very well. He also thanked everyone who addressed the Federal Certification Team
- ii. Tom Deardorff briefed the committee on the School Summit which will be held at the Lake Myrtle Sports Park on October 29, 2015 from 10 a.m. until Noon.

B. Complete Street Public Agency Meeting Reminder – October 12, FDOT

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Cherie Simmons, TPO Office Manager

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.