



March 27, 2006, 3:00 P.M.

City Of Tallahassee Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall

Meeting Minutes

CRTPA Members Present:

City of Tallahassee

Commissioner Lightsey
Commissioner Gillum
Commissioner Mustian

Leon County

Commissioner DePuy
Commissioner Sauls
Commissioner Proctor
Commissioner Thael
Commissioner Grippa
Commissioner Rackleff
Town of Havana

Gadsden County

Commissioner Lamb

Wakulla County

Commissioner Langston

City of Midway

Commissioner Madison

Staff/Others

Jack Kostrzewa, CRTPA
Colleen Roland, CRTPA
Greg Burke, CRTPA
Peter Koeppel, CRTPA
Yulonda Mitchell, CRTPA
Bryant Paulk, FDOT, Dist. 3
Blair Martin, FDOT
Laura Haddock, FDOT
Tommy Barfield, FDOT

Staff/Others

Delmas Barber, FAMU
Pete Olson, FAMU
Michael Clow, Aviations
Parwez Alam, County
Administrator
Bill Woolery, City Public Works
Jim Davis, Blueprint2000

Leon County Schools

Staff/Others

Cherie Bryant, Planning
Tony Park, Co. Public
Works
Gabriel Menendez, City
Public Works
Wayne Tedder, Planning

City of Quincy

Staff/Others

Denny Wood, FDOT
Stacie Blizzard, FHWA
Tamara Christon, FHWA
Michael Wright, City of
Tallahassee

Chairman Thael called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM. He directed citizen to hand in speaker slips. He also noted that the agenda was complete and posted on the website for the public's review.

I. AWARDS

Chairman Thael presented an award to Mr. Bruce Barrett. Chairman Thael stated the CRTPA board wanted to recognize Mr. Barrett's role in organizing the Tallahassee-Leon County MPO efforts with the transition to Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency. He stated Mr. Barrett served as the Executive Director to the MPO from January 2001 through September 2003.

Chairman Thael presented an award to Commissioner Gillum. He recognized his leadership as the first Chairman for the CRTPA.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the December 5, 2005 and January 23, 2006 Meetings of the CRTPA**
- B. FY 2007 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
- C. FY 2007 – FY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
- D. Amendment to the FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
- E. Resolution Acknowledging the Service of Bruce Barrett**
- F. Resolution for Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 Grant Amendment**
- G. Annual Financial Report**
- H. Amendment to the FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Commissioner Lightsey made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented to the CRTPA board. Commissioner Gillum seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

IV. CRTPA DISCUSSION REQUIRING ACTION

2. TRIP Grant

Mr. Kostrzewa stated on September 27, 2005 the CRTPA approved a motion for prioritization of projects including a program called the Transportation Regional Incentives Program (TRIP). He stated this program includes matching funding. During this time staff requested to have funding for Capital Circle, SE from Tram Road to Woodville Highway for right-of-way funding. This project has received funding and as a result has matching funding of about 4.5 million for this project. The second round of funding from DOT includes the second half of the first year (2006) and the remainder of next year (2007) which is approximately 28 million dollars. The DOT has requested the list of projects for consideration. Staff's recommendation was to continue with the Capital Circle, SE project through the construction phase of that project, as the number one project.

*Commissioner Mustian made a motion to accept the recommendation from staff as presented to the CRTPA board. Commissioner Lightsey seconded the motion. Commissioner Proctor requested information on the project. Mr. Kostrzewa explained that staff felt the project should be completed and not sit incomplete without construction funding through Blueprint2000. He also explained that approving this proposal would not preclude any other projects from being considered for funding by the district. Mr. Kostrzewa noted that this would not change any priorities that have already been approved, he stated Mahan Drive would remain where it currently stands on the priority list. Commissioner Rackleff stated this project has a good design because it includes multi-modal and serves all the needs of the community. Commissioner Lightsey expressed concerns with the level of services problems, but expressed the need to move the project forward. **The motion was unanimously passed.***

3. Apalachee Parkway Sidewalks

Mr. Koepfel stated that staff was proposing for consideration to utilize 100,000 of the current fiscal year funds for Bike/Pedestrian projects within Leon County and 500,000 of next years funds on a design and construction of a sidewalk on Apalachee Parkway. He stated staff proposed this area because this area was ranked highly within the Bike/Pedestrian master plan, and called for a reconstruction of the entire roadway. He stated staff was working with the City Public Works department to save money, as they would be constructing a project in the area from

Monday and Paul Russell Roads to Apalachee Parkway. He discussed the projections for traffic accidents.

Commissioner Proctor urged the board not to move forward with the proposal presented by staff. He stated there are other areas within the county and noted specifically on North Ridge Road. He made a motion to recommend that the funding be used to fund sidewalks along North Ridge Road, instead of along Apalachee parkway. Commissioner Depuy seconded the motion, for the purpose of discussion. He stated he shared the many concerns of Commissioner Proctor, but he also wanted to discuss the options available to fund both projects.

Mr. Kostrzewa stated the funding was provided by the State of Florida. He stated it was provided to Bike/Ped projects within it's own funding category. He stated the funds can be used where the Board feels necessary. He stated the staff felt Apalachee Parkway was necessary due to the Bike/Ped master plan, connections to Blair Stone Road and the efficiency for the use of funds, by sharing consultants on the projects that are near the Apalachee Parkway project (Monday and Paul Russell Roads).

Public Comment:

Evelyn Worley, 1286 Cedar Center Drive, stated she supported the staff's recommendation. She also stated she works with the FIRE organization. She stated this organization provide various services to visually impaired members of the community.

Lynn Evans, 3201 Miccosukee Road, stated he uses the FIRE organization via StarMetro. He described the conditions that he faces as a visually impaired person. He stated this could be very difficult for him and other visually impaired people. He expressed the need for the sidewalks.

Commissioner Rackleff expressed his concerns as they relate to the visually impaired citizens of the community. ***He made a substitute motion to accept staff's recommendation and approve option number 1. Commissioner Mustian seconded the substitute motion.*** Commissioner Proctor expressed the concerns with the deaths that have occurred on North Ridge Road. He stated this area deserves the enhancements and he felt that this site was the better location. Commissioner Depuy questioned if the North Ridge Road and Apalachee Parkway could be completed. ***Commissioner Rackleff amended the motion to approve option number 1 and direct staff to report back to the board on what funding was available by the City/Count/State to complete the sidewalks within the region over the next 10 years. Commissioner Mustian seconded the substitute motion.*** The Board discussed the need for budgetary commitments from all governments. Commissioner Depuy suggested that 10 years was too long. Commissioner Lamb discussed two areas with in Midway that are also in need of sidewalks. He requested the Highway 90 E in Midway and Martin Luther King Drive in Midway be considered or added to any regional list for sidewalks. Commissioner Rackleff wanted to clarify that the motion doesn't change any priority lists that any municipality may have. ***The motion was passed with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Grippa voting against the motion.***

Commissioner Grippa made an additional motion requesting that future funding be considered for North Ridge and the voiced concerns in the outlying counties within the region. Commissioner Proctor seconded the motion. Commissioner Gillum suggested a regional list including the information within the city. He also stated a sub-committee could be formed to create a list of criteria for these roadway projects. ***Commissioner Grippa amended the motion to include the comments from Commissioner Gillum. The motion was passed unanimously.***

4. Florida Department of Transportation District 3 Project Coordination

Sean Justice, of PBS&J for the Florida Department of Transportation District 3 is embarking on a proactive coordination campaign that entails approximately 53 planned projects over the next 5 years, many of which located inside the Capital Circle boundary. The District has requested an opportunity to discuss this campaign with the CRTPA. He noted with many construction projects that will impact the local community and traveling public. He stated the department continues to work to minimize the negative impacts through enhanced coordination and communication. He stated this effort is a coordinated effort to ensure that all construction activity that is ongoing within the region and within Leon County. He stated monthly coordination meetings will be held at the DOT office in Midway as a proactive effort. These meetings will focus on future construction events and discuss coordination between the City/County/School Boards/State and how all of the agencies may overlap with construction projects.

The Board discussed emergency evacuation plans and signage. Mr. Justice stated when there were road closures, motorist awareness signs along the evacuation routes as apart of the emergency response plan.

V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/CITIZEN COMMENT

VI. INFORMATION

5. Joint Certification

6. CRTPA Multimodal Committee

7. Correspondence

8. Citizen’s Advisory Committee/Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory

**Committee/Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board/Transportation
Technical Coordinating Committee Actions**

9. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM

Yulonda Mitchell
CRTPA Recording Secretary

Cliff Thael
Chairman