



February 4, 2025

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 3A

**MINUTES**

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

The minutes from the September 3, 2024, TAC meeting is provided as ***Attachment 1***.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, TAC meeting.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: September 3, 2024, TAC Minutes



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
(9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

TALLAHASSEE CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
300 S. ADAMS STREET  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

### Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michael Alfano, Chair, Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department; Andrea Rosser, StarMetro; Kate Daniel, City of Tallahassee Growth Management; Megan Doherty, Blueprint IA; Josh Hollinsworth, City of Tallahassee Traffic Operations; Tom Thompson, Ride On Commuter Services; Mary O'Brien, Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Charles Wu, Leon County Public Works; Ryan Guffey, Leon County Development Support and Environmental Management; Allen Secreast, City of Tallahassee Traffic Management

Staff Present: Greg Slay, CRTPA; Jack Kostrzewa, CRTPA; Greg Burke, CRTPA; Suzanne Lex, CRTPA; Yulonda Mitchell, CRTPA; Kaylor Collins, FDOT; Chris Muehlemann, Leon County Public Works; Brian Powers, RSH

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with member introductions.

1. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no agenda modifications.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the June 4, 2024 TAC Meeting

B. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

**Committee Action:** Ms. Rosser made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Ms. Doherty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items pulled for discussion.

**5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION****A. North Monroe Street Safety Implementation Plan**

The North Monroe Street Safety Implementation Plan identifying potential safety improvements along the N. Monroe corridor was discussed. This project was initiated in late 2023 and included development of a federal grant application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend the CRTPA Board approve the North Monroe Street Safety Implementation Plan.

Mr. Burke noted that the North Monroe Street project included submission of an SS4A Grant in the spring of 2024. He stated that the project was related to the CRTPA's 2023 adoption of a SS4A Safety Action Plan for the region. As part of the SS4A plan, a high injury network (HIN) was identified for the region with the North Monroe Street corridor being included as part of the HIN. Mr. Burke next introduced the consultant, Brian Powers, RS&H.

Mr. Brian Powers, RS&H, provided information on the North Monroe Street Safety Implementation Plan. Mr. Powers outlined the project purpose, stating the purpose was to improve safety along the corridor of Monroe Street (Tharpe to Capital Circle, NW) and identify strategies to improve safety. Mr. Powers noted that the project included a safety analysis, consisting of reviewing seven years of crash data and a walking safety audit.

Mr. Powers next discussed that the project included a camera count analysis for key corridor intersections that occurred over 48 hours. Mr. Powers noted the clustering of crashes at intersections and that rear end crashes were common near the I-10/Monroe Street exit. Mr. Powers discussed the pedestrian and cyclist movement patterns that were observed and noted that many pedestrians were observed crossing at medians as well as other crossings at points other than the intersection. Mr. Powers stated that the project included development of a \$21 million grant application that was submitted in May for the proposed improvements. He noted that, if successful, the grant funding for the outlined improvements would consist of federal funds and a local match from the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) and would include coordinated efforts with Blueprint IA, FDOT and CRTPA.

Mr. Powers outlined the proposed improvements that were identified for the corridor. Improvements identified include replacing slip lanes with a near perpendicular right turns, increasing pedestrian signage, pedestrian fencing, directional median openings, increasing lighting, pedestrian medians, and modifying turn lanes along the corridor. He discussed proposed changes to full median openings through use of directional median openings to reduce conflicts and increase corridor safety.

Mr. Hollinsworth asked there will be pavement markings only. Mr. Powers explained the current recommendation was a temporary curb material that can be bolted in with vertical delineators with

reflective to formalize the direction in which drivers should follow. He noted with the improvements being temporary, those can be removed easily, if necessary. Ms. Doherty asked if an access management study and business support would be required. Mr. Slay noted there would be the requirement to have a public hearing but that would depend on funding and noted no closures are recommended.

Ms. O'Brien discussed ways to make the corridor more pedestrian friendly. She stated she frequents this area and discussed the needs of vulnerable populations. Mr. Powers noted there will be mid-block crossings added to the corridors and those areas have been identified. Ms. O'Brien asked if lowering the speed along the corridor was considered. Mr. Powers stated it was evaluated and noted additional analysis and discussions with law enforcement partners would be required. He stated that the proposed pedestrian fencing could potentially lower operating speeds due to the visual narrowing of the roadway. Mr. Powers explained that the grant was required to be safety specific without impacting efficiency of the corridor. He noted bicycle lanes will also provide a visual narrowing that can cause drivers to lower their driving speed. Mr. Slay noted there were some limitations due to the grant requirements and the local match. He explained with the proposed improvements were tailored to fit the requirements of this specific grant. Ms. Doherty asked if FDOT was in support of the mid-block crossings. Mr. Slay noted staff was working with FDOT and that preliminary support appeared to be there for the crossings. Mr. Powers noted the cost estimate for the identified improvements is \$29 million and if the requested \$21 million was awarded that it would cover most of the cost for the improvements to be implemented. Mr. Slay noted the grant awards were scheduled for May but as of the meeting date, there was no additional information on grant awards. Ms. O'Brien made a strong recommendation, on record, to research the target speed to increase the safety for everyone who uses the corridor.

**Committee Action: Mr. Wu made a motion to recommend approve the North Monroe Street Safety Implementation plan. Ms. Rosser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

#### **B. CRTPA Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Kickoff**

The initiation of the development of the CRTPA's long range transportation plan was discussed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For Information

Mr. Kostrzewa introduced the CRTPA Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Kickoff and the LRTP Consultant and noted the LRTP would be adopted in November 2025. He noted this project was started a month ago and the first phase includes a massive data collection effort. Mr. Kostrzewa stated that there will be a lot of opportunities for public engagement throughout the project.

Mr. Franco Saraceno with Kittelson & Associates provided an overview of the process for the update of the LRTP and introduced the project management team.

Mr. Saraceno provided information on the project approach for the LRTP. He noted the goal of the plan include maximizing the public engagement with tools that include community workshops, community events and online surveys. He noted there were a dozen planned public involvement

throughout the next few months to reach as many people as possible. Next, Mr. Saraceno discussed the needs assessment and noted this would be a performance-based planning process. Mr. Saraceno discussed the Cost Feasible Plan noting this was a federal requirement to have a cost /revenue balanced plan of improvements. He noted that the projected available funding was less than in the previous plan and the effort will be to optimize funding. He discussed the project schedule and discussed the guiding principles, plan development, cost feasible plan, and plan adoption. Finally, Mr. Saraceno noted the requirement was to adopt the final plan by November 2025 and updates will be provided through the process to the committees and the board.

Mr. Alfano asked for information to be available during the process. Mr. Kostrzewa noted there would be a separate website specifically for the LRTP, and information will be available on both websites.

**Committee Action: This item was informational only; therefore, no action was taken.**

**6. INFORMATION**

**A. Future Meeting Dates**

**7. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR STAFF**

Mr. Wu noted a Leon County bridge replacement under construction Miccosukee Road (east side of 1-10) and that there will be a temporary traffic signal. He advised that citizens should use caution and expect delays. Mr. Wu also noted construction at Centerville Road and Thomas Ferry Road and advised citizens use caution and expect delays. Lastly, he noted Magnolia Drive was under construction and was fully closed.

Mr. Alfano asked about SUN Trails applications updates. Mr. Slay noted a decision would likely be made in October and that there were six in total for the region between the City of Tallahassee, Blueprint IA and the CRTPA. Mr. Alfano next asked about the Bradfordville/Centerville Road feasibility study. Mr. Slay noted that has not been scheduled but will begin in mid-2025.

Mr. Thompson provided information for Mobility Week, October 25-November 2, 2024.

Mr. Burke noted CRTPA submitted a SS4A grant application for the West Tennessee (N Monroe to Aeon Church road) corridor in August.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM