



CRTPA BOARD

MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 1:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Commissioner Jeremy Matlow, Chair, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Anthony Viegbesie, Gadsden County
Commissioner Betsy Barfield, Jefferson County
Commissioner Kristin Dozier, Leon County
Commissioner Nick Maddox, Leon County
Commissioner Rick Minor, Leon County
Commissioner Curtis Richardson, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Decorkus Allen, Town of Havana - Gadsden Municipalities
Commissioner Randy Merritt, Wakulla County

Staff Present: Greg Slay, CRTPA; Jack Kostrzewa, CRTPA; Greg Burke, CRTPA; Suzanne Lex, CRTPA; Yulonda Mitchell, CRTPA; Thornton Williams, CRTPA Attorney; Chris Rietow, ARPC; Andrea Rosser, StarMetro; Bryant Paulk, FDOT

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM with a roll call.
2. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**
No public comment.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Minutes of the November 23 Meeting and Public Hearing**

- B. **Connections 2045 Regional Mobility Plan**
- C. **Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee Appointment**
- D. **UPWP Amendment**
- E. **2021 Calendar Update**

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented by staff. Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

6. **ROLL CALL VOTE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2021– FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

The CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 TIP is proposed to be amended to reflect the addition of the following projects:

- CR 268 Adams St from CR 274 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd to Clark St. (Project No. 436992-1) (Gadsden County): Provide funding in FY 21 for the construction of a five-foot wide sidewalk on the west side of the road.
- SR 57 (US 19) FL-GA Pkwy from CR 57A David Rd to Martin Rd (Project No. 403931-3) (Jefferson County): Amend the project in the CRTPA’s adopted FY 2021 – FY 2025 TIP to reflect the northern termini of the project is revised to Martin Rd., which extends the length of the trail from 2.2 to 2.7 miles.

Ms. Lex outlined the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to the Fiscal Year FY 2020 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and the motion unanimously passed.

7. **CRTPA ACTION**

A. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – FY 2026 Draft Tentative Work Program**

An update on the FY 2022 – FY 2026 Draft Tentative Work Program was provided by Ms. Lex. She noted that the development of the work program considers the CRTPA’s adopted priority project lists and provided an update on the projects included in the tentative work program by county for Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla. Ms. Lex stated that the total amount of programed projects for the CRTPA Region is \$232,162,000 and noted that the projects would be included in the agency’s upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) currently under development.

Commissioner Viegbesie requested information on the Attapulcus Highway resurfacing project and noted that Gadsden County had requested additional funding for the project to include shoulders. Next, he discussed the bridge project at Swamp Creek Road (CR 159) and requested information on the timeline of the project. Mr. Paulk stated the District was made aware of a request for additional funds for paved shoulders on the Attapulcus Highway project and that an update would be provided to the county related to the project's scope changes. Mr. Paulk also noted that he would provide more information to Commissioner Viegbesie related to the bridge at Swamp Creek Road after the issue was researched.

Commissioner Dozier discussed the Thomasville/I-10 interchange project and noted there were past discussions on the scope of this project. The final scope was expanded to include a potential Welaunee Boulevard interchange and asked if the project identified in the work program was the same project. Mr. Slay stated the project in the work program was focused on the eastbound off-ramp through the addition of a through lane to Raymond Diehl Road through a reconfiguration of the existing lanes. He also noted was the project was a short-term project to address backups on the mainline (I-10).

Commissioner Merritt requested additional information on Wakulla County project and asked for confirmation on information related to landscaping" funding on US 319. Ms. Lex stated CRTPA staff would have to verify the information and provide Commissioner Merritt with a response.

Mr. Paulk provided information on the Swamp Creek Bridge in Gadsden County noting that project construction is anticipated to begin in December 2021 or early January 2022.

Board Action: Informational presentation, therefore no action was taken.

B. CRTPA Safety Measures Update

This item seeks adoption of the CRTPA's 2021 Safety Performance Targets for safety performance measures.

Mr. Burke provided an overview of Transportation Performance Management. He stated this was a strategic approach using system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve outcomes related to national performance goals. Mr. Burke noted that this is related to requirements contained within federal legislation (MAP-21 and FAST Act). He next noted that annually, since 2018 the CRTPA has adopted its own safety targets using FDOT data and that the agency is required to adopt targets for the following five (5) safety measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injury and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Mr. Burke stated that with regards to the annual adoption of safety targets, the CRTPA had two options: 1: support the FDOT targets (the FDOT has adopted annually a target of "zero") or 2: develop and adopt our own safety measures. He noted that since 2018, the CRTPA has chosen to develop its own safety targets using data provided from FDOT that

reports the data in five-year intervals for the five safety performance measures. Mr. Burke provided information on the historical safety performance targets that the agency has adopted since 2018 and discussed the efforts that the agency is performing to address the issue of safety including through funding safety projects, resurfacing evaluations and participation in community traffic safety teams.

Mr. Burke discussed the staff recommended action and also noted that the CRTPA's Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) voted to recommend the CRTPA reduce the staff recommendation by 10%.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to Adopt the CRTPA Staff Recommended Safety Targets for 2021 as presented by staff. Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Minor discussed the measures stating the adopted measures takes the average of 5 years and apply that as the standard. He noted the CRTPA has adopted measures that are increasing instead of decreasing and the Board was essentially voting to allow for an increased number of fatalities and serious injuries. He offered an amendment to the motion made by Commissioner Merritt. He stated we should use the lower of the five (5) safety targets from 2020 for adoption in 2021. Mr. Slay noted he was comfortable using the recommendation from Commissioner Minor, due to it being based on actual data.

Commissioner Dozier discussed eliminating as many accidents as possible noting that such an effort has to do with education. She discussed other determining factors in accidents including weather and distracted driving. Mr. Slay stated staff is in the process of extracting additional information from accident reports. Commissioner Dozier discussed other safety issues for people with disabilities and ADA accessibility and that these should be considered as a part of safety measures.

Dr. Viegbesie discussed a number of projects in Gadsden County including a traffic light at SR 12 and Point Milligan Road intersection. He also noted there was a resurfacing on Point Milligan Road and discussed the need for a crosswalk on Pat Thomas Highway (Captain D's to Walmart/ National Guard Armory to Walmart) with flashing lights at the crosswalks, similar to what appears on Gaines Street.

Commissioner Williams-Cox read an email from Mr. Hans von Tol, regarding the CMAC vote and requested the Board to adopt the 10% reduction of the targets.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a modified motion to adopt the CRTPA Staff Recommended Safety Targets for 2021 as presented by staff but with the application of metrics from 2020 for measures that are lower (number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) and then use the proposed targets for 2021 for number of serious injuries and rate of injuries as proposed by staff. Commissioner Barfield seconded the modified motion and the modified motion was unanimously passed.

C. Suncoast Parkway Extension Discussion

A discussion of the Suncoast Parkway Extension associated with the Florida Department of Transportation Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) was provided with Mr. Slay provided background information including discussion of recent legislation in the Florida House and Senate. He noted that M-CORES consisted of three task forces throughout the state with the Suncoast Parkway Task Force closest to the CRTPA Region and that the task force reports were completed in November 2020. Mr. Slay noted Commissioner Dozier was the CRTPA representative and Commissioner Barfield represented Jefferson County on the task force. He also noted that Jefferson County had adopted a “no build” resolution.

Commissioner Dozier discussed the legislative bill to repeal M-CORES (SB 1030 HB 763). She stated that these bills include budgetary deficits due to the COVID pandemic. Mr. Slay noted the information could be provided to the CRTPA Executive Committee should anything arise during the Legislative Session and there wasn't a scheduled CRTPA board meeting.

Board Action: Commissioner Dozier made a motion to have anything that arises during Legislative Session, the Executive Committee could hear the M-CORES information. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

D. CRTPA Lobbying

A discussion of lobbying related to the CRTPA was provided.

Commissioner Matlow noted he wanted to review the processes of the City of Tallahassee, Leon County and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency. He stated there should be some type of Lobbying process for the CRTPA.

Mr. Slay provided information regarding lobbying policies. He stated the City of Tallahassee's and Leon County's policies were reviewed and a that a policy is being worked on with CRTPA counsel. CRTPA Attorney Williams discussed the policies and noted there would need to be a regulatory process and that it should include monitoring and penalties. Commissioner Dozier stated there hasn't been any lobbying in the past years. Mr. Williams stated he doesn't recall a time when any commissioner reached out to him on issues related to lobbying. Commissioner Dozier recommended the item be tabled and reviewed again in about a year. Other commissioners noted they've never been contacted by a lobbyist and Commissioner Maddox suggested that lobbying be tracked via the speaker forms. He noted if there becomes high lobbyist activity, the CRTPA could revisit the issue and requested it be added to the speaker cards.

8. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Paulk, FDOT, provided information on the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the I-10 corridor noting that public hearing dates will be posted and that meetings will have a physical and virtual component. Information related to these efforts will be distributed to the CRTPA.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Slay discussed the CRTPA Certification that will take place next week. He noted a Public Meeting will be held on February 25, 2021 and there would be a notice sent out to board members and the public. Commissioner Viegbesie requested status on the bicycle trail from Leon County to the Town of Havana. Mr. Slay noted the feasibility study would be conducted later this year.

10. CRTPA INFORMATION

- A. Future Meeting Dates**
- B. Committee Actions (Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee & Technical Advisory Committee)**
- C. CRTPA Project Update**
- D. Quarterly Budget Report**

11. ITEMS FROM CRTPA BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Maddox provided a summary from the last MPOAC meeting in Orlando. He stated there were many discussions regarding autonomous vehicles and that the MPOAC also discussed the diminishing of gas taxes due to the rise in electric vehicles.

Board Action: Commissioner Dozier made a motion to support the conversation with MPOAC to begin to address long term sustainable transportation funding given changes in the transportation technology that will impact the infrastructure budgets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Viegbesie and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attested:

Yulonda Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Jeremy Matlow, CRTPA Chairman