



September 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 4A

MINUTES

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

The minutes from the June 15, 2021 CRTPA Meeting & RMP Public Hearing are provided as ***Attachment 1***.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 CRTPA Meeting & RMP Public Hearing.

ATTACHMENT

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Attachment 2: Minutes of the June 15, 2021 RMP Public Hearing



CRTPA BOARD

MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 1:30 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 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**
2. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

This portion of the agenda is provided to allow for public input on general CRTPA issues that are not included on the meeting's agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. See the above for ways to provide public comment at this meeting.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Minutes of the May 18 CRTPA Meeting**
 - B. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Annual Certification**

C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Viegbesie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

5. CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

6. ROLL CALL VOTE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022– FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The FY 2022– FY 2026 TIP reflecting the projects that have received funding in the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program has been developed for Board adoption.

Ms. Lex provided a summary of the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. She noted the purpose of the TIP was to develop a five-year program of transportation projects, to fulfill state and federal requirements to have coordinated transportation projects consistent with local and regional goals and to demonstrate the transportation projects are financially feasible.

Ms. Lex stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian projects this year included sidewalk projects in Gadsden County and Leon County. The Transportation Alternative Program only had one project in Gadsden County. The Trails-Regional & Sun Trails had trail projects in Jefferson and Wakulla County. The Bridge projects funded include replacements and maintenance in all four counties in the region. Major Capacity projects were in Leon County and Wakulla County. Transit Projects included Transportation Assistance for Gadsden County and Jefferson County, Transportation Assistance Rural and Urban in Leon County, Transportation Assistance for Wakulla County and Commuter Assistance for the Capital Region. Resurfacing projects include projects from Jefferson County, Gadsden County, Leon County and Wakulla County. She noted, within the Work Program there was a significant emphasis placed on maintaining the current roadway system. She also noted, if there was an opportunity to provide safety enhancements, FDOT would do so. Mrs. Lex provided information on the Public Involvement Plan relating to the TIP. She stated, there were two public meetings held in Leon (in person/virtual) and Jefferson Counties (in person). Both meetings were advertised in newspapers in all four counties. She noted the next steps after Board approval, this item will be transmitted to the District Secretary and then to the Governor for signature.

Commissioner Barfield discussed the need for resurfacing Ashville Highway. She noted the County Commission has funded resurfacing on this roadway in very small segments and the roadway was needing resurfacing much sooner than Jefferson County could fund. She requested the presented segments be combined to allow for the roadway to be completely resurfaced sooner.

Commissioner Viegbesie discussed the need for an addition in Gadsden County. He discussed Dogtown Road. He noted large logging trucks have used this road and have caused major damage. He noted Gadsden County has patched the road as much as the county could finance.

Mrs. Lex stated she has noted and would work with FDOT regarding these two issues in Jefferson and Gadsden County.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022– FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed.

7. CRTPA ACTION

The public is welcome to comment on any discussion item after a motion has been made and seconded. Each member of the public is provided three (3) minutes to address the CRTPA.

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 – FY 2027 Project Priority Lists (PPLs)

Ms. Lex provided background on the Project Priority Lists and how these lists relate to the Regional Mobility Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program and how projects are identified.

She provided highlights and changes on each of the lists.

The Draft FY 2023 – 2027 Project Priority Lists has been developed. The lists to be discussed consist of the following:

1. Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Roadways Project Priority List

Commissioner Merritt asked about the limits on Crawfordville Road. Mr. Slay noted the project was split in the RMP and the limits could be changed. Commissioner Matlow asked about a timeline for the Roadway PPL projects to be completed. Mr. Slay noted this list could take about 25 years to complete. He noted these items are costly items.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to approve the Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Roadways Project Priority List. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

2. Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Priority List

Mrs. Lex provided highlights and changes for the Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Priority List. The Board then heard Citizen Comments.

Larry Gonzalez, 825 Green Briar, Thomasville Trace President. Mr. Gonzalez stated Thomasville Trace was a neighborhood located on the eastside of Thomasville Road. The Thomasville Trace Association is in favor of sidewalks and bike paths but are opposed to creation of a new multiuse bike path on the segment between Betton Road to Metropolitan Boulevard. The objection was based on the fact that there are already bike paths and sidewalks on Thomasville Road and those serve the multiuse purpose. He noted this new path would require the removal of trees and the removal of entrances into neighborhoods. The Thomasville Trace residents would not be opposed to a path along the drainage path that would go behind the neighborhoods. He stated this would be more preferred over removing trees to build a new multiuse path.

Hans van Tol, 5304 Alford Drive spoke regarding the bike-ped PPLs. Mr. von Tol stated he was pleased Thomasville Road on the list. He stated this road was not safe for cyclist and didn't have a good alternative for cyclists. He noted he does use the bike lanes but would not bike on a daily basis because of the high vehicle traffic. Vehicles usually don't give the cyclist the needed space. He noted he avoids riding south of Waverly Road because there are no bicycle facilities. He noted for cyclists this would be a good amenity and would provide an alternative out of the neighborhood.

Ms. Bennett, 3135 Hadam Court, spoke on the Thomasville Road multiuse path. She discussed the Rose Hollow neighborhood area. She stated it has been requested several times to sacrifice the egress of the development and there are safety concerns. She requested information on the usage for a multiuse path in this area. She wants to be sure the usage will justify the cost of the project. She suggested a buffered bike lane.

Commissioner Viegbesie discussed the need for future funding of, specifically, Tallahassee to Havana bike trail. Mr. Slay explained there is currently a feasibility study (Iron Bridge Road Trail) that will begin later this year. Commissioner Dozier discussed the citizen outreach for the Thomasville Road Trail. She discussed the options for the multipath. Mr. Slay discussed the process and the decision-making process for the development of the path and the locations decision. Mr. Slay discussed having a discussion at the retreat and have a final approval in December. Commissioner Dozier stated she looked forward to the discussion. Commissioner Richardson discussed the public engagement process. He wanted information on the notices that will go out to the public. Mr. Slay noted staff would directly contact the homeowner associations and send out postcards with information on the project. He noted the associations has provided the best outreach for the projects. Commissioner Williams-Cox noted there are places to subscribe to receive notifications directly to their email/phone/social media, etc. Mr. Slay noted there was a place to signup on the website but not a place that is project specific. He noted there were about 500 notices sent out and only 2 were returned. Ms. Lex noted we did outreach at the Springtime Tallahassee festival. She noted staff was looking forward to getting back out to the communities and provide information. Mrs. Lex noted staff would approach Sun Trails on adding the Iron Bridge Trail and therefore it is listed on the Regional Trails PPL. Commissioner Williams-Cox encouraged citizens to stay engaged in the process.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adopt the Regional Mobility Plan (RMP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Priority List. Commissioner Barfield seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

3. Regional Trails Project Priority List-Iron Bridge Road

Mrs. Lex provided an overview of the highlights of the Regional Trails Project Priority Project List. She noted the Iron Bridge Road Trail (Orchard Pond Road to US 27 in Havana). She stated it is yet to be determined where it would connect in Havana. The Coastal Trail and Capital Cascades Trails have been removed from the list, as they are fully funded and will be constructed in FY24 and FY25, respectively.

4. StarMetro Project Priority List

Mrs. Lex provided an overview of the highlights of the StarMetro Project Priority List. She stated the projects are provided by StarMetro and are in the Transit Development Plan. She noted the only change on the StarMetro List was to the C.K. Steele Plaza Operational Improvements, as other funding opportunities were identified for this project, therefore the project has been removed from the list. She noted that project has been replaced with the Electric Bus Fleet Infrastructure.

Mr. Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, discussed mobility between the outlying counties and the need for transportation. He discussed the need for improvements to transit. He stated the workforce in the rural communities. He stated many rural citizens may not have the ability to commute to Tallahassee for work. Commissioner Merritt asked Mr. Rietow to discuss the programs provided by the ARPC. Mr. Rietow stated the ARPC works with the large employers to assist with the transportation of employees. There are opportunities to carpool but the ARPC is hoping to provide additional services in the future.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adopt the StarMetro Project Priority List. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

5. Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Safety Project Priority List

6. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Project Priority List

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adopt the Regional Trails Project Priority List, Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Safety Project Priority List, and the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Project Priority List. Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

7. Tallahassee International Airport Project Priority List

Mrs. Lex provided an overview of the highlights of the Tallahassee International Airport Project Priority List. She noted this list was provided by the Airport to show the funding that was available from FTA along with the matching funds from City of Tallahassee or Leon County.

Board Action: Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adopt the Tallahassee International Airport Project Priority List. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Minor and the motion was unanimously passed.

B. CRTPA Safety Discussion

This item provides an analysis of bicycle and pedestrian data trends in the CRTPA region related to safety.

Mr. von Tol, 1503 Old Forte Drive discussed safety. He stated he was concerned about bike and pedestrian safety. He stated Florida was the worst state in the country for cyclist deaths. He discussed several fatalities that have happened in the region over the last few years. He noted in the police reports, there wasn't details including rate of speed and many times alcohol testing is done on the cyclist and not on the vehicle driver.

Mr. Kostrzewa provided information on bicycle and pedestrians safety. He stated the goal should be zero fatalities in the region. He stated fatalities and serious injuries could be seen as a high number. He discussed the data after the data was analyzed. He noted the influence in Leon County would be noticeable due to the population. He noted there were some inconsistencies. He noted based on crash reports the only noted contributing factors were those from the cyclist and not the driver. He discussed the various factors that were reviewed and analyzed.

Board Action: This was an informational item, therefore, no action was taken.

8. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Bryant Paulk stated there were two meetings to notify the Board. He stated both are related to ongoing PD&E studies. Orange Avenue, public hearing schedule on July 29 at the Family Worship and Praise Center on Lake Bradford Road. US 19 Multiuse Trail Study the Alternatives Public Meeting on September 16 at the Monticello Opera House.

Commissioner Richardson requested update on the crosswalks on Orange Avenue. Mr. Paulk stated the CRTPA had allocated funds for the crosswalks but were not in the work program in this Fiscal Year. He noted the Board could expect an update at the next meeting. Mr. Paulk stated he would reach out to the safety team to propose some temporary solutions at the intersection of Wahnish Way and Orange Avenue. Mr. Slay provided an update from a meeting he had with FDOT Safety Engineer. He noted the crosswalks are anticipated to be completed by the time the school year starts (Nims area). He also noted the Liberty Park crosswalk would take longer to complete but will be continuously worked on with FDOT staff. Commissioner Viegbesie expressed concerns with crosswalks on Pat Thomas Parkway (Walmart to National Guard and Captain Ds to Walgreens). He stated this was near US 90/Pat Thomas Parkway intersection. He noted another very dangerous intersection was at CR 161/SR 12. He requested those intersections be reviewed for safety improvements.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A status report on CRTPA activities will be provided including a discussion on CRTPA Executive Committee appointments.

Mr. Slay provided a report. He noted Thomasville Road Trail will include a second round of Public Involve. He discussed the federal legislation. He noted the agreement was a high-level agreement, but he would follow the legislation and review any details that are provided. He provided information on the Audit, stating it was currently on schedule. He also noted there would be a presentation on the CRTPA certification at the next Board meeting.

10. CRTPA INFORMATION

- A. Future Meeting Dates (Next Meeting: September 21)**
- B. Committee Actions (Citizen’s Multimodal Advisory Committee & Technical Advisory Committee)**
- C. CRTPA Project Updates**

11. ITEMS FROM CRTPA BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Minor provided an update on the North Monroe Task Force, charged with identifying capital improvements along the corridor. When the task force work is completed the Board would get a presentation.

Commissioner Williams-Cox discussed the need for Rail. She noted there should be a detailed discussion at a later meeting possibly the October retreat. Mr. Slay noted the FDOT was conducting a study on statewide railways. There would be a presentation on the findings of the study later this year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Attested:

Yulonda Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Jeremy Matlow, CRTPA Chairman



PUBLIC HEARING

CONNECTIONS 2045 REGIONAL MOBILITY PLAN AMENDMENT

MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 1:30 PM

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Commissioner Decorkus Allen, Town of Havana - Gadsden Municipalities
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The CRTPA is conducting a public hearing to solicit public comment on a proposed amendment to the Connections 2045 Regional Mobility Plan (RMP).

Subsequent to solicitation of public comment, the CRTPA is to formally consider amending the Connections 2045 RMP (provided as ***Attachment 1***).

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: RMP Amendment Agenda Item

Mr. Slay stated at the November 23, 2020 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board meeting members approved the Connections 2045 Regional Mobility Plan. Staff is seeking to amend the 2045 RMP to include several transit projects. Mr. Slay noted the RMP would add relevant projects from the 2040 RMP, as well as a few other projects, including the South Side Transit Stop. He also noted, that after the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) were completed, there would be another amendment to the RMP.

The meeting moved to hear public comment. There were no public speakers at the meeting.

Board Action: Commissioner Dozier made a motion to approve the Regional Mobility Amendment as presented by staff. Commissioner Viegbesie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Public hearing closed at 1:40 PM.

Attested:

Yulonda Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Jeremy Matlow, CRTPA Chairman