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MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 1:00 PM

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

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the CRTPA is to act as the principal forum for collective transportation policy discussions that results in the development of a long range transportation plan which creates an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that supports sustainable development patterns and promotes economic growth.”

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor John R. Marks, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Bryan Desloge, Leon County
Commissioner Delores Madison, City of Midway, Quincy and Havana
Commissioner John Dailey, Leon County
Commissioner Akin Akinyemi, Leon County
Commissioner Jane Sauls, Leon County
Commissioner Cliff Thael, Leon County
Commissioner Bob Rackleff, Leon County
Commissioner Douglas Croley, Gadsden County
Commissioner Howard Kessler, Wakulla County
Commissioner Andrew Gillum, City of Tallahassee

Staff Present:

Harry Reed, CRTPA; Jack Kostrzewa, CRTPA; Greg Burke, CRTPA;
Lynn Barr, CRTPA; Colleen Roland, CRTPA; Yulonda Mitchell,
CRTPA; Hines Boyd, Jefferson County Commission; Tony Park, Leon
County Public Works Department; Gabe Menendez, City of Tallahassee
Public Works Department; Bill Woolery, City of Tallahassee Public
Works Department; Ron Garrison, StarMetro; Bryant Paulk, FDOT, Mel
Wilson, CRTPA Attorney

1. AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- **CRTPA Past Chair and Leon County Transportation Disadvantaged Past Chair Awards**

2. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes of the November 16, 2009 Meeting**

B. **Final Public Involvement Process Plan**

The Public Involvement Process Plan has been updated for CRTPA approval.

Board Action: Commissioner Gillum made a motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kessler. The motion was unanimously passed.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

5. **CRTPA DISCUSSION (60 MINUTES)**

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. **FDOT Tentative FY 2011 – FY 2015 Work Program (Discussion)**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the Tentative FY 2011 – FY 2015 Work Program.

Ms. Regina Battles, FDOT staff, provided information on the work program for FY 2011 – FY 2015. She provided information on projects for each county, highlighting the additions, deletions and deferments. She stated the material distributed was a copy of the exact presentation.

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

B. **Regional Mobility Plan (Action)**

There are two items that will be presented regarding the Regional Mobility Plan (RMP). The first is a presentation from Katherine Loflin pertaining to the second year findings from the “Soul of the Community” effort by the Knight Foundation (Agenda Item 5B1). The second presentation pertains to the “Scenario Planning” task including the results of the “Developable Land” application to the three scenarios approved by the CRTPA (Agenda Item 5B2).

Soul of the Community

Dr. Katherine Loflin presented the second year findings of the Soul of the Community. She focused on the top findings from the Gallop Poll for the Tallahassee area relating to transportation planning. She discussed the retention of talent from the universities, economic development, current transportation systems and navigation into the surrounding communities.

The board discussed the findings. Commissioner Lightsey discussed the demographics of the reports. Dr. Loflin noted that all information can be found on the Soul of the Community website (<http://www.soulofthecommunity.org/findings-by-community/tallahassee/>). Commissioner Boyd discussed the special needs of

rural communities. He noted that those small communities tend to create their own to bring the community together. He expressed the needs for basic services and that they are not readily available.

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

Scenario Planning

Beverly Davis, RSH, provided a presentation on the development scenario planning analysis. She stated that this consists of GIS analysis and was of a high level conceptual plan to visualize how the community may look through the impact of the growth. She noted that the analysis provides the basic framework for the policy development. Ms. Davis noted there was much feed back from local meetings and board members. She outlined each scenario and the effects of the growth for each scenario. She provided maps of developable land and stated this was the first step. Next the population projections were provided as well as the identification of the future density assignments. She noted information was available on the capitallegacyproject.org website.

The board discussed the scenarios. Commissioner Lightsey noted that the community will have to work with the choices that have been made, she spoke of the spray field's future impacts on land use scenarios. Mr. Reed explained the process that the staff would use to evaluate future impacts. He also noted the cost impacts to the community and the effects on the smaller communities. Mayor Marks discussed the past development and transportation decisions. He discussed the need to move people and not just cars and noted the difficulty regarding constructing future roadways. He noted the differences in the way of thinking in the past to today's way of thinking. He noted there needs to be a change in the mind set of the community.

Board Action: Commissioner Lightsey made a motion to direct staff to move forward with the Planning Scenarios as presented. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

C. Regional Transit Study (Discussion)

An update on the Regional Transit Study will be provided including a refined evaluation of potential transit service improvements.

Marcus Arnold, HDR, stated that public meetings were recently held to formally engage the public on the study process and gain input on the Regional Transit Study. The meetings were conducted at various locations within the region in November. He noted that the meetings presented information related to alternatives to serve the region, transit service improvements, operating plans, cost for improvements and ridership estimates to address potential transit demand within the region. He stated this study would incorporate Nova 2010 initiative as well as transit service to Wakulla, Jefferson and Gadsden County.

Mayor Marks discussed cost of public transportation. He stated there should be a study to show the ridership necessary to show when there is not a cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Reed stated transit systems generally will not be able to pay for themselves with ridership costs. He noted that in Asia, the transit is greatly funded by the stations. Such stations are developed with leased space and the government collects percentages of the sales. Commissioner Madison asked about the Gadsden Express services. Colleen Roland stated that while the buses are ready, there was an

issue with a stop at the Dollar General across from the town hall. This location has been replaced by a stop at Lamb Park. A legal agreement was being worked on between Gadsden County and City of Midway. After these issues are addressed the services can start. Commissioner Thael noted that the community needs to re-think land uses and that the future land use maps should be reviewed based on the fact the properties have not developed and the economy was changing. He discussed transit in San Francisco and Chattanooga communities. He stated that in Chattanooga the trolleys are heavily used and in that community there is no need to even get into a car. He asked if there were plans to let DOT know that funds need to be spent on moving people and not cars and put the funds toward transit improvements? Mr. Reed stated that the legislature would need to restructure how the funds are allocated. Other driving factors will be greenhouse gases, mobility fees, climate change these would have to be considered by DCA and DOT. Commissioner Rackleff discussed the true cost of the choices that are made as a community. He stated motorists are greatly subsidized and this was not good for the community with the increasing number of vehicles within the region on a daily basis. He noted more transit was economically a good strategy.

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

D. Apalachee Parkway/Cascade Park Pedestrian Connection, Magnolia Drive/Apalachee Parkway Intersection and Thomasville Road/Midtown Area (Information)

At the November 16, 2009 Board meeting, members requested that a discussion related to Apalachee Parkway/Cascade Park pedestrian connection, Magnolia Drive/Apalachee Parkway Intersection and the Thomasville Road/Midtown area be placed on the January agenda.

Mr. Reed addressed the projects. He noted that South Magnolia would require some retrofitting and would be expensive due to need for right-of-way. He also noted that connectivity needed to be addressed. Regarding Apalachee Parkway near the Logan and Miller's Ale House restaurants to Franklin Boulevard, Mr. Reed noted this would require reinforced walls that would be costly. Regarding the Midtown project, Mr. Reed stated there are changes in development in this area. He discussed the pedestrian improvements within this area. He noted this could include a partnerships with the businesses. He stated this would be a part of the upcoming sector plans within the Regional Mobility Plan. Commissioner Thael discussed the need for additional signage to give the location a "sense of place". Commissioner Lightsey requested information on rail and increasing the usage of freight. She asked if staff could get CSX to do a presentation on new initiatives.

Mr. Grant Gelhardt, President of the Indian Head Acres Neighborhood Association, spoke about Magnolia Drive. He stated that his neighbors walk and would utilize sidewalks if they were provided and stated they would like to have safe access to the New Leaf Market shopping Center. He also expressed concerns for the need for the improvements to the intersection at Apalachee Parkway and Magnolia Drive.

Mr. Adam A. Biblo, representing Leigh High Neighborhood Association also addressed many of the concerns addressed by Mr. Gelhardt. He provided some alternatives to traffic signaling to address some traffic accidents at the intersection at Apalachee Parkway and Magnolia Drive.

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

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A status report on CRTPA activities and items of interest was be provided, including the following:

- Administrative TIP Amendments
- APA 2010 National Planning Conference – CRTPA has been honored by having the Regional Mobility Plan selected for presentation at the national conference. It demonstrates the unique character of the approach being used to develop the long range transportation plan for this region and the national interest in our process.

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

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

This portion of the agenda is provided to allow members an opportunity to discuss issues relevant to the CRTPA.

8. CITIZEN COMMENT

This portion of the agenda is provided to allow for citizen input on any CRTPA issue. Those interested in addressing the CRTPA should complete a speaker request form located at the rear of the meeting room. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

9. INFORMATION

- A. Correspondence
- B. TIP Administrative Amendments
- C. Committee Actions (Citizen's Advisory Committee/Multimodal Advisory Committee/ Technical Advisory Committee/Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board)
- D. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items (Next Meeting: January 11, 2010)
- E. CRTPA Expense Reports

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Attest:

Yulonda Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Bryan Desloge, Chairman