



## TREASURE COAST TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (TCTC)

### Regular Meeting

**Date:** August 9, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** St. Lucie TPO Boardroom  
Coco Vista Centre  
466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Suite 111  
Port St. Lucie, Florida

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### MEETING SUMMARY

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Troy McDonald, Vice Chairman of the TCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call** – The roll was called, and a quorum was confirmed with the following six members present:

**Members present**

Commissioner Troy McDonald, Vice Chairman  
Darrell Drummond  
Commissioner Edward Fielding  
Commissioner Joseph Flescher  
Kathryn Hensley  
Mayor Bob McPartlan

**Representing**

Martin MPO  
St. Lucie TPO  
Martin MPO  
Indian River MPO  
St. Lucie TPO  
Indian River MPO

**Others present**

Sabrina Aubery  
Beth Beltran

**Representing**

FDOT District 4  
Martin MPO

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Alice Bojanowski	Martin MPO
Peter Buchwald	St. Lucie TPO
Lisa Dykstra	FDOT District 4
Brian Freeman	Indian River MPO
Marceia Lathou	St. Lucie TPO
Shi-Chiang Li	FDOT District 4
Phil Matson	Indian River MPO
Myroslava Skoroden	FDOT District 4
Jeremy Upchurch	FDOT District 4
Leslie Wetherell	FDOT District 4
Victoria Williams	Florida's Turnpike
Mary Holleran	Recording Specialist

**4. Election of Officers:** Election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the TCTC.

Vice Chairman McDonald called for nominations for the Chairperson of the TCTC.

\* **MOTION** by Ms. Hensley to nominate Vice Chairman McDonald to serve as the Chairman of the TCTC.

\*\* **SECONDED** by Mr. Drummond.

Vice Chairman McDonald accepted the nomination to serve as the Chairman of the TCTC.

There were no other nominations, and the nominations were closed.

\*\* **MOTION** to elect Vice Chairman McDonald to serve as the Chairman of the TCTC. **Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman McDonald called for nominations for the Vice Chairperson of the TCTC.

\* **MOTION** by Commissioner Fielding to nominate Ms. Hensley to serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the TCTC.

\*\* **SECONDED** by Mr. Drummond.

Ms. Hensley accepted the nomination to serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the TCTC.

There were no other nominations, and the nominations were closed.

- \*\* **MOTION** to elect Ms. Hensley to serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the TCTC. Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Comments from the Public - None**

**6. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Fielding requested that Agenda Item 8b be heard before Agenda Item 8a due to his required attendance at another meeting.

- \* **MOTION** by Vice Chairwoman Hensley to approve the agenda with Agenda Item 8b being heard before Agenda Item 8a.

- \*\* **SECONDED** by Mayor McPartlan Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. Approval of Minutes**

- *May 1, 2014 Regular Meeting*

- \* **MOTION** by Commissioner Fielding to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 Regular Meeting.

- \*\* **SECONDED** by Mr. Drummond Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Action Items**

- 8b. 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (2040 RL RTP):** Review of the Regional Trends and Conditions and the draft Goals and Objectives for the 2040 RL RTP.

Mr. Buchwald reviewed the background for the development of the 2040 RL RTP including the Scope of Services and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the St. Lucie TPO, Indian River MPO, and Martin MPO. Mr. Buchwald introduced Mr. Robertson of Kimley-Horn & Associates who was contracted by the Martin MPO for the development of the 2040 RL RTP.

Mr. Robertson indicated that the purpose of the 2040 RL RTP is to build upon each of the individual Long Range Transportation Plans (LRPTs) of the three MPOs and provide an overlay at the regional level which expands the options for multi-modal transportation improvements. He

provided a summary of the review of Federal and State plans and legislation that provide parameters for the 2040 RL RTP. He reviewed the Regional Trends and Conditions including work-related transportation modes and future land uses. When asked if UBER ride sharing was considered in the trends and conditions, Mr. Robertson indicated that he will check into how the census statistics classify UBER ride sharing. Finally, Mr. Robertson reviewed the five draft Regional Goals with the draft measurable Objectives that support each goal

Commissioner Fielding commented with regard to Goal 3, Objective 3B that run-off from roadways is a major impact to the waterways and proposed that mitigation of this impact be added to the objective. Commissioner Fielding also stated that an element that is missing from the goals and objectives is the impact of the installation of broadband fiber and internet infrastructure which will bring about many changes and uses in the future that could reduce vehicular travel. Commissioner Fielding encouraged FDOT to share broadband fiber connections and networks for those without connections. He proposed that when FDOT excavates for improvements, local jurisdictions should be able to install fiber optic cables at the same time and be allowed to make local improvements to the internet infrastructure.

Vice Chairwoman Hensley agreed and commented on the potential of broadband fiber to reduce travel time when signalization is interconnected and that it can increase the multimodal travel concept and increase safety with fewer vehicles on the road. Vice Chairwoman Hensley recommended that a conversation occur with FDOT to initiate the process.

Chairman McDonald confirmed that the other TCTC members had no objection to including a broadband fiber component in the plan.

Mr. Robertson asked whether to add a new goal or to incorporate the broadband fiber component into one of the existing goals or objectives.

Mr. Buchwald suggested Goal 1, Objective 1E for the incorporation of the broadband fiber component.

Commissioner Fielding suggested a broader potential for its incorporation with changes that included Vice Chairwoman Hensley's suggestions for safety with fewer cars on the road. He proposed adopting technologies to circumvent traffic bottlenecks and having a dialogue on how to accomplish these changes.

Vice-Chairwoman Hensley suggested that Mr. Robertson address in the report that comes back to the TCTC the comments and additions just discussed.

- \* **MOTION** by Commissioner Fielding to accept the Regional Trends and Conditions and adopt the draft Goals and Objectives with the proposed additions including minimizing run-off from roadways to mitigate the impact to the waterways; that conversations be requested with FDOT to share connections and allow broadband fiber to be installed locally at the same time that FDOT excavates for improvements; that the new technology applications that were discussed be adopted; and that a category for ride sharing be incorporated into the plan.

\*\* **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher                      Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Fielding left at 10:30 am.

**8a. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP):** Review of the TRIP grant applications for the 2016 grant cycle.

Mr. Buchwald reviewed the two grant applications that were submitted for the 2016 TRIP Grant Cycle, the 66th Avenue Project and the Port St. Lucie Boulevard Project, including the rankings of the projects in the Regionally Ranked Needs Project List and the timing of the projects. Mr. Buchwald also reviewed the recommendations of the Treasure Coast Technical Advisory Committee (TCTAC): the Port St. Lucie Boulevard Project was recommended for TRIP grant funding available in FY 2019/20 and the 66th Avenue Project was recommended for TRIP grant funding available in FY 2020/21.

Ms. Beltran indicated that Martin County did not apply for TRIP grant funding.

Mr. Matson acknowledged that the TCTC working together and following this process for regional meetings, with collaboration among the three MPOs, provides for good project decisions in development of the priority lists. He indicated that FDOT is appreciated as a partner in the program and encouraged for TRIP funding to be increased.

- \* **MOTION** by Commissioner Flescher to allocate the TRIP grant funding available in FY 2019/20 to the Port St. Lucie Boulevard Project and to allocate the TRIP grant funding available in FY 2020/21 to the 66th Avenue Project.

\* **SECONDED** by Vice Chairwoman Hensley                      Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. Recommendations/Comments by Members**

Chairman McDonald commented on a possible rule change coming from the Federal Highway Administration that could dramatically affect the MPOs/TPOs by requiring a merger of the planning areas into a super MPO. He indicated that it would be an overly aggressive attempt to take control from the local MPOs making the process not representative of local public issues. He further indicated that the Martin MPO is having a special meeting to prepare comments before the comment period ends and that it is a great concern. He urged the other TCTC members to watch this effort closely.

Commissioner Flescher agreed and said the Indian River MPO shares the same concerns. He indicated that the Indian River MPO's 66th Avenue Project became the important artery for connectivity and safety and evacuation efforts during major storm events and the decision made by local government to improve it is where the transportation decisions should be made.


**10. Staff Comments** – Mr. Buchwald introduced the FDOT District 4 and Florida's Turnpike representatives who travelled from Fort Lauderdale to attend the meeting and thanked the TCTC Members for their input.

Ms. Beltran said the next meeting will be held in Martin County with the date to be determined.

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

  
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for Mary F. Holleran  
Recording Specialist

  
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Troy McDonald  
Chairman