

**TALLAHASSEE – LEON COUNTY
BLUEPRINT 2000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY**

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2009

3:00 pm, City Commission Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

County

Commissioner John Dailey
Commissioner Akinyemi
Commissioner Brian Desloge
Commissioner Bob Rackleff
Commissioner Jane Sauls
Commissioner Cliff Thaeil

City

Commissioner Andrew Gillum, Chairman
Commissioner Allan Katz
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Mayor John Marks
Commissioner Mark Mustian

CITY/COUNTY STAFF

Ramon Alexander, City Commission
Michelle Bono, City Manager's Office
Dave Bright, Blueprint 2000
Greg Burke, CRTPA
Jim Davis, Director, Blueprint 2000
Shelonda Meeks, Blueprint 2000
Jim English, City Attorney's Office
Tony Park, Leon County Public Works
Gabriel Menendez, City Public Works
Phil Maher, Blueprint 2000

Harry Reed, CRTPA
George Reynolds, Blueprint 2000
Jay Revell, County Commission Office
Angela Richardson, Blueprint 2000
Jon Sanford, City Attorney's Office
Debra Schiro, Blueprint 2000
Rita Stevens, COT
Anita Favors Thompson
Bill Woolery, COT

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Bailey
Joey Gordon, The LPA Group*
Jamie Hart, Blueprint 2000
Lauren Hite, The LPA Group*
Gino Luzeietti, Broad & Cassel
Kevin McGorty, CAC
William Mitchell, Kimley-Horn
Tom O'Steen, Moore Bass/EECC
Windell Paige, Capital City Chamber
Gary Phillips, The LPA Group*

Margie Quillman, The LPA Group*
Jim Shepherd, Jacobs Engineering*
Chris Snyder, The LPA Group*
Dave Snyder, The LPA Group*
Charles Stratton, Broad & Cassel
Lamar Taylor, CAC
Latesa Turner, Jacobs Engineering*
Alisha Wetherell, Kimley-Horn
Ryan Wetherell, Kimley-Horn
Ray Youmans, THC*

* Indicates Blueprint 2000 Consultant

Chairman Jane Sauls called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. She presented Commissioner Gillum with a Blueprint 2000 shirt in thanks for his services as the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Agency.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Davis stated that Commissioner Lightsey had asked to have Information Item #3, FAMU Way Extension – from west of Lake Bradford Road to east of South Monroe Street, and Coordination with Capital Cascade Trail Segment 3, moved to discussion.

II. CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) CHAIRMANS REPORT

Mr. Lamar Taylor, CAC Vice Chairman, stated that the CAC had approved the application for nomination of Mr. Windell Paige to the CAC who will be replacing Hugh Brown. He stated that there were two other vacancies on the committee which seemed to be problematic to fill and they should consider changing the bylaws in order to broaden the potential base of participants.

Mr. Taylor stated that they had approved the 2010 Operating Budget without any changes, however, there was significant discussion of the proposed Capital Budget. He stated that the consensus view was that important aspects of the Capital Cascade project were absorbing the most revenue reductions while transportation projects were moving forward. He mentioned that staff had recommended a reduction in funding of over \$14M to Capital Cascade segments 3 & 4 in addition to the previous \$7.5M reduction. He further stated a suggestion was to stop the Capital Circle NW/SW project north of SR20 which would generate \$7 million in additional funds. He mentioned that staff was asked to provide an alternative Budget Option that would hold Capital Cascade harmless and it had been provided to the Board for review. Mr. Taylor stated that the CAC wanted to urge the Board to move forward with putting Capital Cascade segment 2 under contract as soon as possible to ensure that it would be completed.

Commissioner Thaelle stated that he agreed with the CAC about the continuing funding for Capital Cascade segments 3 & 4 recognizing the revenue difficulties. He stated that Capital Cascade is the signature project for Blueprint 2000 and that it will become a family orientated destination place for the community in the future.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. CAC Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2009)**
This item was presented as informational only.
- 2. No-cost Property Transfers Between Blueprint 2000, City of Tallahassee, and Leon County**
This item was presented as informational only.
- 4. Capital Circle SW PD&E Study Update**
This item was presented as informational only.
- 5. Blueprint Project Schedule Update**
This item was presented as informational only.

IV. CONSENT

6. **IA Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2009**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve minutes as provided.

7. **Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Approve the nomination of Windell Paige as the Capital City Chamber of Commerce representative to the CAC.

Commissioner Desloge moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously **11-0**.

V. PRESENTATIONS/ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

3. **FAMU Way Extension – from west of Lake Bradford Road to east of South Monroe Street, and Coordination with Capital Cascade Trail Segment 3**

Mr. Davis stated that this item was intended to advise the Board that the City had requested assistance from Blueprint 2000 to prepare cost estimates for potential routes for the FAMU Way extension. He stated that Commissioner Lightsey had questions that needed to be addressed by Gabriel Menendez, City's Public Works Director. Commissioner Lightsey stated that the City had not chosen a corridor or a route, therefore, she didn't understand how Blueprint 2000 would be able to provide cost estimates. Mr. Davis clarified that the City had asked Blueprint to evaluate option 3B, which is the proposed recommended route. Mr. Menendez stated that Mr. Davis was correct and that 3B was the recommended route from the PD&E study and Blueprint was asked to review the route and to verify that all of the assumptions put forth in the study were correct. Commissioner Lightsey asked if there were estimates on the other alternatives. Mr. Menendez stated that Blueprint had only been asked to review the proposed recommendation, however, there are estimates for the other alternatives and that they would be provided to the City Commission at a later date. Commissioner Lightsey asked when the item would be coming back to the Commission. Mr. Menendez stated that it would be following the summer break after Blueprint has provided the estimates but he didn't have an exact date.

Commissioner Thael stated that when he discussed the item with staff they had indicated that the extension would go all the way to Oakland Avenue, which is in the Myers Park neighborhood. He asked why it did not stop at Monroe St. Mr. Menendez stated that there is a short segment of Oakland Ave. between Adams St. to east of Monroe St. where FAMU Way ties into Monroe St. He stated that staff had worked with the neighborhood to redesign the intersection to minimize the traffic that would go into the Myers Park neighborhood and maximize the traffic disbursement. Commissioner Thael asked how that was done. Mr. Menendez stated that multiple right and left turn lanes were added and shared the through lane

with one of the right turn lanes which will make it difficult to go into the neighborhood. Mr. Menendez used the graphics that were provided to the Board to clarify.

Commissioner Gillum asked if 3B was the recommended option from the citizens. Mr. Menendez stated that it was.

Commissioner Rackleff asked for further clarification and stated that he had also heard from citizens who were concerned about through traffic.

Commissioner Mustian stated that there were other traffic disincentives that were being discussed, such as speed bumps. He asked city staff to provide updates to all of the Commissioners due to the number of questions they had received.

Commissioner Thaelle asked if there was a decision on the western terminus of the project. Mr. Menendez stated that there were 5 alternatives and not all of them align with Jackson Bluff, however Blueprint 2000 was asked to look at the preferred alternative. There was further discussion of the western termini.

8. Election of Intergovernmental Agency Vice-Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Agency conduct an election for a Vice-Chairperson in accordance with the approved By-Laws.

Commissioner Sauls asked if there were any nominations. **Mayor Marks moved to nominate Commissioner Mustian.** Commissioner Lightsey seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 11-0.**

9. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 – Costs and Amenities

Mr. Davis stated that this was an update on Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2, which is the funded Capital Cascade Park. He stated that staff wanted to reprioritize the amenities to move the signature bridges to the top. Mr. Davis referred the Board to Attachment 1, Cost Estimates, for further clarification. He also told the Board about various grants and donations that had been received and/or pledged towards the project. He stated that there was a correction to Attachment 1 under the prioritized amenities, Meridian Monument Plaza and Stage (includes shade structure) **should read excludes** shade structure.

Mayor Marks asked if there would be water in the park. Mr. Davis stated that there would be two small ponds in the park. Mayor Marks asked when Blueprint 2000 was scheduled to begin construction. Mr. Davis stated that the next item on the agenda was a request to move forward with the construction of the project. However within 30 days URS would be moving forward with additional spot contamination remediation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Due to the integral nature of the signature bridges to overall trail network, it is recommended that they be moved up in the priority list. The following is the recommended amenity prioritization:

1. **Signature Bridges**
2. Meridian Monument Plaza and Stage
3. Interactive Fountain
4. Boca Chuba
5. Shade Structure for Meridian Plaza

This item did not require a vote by the Board.

Commissioner Desloge stated that a lot of people had approached him because they believed that the project was stopped due to the scaling back of the amenities. He stated that the sooner that there is activity in the area the better people will feel about the project.

Commissioner Thaell asked for clarification on the \$9.5 million that would be spent on structures. Mr. Gary Phillips, project manager, stated that the structures included retaining walls, box culverts, etc. Mr. Davis stated that the park would be handling large amounts of water and that the water would be routed using underground box culverts, etc. Commissioner Thaell asked staff to negotiate hard to insure the best price on the work being done.

10. Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 – Authorization to Advertise for Construction, Negotiate a Contract, and Award a Bid

Mr. Davis asked the Board for permission to move forward to contract for the construction of Cascade Park.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Authorize the advertisement for Construction Services for the Capital Cascade Trail – Segment 2 Project at a cost not to exceed \$28,507,205, which includes CEI services and a 10 percent contingency. Authorize the IMC to negotiate and award the contract once the Construction Firm selection activities are complete.

- 1) Authorize the Intergovernmental Management Committee to advertise, negotiate and award a contract with the selected firm and if negotiations are unsuccessful be authorized to move to the next firm in sequence.
- 2) Authorize the IMC to amend the Master Plan, FY 2010 Budget, and Construction Contract by an amount as needed to incorporate any future grants or private donations received which will go toward park amenities.

Mayor Marks moved staff recommendation. Commissioner Desloge seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 11-0.**

11. Capital Circle Southeast: Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Road – Design Build Project

Mr. Davis stated that the Board had previously authorized staff to move forward with the project, subject to the availability of federal stimulus money. He further stated that tentatively and subject to the FDOT central office's approval, Blueprint would be receiving \$13 million. He stated that they had met with the Federal Highway Administration and the project would have to

be contracted using the federal contracting guidelines which are sometimes different than the local and Blueprint guidelines.

Mayor Marks asked if the Federal guidelines included local preference. Mr. Davis stated that they did not, however, Blueprint uses a two step process, the first of which is the request for qualifications which shortlists the firms. Local preference is applied during that process. He stated that in this case, five firms have submitted Qualification Statements and all five firms got maximum points for local preference. Mayor Marks stated that the stimulus money was meant to stimulate the economy by providing local jobs. Mr. Davis stated that the three shortlisted firms were M. Inc., CW Roberts and Sandco, which are all local firms.

Commissioner Thaelle stated that at the last meeting there was discussion of having this segment being seven-lanes versus four lanes. Mr. Davis stated that if the \$13 million were received, the project would be the full seven lanes and he provided a visual aid to show how the roadway would look. He further stated that the intersection at Crawfordville and Capital Circle would not be improved because the project had to be shovel ready with all of the right-of-way in hand to qualify for the stimulus money.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that eventually the road would have pedestrians and transit because the County was hoping to put the fairgrounds in this area. He stated that at the very least there should be designs to accommodate bus stops and crosswalks even though there were no immediate plans for bus service. There was discussion of bus pullouts and it was noted that StarMetro did not want bus pullouts.

Commissioner Desloge asked if the stormwater ponds could be more aesthetically pleasing and not have chain-link fences. Mr. Davis stated that none of the ponds would have fences and that most of the time they would be dry.

Commissioner Akinyemi asked if there would be schematics even though this was a design-build project or if the firms would have to design the project from scratch. Mr. Davis stated that Blueprint had 60% design plans that would be used as a part of the design criteria package. He stated that the strategy that was adopted by the Board was to have the designs ready and waiting for funds to become available. The right-of-way was acquired via easement from the FDOT and US Forest Service for this segment. There was further discussion of future bus stops and crosswalks.

Commissioner Mustian stated that the one design flaw were the pedestrian cross walks and the difficulty to cross such a wide roadway.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that seven lanes will be a barrier to pedestrians crossing the roadway because of the danger. She asked how to build in a safety island into the configuration of the roadway.

Commissioner Rackleff asked if it would be a problem building this segment as a four lane rather than a seven lane. Mr. Davis stated that Capital Circle is being designed as six lanes all the way around and that this segment is seven only because there will be no frontage road. He further stated that the four-lane option was only proposed because Blueprint staff thought that they

would only be awarded \$4.7 million in Stimulus funding, and they thought that they would only be able to do two additional lanes eastbound.

Commissioner Mustian stated that if the process was slowed or reversed, Blueprint would lose the \$13 million that it was awarded. There was further discussion of the desire to make the roadway pedestrian friendly and the need to move traffic efficiently. Mr. Davis pointed out that there was nothing on the south side of this roadway at this point in time and there were only two intersections that would be accommodated with pedestrian crosswalks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This item was presented as informational only.

Commissioner Thael moved to direct staff to look at enhancing pedestrian friendliness and pedestrian crosswalks and review mass transit opportunities for the future. Commissioner Rackleff seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 11-0.**

12. Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest: Modified Construction Project Limits – US 90 to SR 20

Mr. Davis asked the Board to defer the vote until after the Master Plan had been discussed because of the impacts to the Master Plan. He stated that as a result of the revenue shortfall, staff is recommending that the project limits be changed to go from US 90 to SR 20 to allow the program to save approximately \$7.2 million to apply to other projects in the Blueprint program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option 1: Authorize the advertisement for Construction Services for the Capital Circle NW/SW Project, from south of US 90 (Tennessee Street) to north of SR 20 (Blountstown Highway), at a cost not to exceed \$40.5 million, which includes \$2.75 million for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services and a 10 percent contingency. Authorize the IMC to negotiate and award the contract once Construction Firm selection activities are complete.

1. Authorize staff to modify the Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest project construction limits and initiate the procurement process for selection of a Construction Firm for Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest from south of West Tennessee Street (US 90) to north of SR 20, to include solicitation of qualifications, short listing and issuance of the RFP to no less than three firms. The TCC will be requested to review the Scope of Services.
2. Authorize the Intergovernmental Management Committee to negotiate and award a contract with the selected firm and if negotiations are unsuccessful be authorized to move to the next firm in sequence.

The vote on this item was deferred until after the discussion of the revised Master Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and comment on the FY 2010 Operating Budget.

14. Revised Master Plan and Proposed FY 2010-FY 2014 Blueprint Capital Budget

Commissioner Rackleff stated that he had reviewed the Master Plan back to 2008 and that Capital Cascade had been funded at the level of \$198.9 million and now in 2010 it is funded to \$135.4 million. He reiterated that the budget for the project had already been cut by \$65 million or 1/3. He stated that the Board was continuing to spend money on roads while cutting money on this greenway project, which is the reason that most people voted for the sales tax extension. Commissioner Rackleff stated that in two years the entire budget had been cut by \$135 million and half of those cuts had come from Capital Cascade Trail.

Commissioner Desloge asked what the original gross total estimates were to build Capital Cascade. Mr. Davis stated that if he recalled correctly the original estimates were \$88 million for all four segments, however segment 4 had no construction dollars allocated originally. Commissioner Desloge then asked how much had been spent on the project to date. Mr. Gary Phillips, Project Manager, stated that \$5.4 million had been spent on engineering and design thus far. Commissioner Desloge asked how much the total project was estimated to cost after the changes that the Board was being asked to implement took effect. Mr. Davis stated that the total cost for the entire project was projected at \$130 million. Commissioner Desloge reiterated that the voters were sold on the program and that Capital Cascade was the bedrock project at a cost of \$88 million and not \$130 million notwithstanding economic changes. Mr. Davis stated that the original referendum stated that the program would spend 1/3 of the budget on environmental projects. He referred the Board to the graphs provided that show that the program has budgeted a little more than 43% on environmental projects. He further stated that Capital Cascade Park has been held harmless in all options and that based upon the priorities that the Board set in 2005 there are a limited number of places where the shortfall could be taken. The Board had directed staff to hold the \$50 million of City & County stormwater and the sensitive lands funding harmless to budget shortfalls. Mr. Davis went over the changes to the budget due to the economic shortfalls that staff was proposing. He stated that currently there was a need for \$14 million and that it could come from City-County water quality because there is \$30 million available in that budget, sensitive lands projects, or Capital Circle NW/SW (CCNW/SW). He mentioned that cutting \$14 million from CCNW/SW would essentially be cancelling the project because the total money needed for the project is \$40 million (US 90 to SR 20) and additionally, Blueprint 2000 would potentially lose the federal earmark for the project.

Commissioner Mustian stated that because of economic constraints the program is not going to be able to do everything that it was originally tasked to do. He stated that Blueprint has been very successful at leveraging funds and bringing in money from numerous outside sources. There was discussion on which order the Capital Cascade segments would be done. Mr. Maher pointed out that during the last IA Budget meeting the Board directed staff to combine segments 3 & 4 and to do as much of the project as possible.

Commissioner Mustian stated that he would like to suggest a subsequent referendum to extend the Blueprint 2000 program past 2019 so that the program can finish what it started. He stated

that his suggestion was to cut back on the Capital Circle NW project to end north of Highway 20 using existing funding.

Commissioner Sauls stated that the Board would revisit this item following their review of the operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and comment on the revised Master Plan.

13. Proposed FY 2010 Blueprint Operating Budget

Mr. Davis stated that the proposed operating budget was not before the Board for approval, only for review. He stated that the operating budget was reduced by 4½ %, with no pay raises. There was discussion of the current projects that were in progress.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and comment on the FY 2010 Operating Budget.

14. Revised Master Plan and Proposed FY 2010-FY 2014 Blueprint Capital Budget

Mr. Davis stated that the Master Plan was formulated using the priorities that the Board had previously set forth in 2005. He reiterated most of the information that was previously discussed.

Commissioner Thael asked if there could be a cost savings if the six lanes were reduced to four lanes along Capital Circle NW to north of Highway 20. Mr. Davis stated that the project would be approximately 7,200 linear feet or 1 ½ miles and the savings to go from six lanes to four lanes would be about \$800,000 and that it would cost much more to go back and widen in the future.

Commissioner Akinyemi asked Mr. Davis to highlight the difference in the 3 options provided to the Board for this item. Mr. Maher stated that option 1 balances the budget by taking money from Capital Cascade segments 3 & 4; option 2 balances the budget by taking money from a mix of sensitive lands projects and the land bank; option 3 balances the budget by eliminating the construction of Capital Circle NW/SW. Mr. Davis stated that the land bank was a contingency fund and that he would not recommend reducing it.

Commissioner Rackleff asked if the Board wanted the policy guidance to remain the same that was given in 2005, i.e. everything six lanes on Capital Circle. He also asked what the direction of the Board would be if the program was granted more stimulus money and it resulted in a shifting of funding. Mr. Davis stated that the previous direction of the Board was that if additional money was granted that staff would come back to the Board for direction. Commissioner Rackleff stated that he wanted assurances that when any money becomes available that it would be put back into Capital Cascade Trail segments 3 & 4. Mr. Davis stated that most of the projects are complete or under contract, therefore any additional money would by default go to Capital Cascade Trail because the project is under funded.

Commissioner Gillum stated that currently there was a money problem and that hopefully the voters would approve an extension of the 1 cent sales tax. He further stated that the widening of Capital Circle to six lanes will facilitate the future growth and development of the City. He also stated that the decision to construct the roadway within a 230 foot right-of-way, which includes green spaces, is what the voters desired.

Commissioner Rackleff asked if the 230 feet of right-of-way had been purchased for Capital Circle SW (Crawfordville to Orange Ave.) Mr. Davis stated that staff had not because on that segment there is no money in the project for right-of-way acquisition.

Commissioner Akinyemi stated that decisions were made 5 or 6 years ago and he wanted to know if it was too late to reconsider going in this direction. He asked Mr. Harry Reed, CRTPA Executive Director, if the 5 year Transportation Plan was going to show that it is best to change course with the number of lanes that had been recommended previously, and if it was too late to change course. Mr. Reed stated that Regional Mobility Plan was looking at a long range view, and that the decisions that were made were driven by FDOT because Capital Circle is a state road. He stated that his department was looking at changing course and that Tennessee Street would be the first example because they were looking at reducing it from 6 lanes to 4 lanes. He further mentioned that Capital Circle is a regional facility and that there were sections that were governed by the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) guidelines, with very strict requirements. Mr. Reed stated that because of these classifications, Mr. Davis was able to leverage the Blueprint funds to obtain funding and that Blueprint will be required to return the money if the specifications for the roadway changes or if the guidelines were not met. There was discussion of rail transit and various other transit options.

Commissioner Thael asked if Blueprint was more likely to get stimulus money for transportation projects or for stormwater projects. He stated that since the program is \$14M short, his suggestion was that the Mayor contact the Governor for assistance. There was discussion of an early referendum and borrowing money to complete the project. Mr. Davis stated that Blueprint's ability to get money for roadways was greater. He further stated that there was a new grant called the TIGER grant that Blueprint staff was working with both local governments to complete to help fund the CCNW/SW SR 20 intersection.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that the roadway median had been narrowed as it goes south of SR 20. Mr. Davis stated that she was correct that the roadway was narrowed and reduced to four lanes; however the right-of-way remained at 230 ft. Commissioner Lightsey stated that she did not agree with the standard right-of-way width of 230 ft and that future projects that are in the planning and design stages should consider narrower right-of-way. She further stated that a lot of money had been stripped from the stormwater enhancements on the westside road system which are important to the citizens of that area. She mentioned that the projects that are at the end of the program are always shorted and that Capital Circle SW was the most environmentally sensitive area and therefore needed more money to implement correctly. Commissioner Lightsey stated that she would like to advocate for the citizens of the southwest side to have money put back into the projects for that area when funds become available.

Mayor Marks stated that he understood Commissioner Rackleff's concerns about the policy guidance given in 2005, i.e. everything six lanes on Capital Circle, however there needed to be a

way to move traffic around the city from one side to the other which reduces traffic within the city. He stated that he appreciated Commissioner Thael's confidence in him as related to talking with the governor, however, he doubted that he would be able to get additional funding for Capital Cascade Trail.

Commissioner Rackleff asked Mr. Davis if it was staff's understanding that the remainder of Capital Circle SW (Crawfordville to Blountstown) would be 6 lanes. Mr. Davis stated that the PD&E study had not been completed, and the alignment had not been selected, and that the Study would tell staff what the demands and requirements are for the width of the road. He stated that the traffic study dictates the number of lanes required for the road even for SIS projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and comment on the revised Master Plan.

The Board went back to vote on item #12.

12. Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest: Modified Construction Project Limits – US 90 to SR Proposed FY 2010 Blueprint Operating Budget

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4. Authorize the Intergovernmental Management Committee to negotiate and award a contract with the selected firm and if negotiations are unsuccessful be authorized to move to the next firm in sequence.

Commissioner Lightsey moved staff recommendation. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 11-0.**

VI. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

VII. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dailey asked Mr. Davis to send the Board an e-mail regarding the status of the issue regarding buying right-of-way for billboards and the impact of the new ordinance on the project.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Sauls adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jane Sauls
Chairman of Blueprint 2000 IA

Shelonda Meeks
Secretary to Blueprint 2000 IA