

Blueprint 2000 TCC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Amtrak Station

2:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Gabriel Menendez, Chairperson.

Attendees: (TCC Members in Bold)

Kathy Archibald

Bruce Barrett

David Bright

John Buss

Jim Davis

Rick Fausone

Shelonda Gay

Phyllis Gray

Theresa Heiker

John Kraynak

Phil Maher

Gabriel Menendez

Chris Merritt

Nancy Miller

Tony Park

Bonnie Pfuntner

Debra Schiro

Dan Selman

Dave Van Leuven

Karla Weaver

Jean Weekley

Bill Woolery

Michael Wright

Greg Xanders

Agenda Modifications

Mr. Davis stated Michael Wright and Wayne Tedder were tied up in meetings with members of the City Commission and will be arriving late to the meeting. He suggested starting the meeting, and holding the Consent portion of the meeting until their arrival.

He stated the TCC would discuss Project Delivery Methods. He stated Greg Xanders, with Jacobs Engineering, would be making a brief presentation on the Design Build Delivery methodology and how it could apply to the Blueprint program.

Jim also introduced other consultants in the audience, which included Dr. Donald Long of MGT of America, Dan Selman of the LPA Group, and Bonnie Pfuntner of the LPA Group.

Informational Items

Item #a: Blueprint 2000 Legal Counsel

Jim Davis gave an update on the Blueprint 2000 Legal Counsel. He stated the committee recommended the highest ranked firm of Greenburg Traurig. At the September 15, 2003 IA Meeting the IA decided to withdraw the delegation of the selection from the IMC and select the legal counsel at the next IA meeting on October 20, 2003.

Item #b: Sensitive Lands Working Group By-Laws

Dave Bright gave an update on the Sensitive Lands Working Group (SLWG). He stated that upon presenting the list of individuals of the group to the IA, the IA decided there was a need to develop by-laws, investigate the application of the ethics policy and the Sunshine Law. Staff developed draft by-laws to be presented to the IA at the next meeting on October 20, 2003 for

their review, and will then forward them to the working group updating them on the status of the committee and to schedule a meeting within the next month.

Item #c: State of the Lakes Report

Dave Bright discussed the State of the Lakes Report. He stated that at the last IA meeting, Commissioner Winchester asked for a report on the health of the lakes in Leon County. He also stated that staff developed a report based on the City's Water Quality and Biological Assessment of Selected Lakes, Leon County Lakes Ecology 2002 Annual Report, and Florida Lakewatch Water Chemistry Summary, 1986-2001 and 2002 Reports. Staff also met with representatives from the City Stormwater Management Division (Geoff Watts), Sean McGlynn, McGlynn Laboratories (consultant to Leon County), and Jess Van Dyke (DEP) to assist in preparation of the report. Mr. Bright further stated the report will include data for the Trophic State Index, Lake Surface Area, Ph, Dissolved Oxygen, Color, and issues related to public access, fishing potential, invasive plant abundance, and native plant abundance.

Item #d: State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan Application

Phil Maher gave a report on the State Infrastructure Bank Loan Application. Phil announced that DOT had \$100 Million available for this fiscal year and next fiscal year for SIB loans. He also announced Blueprint 2000 submitted an application in the amount of \$22.6 Million for the construction of Capital Circle NW from I-10 to US 90. The loan will be repaid over 15 years with a 2% interest rate. He further stated staff felt confident Blueprint would receive the loan after a favorable evaluation by the Department. Notification of tentative loan awards will be announced on November 17, 2003.

Item #e: Design-Build Presentation by Greg Xanders (Unagendaed)

Jim introduced Greg Xanders to the group again before he began his presentation on Design-Build Methodology. Mr. Xanders explained that Design-Build is a process whereby a team is selected up-front to design and construct the project at a fixed price. He further stated that the Design-Build process doesn't necessarily select the low bid, but incorporates a technical design or other qualification components. Greg also stated the process saves time and allows for a project to begin without having a full design in place, encourages aggressive schedules to complete projects in a timely manner, allows for warranties and contractor guarantees, and at times a cost savings. Mr. Xanders also stated that Blueprint 2000's Capital Circle SE project would possibly be a good Design-Build candidate project with a minimum of unknowns. Greg further stated if anyone is interested in finding out more information on Design-Build, they should visit the Federal Highway Administration website at: www.fhwa.dot.gov. Questions and further discussion followed.

Consent Items

Gabe Menendez asked for a motion to approve all Consent Items. Michael Wright made a motion and Tony Park seconded it, and it passed unanimously by the Committee.

Item #1 August 25, 2003 TCC Minutes
Item #2 Approval of 2004 Meeting Schedule

Presentations/Discussion/Action

Item #3: Capital Circle NW/SW Scope of Services EPD&E (US 90 to Orange Ave.)

Dave Bright gave a brief update on the scope of services for the PD&E Study. He stated the Blueprint philosophy was incorporated into the scope under the direction of the TCC. He also stated that although this is a Blueprint project, the MPO is still in control according to the Federal Highway Administration and anything “official” on this project must be approved by the MPO. Dave further stated that there were no additional changes made to the scope since reviewed by the TCC last month. Dave asked the TCC to approve the scope, and stated that it will be advertised for Qualification Statements in November. A question was posed regarding the IA’s approval. Dave explained the IA approved advertising for the Consultant at their September meeting and delegated approval of the award to the Intergovernmental Management Committee (IMC). John Buss asked a question regarding references to the PD&E Manual. Jim Davis explained to him that this scope included more than what was in the PD&E manual, which caused it to be an Expanded PD&E Study. The committee also asked that references discussing Stormwater/Water Quality and the typical section are pro-Blueprint and not defaulting to the FDOT PD&E verbage. Further discussion followed.

Tony Park made a motion to approve the scope, Michael Wright seconded, and the committee passed it unanimously.

Item #4: Still Property Advance Acquisition (Capital Circle SW)

Jim Davis gave an update on the Still property. He explained that Mr. Thomas Still approached the agency about acquiring a piece of property from him for the Capital Circle Southwest project. He explained the property was in accordance with the advanced right of way acquisition strategies of Blueprint, and the agency is interested in purchasing the property. The property is 2.73 acres in size. Jim stated that because CCSW is a low priority project based on funding, buying the property now may run a small risk. However, if the entire parcel is not necessary for the CCSW project, Blueprint hopes to then sell the remnant piece of the parcel for profit. Jim further stated that if the property is not acquired now, Mr. Still may not be amicable to selling us the property at a reasonable price in the future and it may need to go through condemnation. At this time the property is appraised at \$175,000. Further discussion followed. Tony Park made a motion to proceed with the recommendation, Michael Wright seconded, and the committee passed it 7-1, with John Buss casting the opposing vote.

Item #5: Strategies for Road Projects

Jim Davis gave an update on the Strategy for Road Projects agenda item. He stated that at the September 15, 2003 IA Meeting, Chairperson Rackleff asked the Blueprint staff to put together a strategy on how Blueprint projects would be accomplished over the next 15 years. Jim pointed out the key components of the strategy, which are:

- Leveraging revenue is critical
- Professional assistance in leveraging enhances probability of success
- External funds “follow production ready projects”
- Advance right of way acquisition is key to keeping costs down and in acquiring external funds
- Expend the funds needed to complete the design and acquire the right of way for projects even when construction funding is not currently identified

Jim also discussed the recommended strategy to maximize the potential to complete all Blueprint projects by 2019. The key points to this strategy are as follows:

- Use the design-build or construction management at-risk method of project delivery
- Advance purchase of right-of-way, i.e., land banking
- Use the services of a transportation lobbyist to leverage funds
- Undertake the highest priority projects through construction; Capital Cascade Trail, Capital Circle Northwest I-10 to through Highway 20, and Capital Circle Southeast through Tram Road. Use the remaining sales tax revenue to complete the designs and acquire as much right-of-way as possible

Mr. Davis explained the strategy is not designed to approve projects, only the way Blueprint intends to handle the expedition of the projects. Further discussion followed.

Rick Fausone made a motion to approve the strategy, Michael Wright seconded, and the committee passed it unanimously.

Items from Members of the Committee

There were none.

Citizens to be Heard

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Gabriel Menendez, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.