

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

**November 19, 2001, 3:00 PM
City Commission Chambers – 2nd Floor**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner John Paul Bailey
Commissioner Charles Billings
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Mayor Scott Maddox
Commissioner Steve Meisburg
Commissioner Ed DePuy
Commissioner Tony Grippa
Commissioner Bill Proctor
Commissioner Bob Rackleff
Commissioner Cliff Thaell
Commissioner Jane Sauls
Commissioner Dan Winchester, Chairman

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Anita Favors, City Manager
Mr. Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Mr. Michael Wright, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Dinah Hart, Interim Blueprint 2000 Staff Director
Mr. Jim English, City Attorney
Mr. John Kilgore, Carlan Killam
Mr. Paco de la Fuente, Citizen
Mr. Tom O'Steen
Ms. Lorin Krueger
Mr. DeWayne Carver, Community Services of North Florida
Ms. Sally Dowlen, County Public Works
Ms. Debra Schiro

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Winchester at 3:20 PM.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Ms. Hart stated Item No. 6 had been deleted and will be brought back early next year.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Approval of September 17, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

2. Approval of TCC Bylaws

Consent Items were approved unanimously.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS PULLED

Agenda Item No. 6. Discussion of Official Corridor Mapping for Blueprint 2000 projects

Ms. Hart stated this agenda item was complex and required more research and additional stages of review. This agenda item will be brought back in January, 2002.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Update on Hiring of Blueprint 2000 Staff Director

Ms. Favors gave an update on the candidates. Last week the committee for interviewing the candidates for Blueprint Staff Director met and interviewed two candidates. City Manager Anita Favors reported that she and County Administrator, Parwez Alam, were still recruiting and Ms. Favors requested December 30 as the deadline for selecting a candidate to be presented at the January Intergovernmental Agency meeting.

Discussions ensued regarding qualifications and recruiting procedures. Ms. Favors asked that Dinah Hart, Interim Director, be notified regarding any questions pertaining to Intergovernmental Agency Blueprint 2000 until a Staff Director is selected.

4. Discussion of Intergovernmental Agency Meeting Schedule for 2002

Commissioner Thael made a motion to alternate MPO and Blueprint 2000 meetings to be held the third Monday of each month for 2002. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ms. Hart stated that two meetings would be held during the summer concurrent with MPO meetings because of scheduling reasons.

5. Approval of Grant Matching Funds for Frenchtown Watershed Stormwater Project

Ms. Hart presented this agenda item discussing advanced funding. Ms. Favors discussed the Financial Advisory Committee consisting of Gary Herndon and David Reid from the City, Alan Rosenszeig and Bob Inzer on the County side. They are looking at financial issues of the various project projections, costs and financing of all projects.

Commissioner Proctor asked if the Frenchtown project not be rushed but to look at complete network of Franklin Boulevard drainage situation with pending studies and to come up with a different solution. Mr. John Buss discussed the sense of urgency for this project, development of a Master Plan for the entire watershed and reason for advanced funding.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion and seconded to approve the use of \$1,346,236 of Blueprint 2000 sales tax revenue as matching funds for a grant from the US-EPA for the Frenchtown Watershed Project and authorized the City to advance fund the needed revenue, with the understanding the City will be repaid from Blueprint 2000 sales tax revenue. The motion carried with Commissioner Proctor opposed.

7. Presentation on Blueprint 2000 Roadway Design Standards

Mr. John Davis, City Engineering, Mr. Tony Park, County Engineering, and Mr. Rob Palmer, EECC member, worked on this project. Mr. Davis gave a presentation that involved incorporating the Blueprint 2000 concept for the Capital Circle projects. Discussions regarding the need for six lanes ensued by Commissioner Proctor.

Commissioner Lightsey made a motion, seconded to provide comments on the recommended typical sections and accept them, as amended, for further development in the project PD&E Study phases.

Commissioner Grippa discussed bike paths from Capital Circle to link Interstate 10 to the Airport and be funded as a Federal Highway Intrastate System because it is the only hurricane evacuation route from the Coast. He asked if this access road met all the commercial freight guidelines to get from the Airport to Interstate 10 and Mr. Davis replied he would check on this. Commissioner Grippa questioned the validity of a bicycle path on Interstate 10 and stated that he would rather use those dollars to provide safeways to schools for children.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that she was pleased to see the service roads and requested the most stringent access management right of way be determined as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Proctor discussed growth indicators, trends and urbanization, stating that a two-lane road leading to the airport is not adequate for future needs.

Mayor Maddox liked the concept presented and expressed the need for purchasing maximum right of way needed for capacity, stormwater and/or neighborhood amenities. He discussed the location of the airport not close to an interstate highway, instead next to environmentally sensitive land. Separating airport traffic by the cut off road concept of Blueprint 2000 without harming the Chain of Lakes

was discussed. He stated the idea of a freight lane and mass transit lane possible in one area. Because each segment is different, he requested staff bring back segment by segment as to the unique characteristics of that road. This was in agreement by several commissioners.

Commissioner Meisburg stated that the sooner the Chain of Lakes is addressed the better because of the impacts.

Commissioner Rackleff was pleased with the designs shown that were multi-modal. He stated there will be approximately 80,000 more people in Leon County in ten years and more in the next ten years and discussed needs for the elderly in transportation issues.

The motion was voted on and approved.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Establishment of Financial Advisory Committee

VII. UNAGENDAED BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.