

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

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011 (Special Meeting)

2:30 pm, City Commission Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

County

Commissioner Akin Akinyemi
Commissioner John Dailey
Commissioner Bryan Desloge, Chair
Commissioner Kristin Dozier
Commissioner Nick Maddox

City

Commissioner Andrew Gillum
Commissioner Nancy Miller, Vice Chair
Commissioner Mark Mustian

CITY/COUNTY STAFF

Dave Bright, Blueprint 2000
Greg Burke, CRTPA
James Cooke, Treasurer Clerk
M’Lisa Ingram, City Commission Office
Angela Ivy, Blueprint 2000
Roxanne Manning, Planning
Shelonda Meeks, Blueprint 2000
Gabriel Menendez, City Public Works

Tony Park, County Public Works
George Reynolds, Blueprint 2000
Harry Reed, CRTPA
Debra Schiro, Blueprint 2000
Wayne Tedder, Blueprint 2000
Jay Townsend, Office of City Manager
Patrick Twyman, City Accounting

OTHERS PRESENT

Dennis Barton
Paco de la Fuente
Zach Finn, Capital City Cyclists
Grayal Farr
Echo Gates, Genesis Group*
John Gibby
Carlana Hoffman, Quest*
Mark Llewellyn, Genesis Group*
Jim Mann, Capital City Cyclists
Maribel Nicholson-Choice, Greenberg Traurig*
Gary Phillips, The LPA Group*
Tom Proctor, Jr., KCCI
Margie Quillman, The LPA Group*

Marek Romanowski, The LPA Group*
Marvin Rubenstein, Capital City Cyclists
Joe Schrieber
Sean Singleton
Jim Smart
Crit Smith
Dave Snyder, The LPA Group*
David Stuts, Capital City Cyclists
David Taylor
Frank Terraferma
Ryan Wetherell, Kimley-Horn
Jerry Wise
John Wise

* Indicates Blueprint 2000 Consultant

Commissioner Bryan Desloge called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Tedder stated that there were no agenda modifications.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no informational items.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project Update and Roadway Options

Mr. Gary Phillips provided the Board with a presentation, including historical information on the Franklin Boulevard typical section approved by the IA in 2005. He stated that the Board previously authorized the advertisement for Construction Services for the Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project for a total authorization of \$6,300,000. Staff was directed to address citizen's issues on sidewalks, bike lanes, and the number of travel lanes. Blueprint 2000 advertised and conducted a public meeting on October 27, 2011, where three roadway cross-section options were presented. Mr. Phillips reviewed the information that was provided to the Board in the agenda materials of all options and costs of each. He stated that more than 80% of those in attendance at the public meeting preferred "Option C" which includes two 11 foot travel lanes; 4 foot bicycle lanes on each side; 5 foot sidewalk on east side and 10 foot trail on west side. He requested that the Board authorize the Blueprint Director to transfer an additional **\$1,365,000** from the Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 3 project to fund the Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project shortfall and to advance-fund the sidewalk improvements, which would be repaid in the future by the CRTPA. In addition, authorize the IMC to negotiate a Construction Change Order with the selected construction firm. The total not-to-exceed project authorization is **\$7,865,000**.

Commissioner Gillum asked how transferring the \$1,365,000 would affect Segment 3. Mr. Tedder stated that no project cost had been identified for Segment 3 because the project was still in the design phase. There was further discussion of the estimated costs for Segments 1, 3, and 4. The order of the construction of the segments was discussed. Mr. Tedder stated that the price for the project increased due to the deadline for the completion of the project. He let the Board know that there were projects that had been completed where funds still remained that could be used in the future on the remaining segments.

Commissioner Akinyemi asked why it was necessary to remove the South bound lane once the box culvert was installed. He also asked that staff see if there was any flexibility in the HUD deadline for completion of the project. Mr. Phillips referred to Attachment #5 which showed that due to the left turn lane that would be constructed at several locations, that the west edge of the alignment would extend and encroach into the current south bound roadway.

Commissioner Gillum stated that he didn't want to see the funds moved from Segment 3 and that the funds be taken from the completed and closed projects that Mr. Tedder mentioned.

There was further discussion of where to move the funds from into the project. Mr. Tedder stated that he recommended moving the money from the remaining Capital Circle NW (N1) project.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Mr. Dennis Barton stated that there was no question that Franklin Blvd needs to be fixed. He stated that he supported the four-lane option and that the traffic counts were very high in this area. He further stated that the decision should be based upon the future needs of the roadway.

Jim Smart stated that Franklin Blvd was only backed-up during rush hour in the morning and in the evening and otherwise it is very lightly traveled. He stated that he supported the two-lane option and that it was most in keeping with being a gateway to Capital Cascades Park.

Zach Finn stated that he supported the two-lane option and that it was the most pedestrian friendly.

Tom Proctor, Jr. stated that he was a cyclist and that he supported the two-lane option because it was more bike friendly. He stated that this is the only option that would allow him to bring his kids along on his bike rides.

Sean Singleton stated that he was in support of the two-lane option, however he was concerned with the increase in traffic on the other streets. He suggested that speed humps be installed on some of the roadway. He expressed concern for the cost of the utility installations.

Joe Schrieber stated that he supported the two-lane option. He stated that the other options would be very costly and this option would be a good compromise.

Frank Terraferma stated that he also supported the two lane option and that it would be the safest and most cost effective option.

Grayal Farr stated that he supported the two-lane option and he was speaking on behalf of two other residents of his neighborhood.

John Gibby provided the Board with materials which are not on record with Blueprint 2000 and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that he didn't want to speak specifically about Franklin Blvd., but that there needed to be transparency of the projects and insuring that there were no secret or closed door meetings. He discussed the Florida Sunshine Law and his belief that money was moved from Capital Circle NW/SW.

Commissioner Mustian stated that in the original EECC meetings the two-lane option was discussed, however due to the traffic demands the committee recommended remaining with the four-lane option. He further mentioned that he was now persuaded to support the two-lane option due to the pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Based on input received from the community at the October 27, 2011 Public Meeting with more than 80 percent of meeting attendees preferring Option C, authorize Blueprint to redesign Franklin Boulevard with the following design criteria:

- Two 11 ft. travel lanes; 4ft. bicycle lanes on each side; 5 ft. sidewalk on east side and 10ft. trail on west side (see attached typical section).
- Provide enhanced intersections for pedestrians, e.g. crosswalks, striping, appearance, etc.
- Provide improvements to drainage system to collect side street/backyard flow.
- Maintain dual lefts at Tennessee Street – drop one southbound lane near Call Street.
- Roundabouts were evaluated and since they would require right-of-way acquisition, they cannot be provided with this project.
- Provide left turn lanes on Franklin Boulevard for northbound and southbound traffic at Park Avenue, for northbound traffic at College Avenue, and for southbound traffic at Jefferson Street.
- Provide Landscaping and trail lighting where suitable

Authorize the Blueprint Director to transfer an additional **\$1,365,000** from Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 3 project to fund the Franklin Boulevard Flood Relief Project shortfall and to advance fund CRTPA sidewalk improvements. In addition, authorize the IMC to negotiate a Construction Change Order with the selected construction firm. The total not-to-exceed project authorization is **\$7,865,000**.

Commissioner Mustian moved staff recommendation. Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion.

Mr. Tedder pointed out that the staff recommendation requested that money be moved from Capital Cascades Segment 3. He stated that money was allocated to projects on an annual basis with an agenda item that came before the Board for approval. Commissioner Mustian asked if there could be an agreement that when new money was obtained for the program that it be used to replenish the projects that needed to be completed. Commissioner Maddox stated that he agreed.

Mr. Tedder stated that there were several options for how to fund the project and replenish funds that are moved: when funds become available from interest, moving from projects that have been completed, or reallocating funds on an annual basis. He pointed out that any of the reallocation options would be brought back to the Board for approval.

There was further discussion of the benefits of the two-lane options, the cost of the utilities for the project, and the locations of crosswalks and turn lanes.

Commissioner Dozier pointed out that the one thing that was missing from the project is the landscaping of the project and that the Apalachee Parkway bridge overpass was an eye soar.

The motion carried 8-0.

V. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

VI. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Desloge adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

APPROVED:



Bryan Desloge
Chairman of Blueprint 2000 IA

ATTEST:



Shelonda Meeks
Secretary to Blueprint 2000 IA