

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2003, 3:00 PM**

**County Commission Chambers, County Courthouse, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**County**

Commissioner Tony Grippa  
Commissioner Rudy Maloy  
Commissioner Bill Proctor  
Commissioner Bob Rackleff  
Commissioner Jane Sauls  
Commissioner Cliff Thaell  
Commissioner Dan Winchester

**City**

Comm. John Paul Bailey, Chairman  
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey  
Commissioner Steve Meisburg

**CITY/ COUNTY STAFF**

Mr. Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
Mr. Jim Davis, Director Blueprint 2000  
Mr. Bruce Barrett, MPO  
Mr. David Bright, Blueprint 2000  
Ms. Paula Cook, City Treasurer Clerk Office  
Ms. Anita Davis, County Commission  
Mr. Jim English, City Attorney  
Ms. Anita Favors, City Manager  
Ms. Shelonda Gay, Blueprint 2000  
Ms. Theresa Heiker, County Public Works  
Mr. Gary Herndon, City Treasurer Clerk  
Ms. Val Hubbard, TLC Planning

Mr. Bob Inzer, County Clerk  
Mr. Jack Kostrzewa, TLC Planning  
Mr. Gabriel Menendez, City Public Works  
Mr. Tony Park, County Public Works  
Mr. Anil Panicker, TLC Planning  
Mr. David Reid, City DMA  
Mr. Daniel Rigo, County Atty. Office  
Mr. Alan Rosenzweig, County OMB  
Ms. Debra Schiro, City Atty. Office  
Mr. Herb Thiele, County Attorney  
Ms. Dianna Williams, City Accounting  
Mr. Bill Woolery, City Engineering

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Kathy Archibald, BP2K CAC  
Mr. Tommy Barfield, FDOT  
Ms. Katherine Beck, Citizen  
Mr. Eric K. Carl, Raymond James & Associates  
Mr. Paco de la Fuente, Citizen  
Mr. John L. Forney, Raymond James & Assoc.  
Mr. Scott Golden, FDOT  
Mr. Lee Harvey, Southern Strategy Task Force  
Ms. JoLinda Herring, Bryant, Miller, & Olive  
Ms. Carlana Hoffman, Quest Corporation  
Mr. Rick Hurst, PBS&J

Mr. Gene Martin, FDOT  
Ms. Loraine McDaniel, Thomas Howell Ferguson  
Ms. Martha Wellman, EECC  
Mr. Rob Palmer, RPA Group  
Mr. Jimmy Smith, FDOT  
Mr. John P. Thomas, Thomas Howell Ferguson  
Mr. David Van Leuven, WilsonMiller, Inc.  
Mr. Anthony Viegbesie, City Comm. Candidate  
Ms. Jean Weekley, FDOT

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Paul Bailey at 3:08 PM.**

### **I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Davis stated that he had submitted a modification to Item #3, Capital Circle Northwest Joint Project Agreement. He stated that the City Attorney, County Attorney and Florida Department of Transportation had updated the agenda item to incorporate changes following review.

### **II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **a. Capital Circle Northwest - Update**

Mr. Jimmy Smith, FDOT, provided the Intergovernmental Agency with a presentation on the status of the design for the widening of Capital Circle Northwest from I-10 to US-90. He stated that FDOT would need approximately \$24M from Blueprint 2000 for right of way acquisition by March 31, 2003. He stated that the acquisitions could take up to 2 years to finalize. Mr. Smith stated that the FDOT would be submitting 60% design plans by the end of the month, 90% plans by mid summer and 100% plans by early 2004. He further stated that the \$17M construction costs were not funded and construction bids could be received by July 2005. Mr. Smith continued with his presentation and mentioned the placement of holding ponds, landscaping plans and sidewalks.

Commissioner Grippa asked how many businesses would be taken as a result of the widening and was it the 230-foot typical cross section. Mr. Scott Golden, FDOT, stated that during the planning they had identified approximately 120 parcels of property that would be affected by the widening, however they were not all businesses. He further stated that the alignment was shifted to the east to avoid as many businesses as possible and to assure the project remained cost feasible. Mr. Davis stated that this was not the 230-foot Blueprint typical section, and that the proposed right of way varied from 127 feet to 200 feet depending upon whether there were double left turn lanes or existing right of way.

Commissioner Grippa asked if there was a requirement for bike paths on both sides of the road. Commissioner Thael stated that the purpose of the bike lanes on both sides of the road was for bicyclists to be able to travel with the flow of traffic in both directions. Mr. Gene Martin, FDOT, stated that they were following the request of the bike and pedestrian planners for Tallahassee-Leon County. Commissioner Grippa stated that he did not feel that the bike paths would be used in this area and that the bike paths should be put in areas such as the Universities, Killearn, Fort Braden, etc. He stated that there were areas of town that do not have sidewalks. Commissioner Rackleff stated that this was a multi modal roadway that was being planned and that it would be used for the next 50 years and that during that time there would be growth in the number of pedestrians and bicyclists. The bike lanes are planned to connect with the existing network of current bike facilities and others proposed around Leon County.

Mr. Smith continued with his presentation.

Commissioner Winchester asked about the landscaping of the roadway and the stormwater facility locations in relation to existing stormwater facilities. He also asked whether the ponds would be eyesores with chain-link fences around them. Mr. Smith stated that the

facilities would be fenced for liability reasons. Commissioner Grippa stated that he would like to see an enhanced landscaping plan for the stormwater facilities.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that you would have to purchase more land in order to have a shallower slope for the stormwater facilities. Mr. Gene Martin stated that Blueprint could purchase the property and hire FDOT to install the holding pond, which would release FDOT from liability. He further stated that it is best to wait until later in the project to develop a landscaping plan for two reasons; (1.) to utilize excess properties that you have had to acquire and (2.) FDOT does the contract for landscaping after the project is finished to better insure that plants will live after planting.

**b. Blueprint 2000 Website**

Ms. Gay provided the Intergovernmental Agency with a presentation on the updated Blueprint 2000 website. She stated that the website now included the entire Blueprint 2000 and Beyond Project Definitions Report, all committee minutes and bylaws, interlocal agreement and the annual schedule of meetings for all committees. She stated that the website was located at [www.salestaxupdate.com](http://www.salestaxupdate.com).

Commissioner Thaell asked if the address for the website could be changed to Blueprint 2000.com.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

- 1. December 12, 2002 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting Minutes**
- 2. January 27, 2003 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Authorization to finalize the Joint Project Agreement for Capital Circle Northwest Right of Way**
- 4. Recapture of 2002 Funding**
- 5. Capital Cascade Trail: Appropriation of Funding and Delegation of Award**

**Commissioner Grippa moved approval of all consent items.** Commissioner Meisburg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

No items were pulled for discussion.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS/ACTIONS**

**6. Bond Resolution**

There was no discussion of the Bond Resolution.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the Master and Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$70,000,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Grippa moved approval of resolution #R-03-02. Commissioner Meisburg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Grippa moved approval of resolution #R-03-03.** Commissioner Lightsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. UNAGENDAED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Grippa stated that he would like to do a short presentation before there was a vote on item #7. He stated that linking I-10 to the airport and/or linking Springhill Road to downtown was not in the Tier 1 funding. He stated that he had spoken with Mr. Davis regarding rerouting Capital Circle Southwest to include Springhill Road. Commissioner Grippa provided a graphic to show alternate routes from I-10 to the airport and projects proposed for funding.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that he was reviewing the draft master plan funding schedule and this was a project that was planned for tier 1. Mr. Davis stated that not all of the projects for tier one have been funded and that the Blueprint philosophy was to leverage the funds on order to complete the projects.

Mr. Gabriel Menendez, interim Director Public Works, stated that in the case of Capital Circle Southeast, the developer entered into a DRI which requires them to build some of the improvements to Capital Circle Southeast. He stated that he would go into greater detail during the next agenda item.

Commissioner Thaeff pointed out the County Commission entered into agreement with Arvida through the Capital Circle Office Center and Southwood DRIs many years before he or most of the other Commissioners were in office.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Comm. Lightsey moved approval of PD&E study for Capital Circle Southwest to include alternate routes. Commissioner Thaeff seconded the motion.

Commissioner Proctor stated he is disturbed that no Blueprint money will be spent in the interior Southside as he predicted prior to the vote for the Blueprint 2000 plan. He also stated that just days before the vote, a letter was sent to the NAACP stating Blueprint money would be spent in Tier 1 on Springhill Rd. He then stated he felt there was bias against the Southside community.

Commissioner Sauls stated she would like to see a study done for Capital Circle Southwest with the alternate routes.

**7. Capital Circle Southeast Funding Request**

Mr. Bill Woolery was not able to give his presentation due to a fire alarm in the building.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. due to a fire alarm in the County Courthouse.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Chairman of Blueprint 2000 IA**

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**Shelonda Gay**  
**Secretary to Blueprint 2000 IA**