

**OCTOBER 23, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD**  
700 Catalina Blvd.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**TPO Board Members Physically Present:**

Commissioner Stacy Cantu  
Vice Mayor Michael Politis\*  
Mayor Karen Chasez  
Mayor Chris Cloudman  
Councilwoman Charlotte Gillis  
Commissioner Roy Johnson  
Commissioner Randy Hartman  
Vice Mayor Roger Eckert\*\*  
Vice Mayor Bill Lindlau\*  
Vice Mayor Alex Tiamson  
Mayor Bill Partington, Chairperson  
Mayor David Alfin  
Councilwoman Sergia Cardenas\*  
Vice Mayor Eric Sander  
Council Member Jake Johansson  
Jessie Thompson (non-voting)  
Kia Powell (non-voting advisor)

**TPO Board Members Virtually Present:**

County Chair Andy Dance  
Council Member Skip White\*

**TPO Board Members Absent:**

Commissioner Jeffrey Schuitema\*(excused)  
Vice Mayor John Rogers\*  
Commissioner Dana McCool  
Commissioner Rick Belhumeur\*  
Vice Mayor Reed Foley (excused)  
Council Chair Jeff Brower  
Council Vice Chair Danny Robins  
Council Member Matt Reinhart  
Council Member David Santiago  
Dave Castagnacci (non-voting)  
Becky Mendez (non-voting)  
Ted Wendler (non-voting) (excused)

**\* Non-voting member of the Small City Alliance**

**\*\* Voting member for the Small City Alliance**

**Others Physically Present:**

Donna Ralston, Recording Secretary  
Colleen Nicoulin  
Pamela Blankenship  
Chris Barone  
Jonathan Knight  
Barb Girtman  
Jim Cameron  
Kelvin Miller  
Ralf Heseler

**Representing:**

Daytona Beach  
Daytona Beach Shores  
DeBary  
DeLand  
Edgewater  
Holly Hill  
New Smyrna Beach  
Lake Helen  
Oak Hill  
Orange City  
Ormond Beach  
Palm Coast  
Pierson  
South Daytona  
Volusia County, At-Large  
Volusia County School Board  
FDOT

**Representing:**

Flagler County  
Ponce Inlet

**Representing:**

Beverly Beach  
Bunnell  
Deltona  
Flagler Beach  
Port Orange  
Volusia County, Chairman  
Volusia County, District 3  
Volusia County, District 2  
Volusia County, District 5  
CAC Chairperson  
TCC Chairperson  
BPAC Chairperson

**Representing:**

TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
FDOT  
Deltona TCC Representative  
Ghyabi & Associates  
JC Consulting  
Votran  
Volusia County Transit

**Others Virtually Present:**

Jessica Entwistle  
Omar Attallah  
Rick Brown

**Representing:**

Deltona TCC Alternate  
Volusia County Traffic Engineering  
Citizen

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum**

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by TPO Chairperson Partington. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was physically present. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with eleven voting members and three non-voting members physically present, and one voting member and one non-voting member virtually present.

Ms. Ralston announced that in the absence of Commissioner Belhumeur, the Small City Alliance vote would go to Vice Mayor Eckert.

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Mayor Alfin to allow members attending virtually to participate and vote. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chazez and carried unanimously.*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**III. Public Comment/Participation**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. September 25, 2024 River to Sea TPO Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. BPAC Project Review Subcommittee Report
- D. Executive Committee Report
- E. Quality Assurance Committee & Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Reports
- F. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report
- G. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report
- H. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report
- I. River to Sea TPO Board (R2CTPO) Report
- J. Executive Director Timesheet Review Report

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Mayor Alfin to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantu and carried unanimously.*

**V. Action Items**

**A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2024-18 Amending the FY 2024/25 to FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Ms. Nicoulin provided a complete overview of the proposed amendments to the FY 2024/25 to FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She explained that FDOT requested an amendment to the TIP to allocate funding for a new capital transit project focused on vehicle and equipment procurement. Additionally, the amendment revises the scope of an existing project by expanding the study area for a PD&E study along I-95.

**MOTION:** *A motion was made by Mayor Alfin to approve Resolution 2024-18 Amending the FY 2024/25 to FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chazez and carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

**VI. Presentations, Status Reports, and Discussion Items**

**A. Presentation and Discussion of the 2025 Draft TPO Policy Positions**

\*Handouts Provided\*

Ms. Nicoulin provided a thorough overview of the TPO's draft 2025 Policy Positions, noting that it had been thoroughly reviewed during the last Executive Committee meeting. During that meeting, the Executive Committee recommended condensing the document into one-page, double-sided format, with more detailed information to be available on the TPO's website.

TPO Board members expressed support for the condensed format and offered a few additional suggestions, including emphasizing key points on the back of the page with highlights, underlining, or bolding, and including "Target Zero." They also expressed their appreciation to the TPO staff for their excellent work in developing the draft flyer for the 2025 Policy Positions.

#### **B. Presentation and Discussion of the River to Sea TPO's Guiding Resolutions and Project Applications for the Call for Projects**

Ms. Nicoulin delivered a comprehensive overview of the TPO's guiding resolutions and project applications for the Call for Projects. She explained that following the annual project prioritization process, the TPO staff and committees evaluate procedures and recommend improvements to enhance future cycles. This approach aims to effectively identify and advance transportation priorities that align with the community objectives outlined in the Connect 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Although no changes are proposed for the upcoming cycle, she reviewed prior adjustments that streamlined the process and outlined the TIP Subcommittee's role in recommending improvements.

TPO Board members expressed their appreciation to TPO staff and the Board for the progress made over time.

Ms. Nicoulin indicated that these items will be back for action next month. Upon approval, the TPO plans to open the Call for Projects in late November or early December.

#### **C. FDOT Report**

Ms. Kia Powell presented the FDOT report directing members to [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com) for the latest project updates. She provided an overview of FDOT's ongoing recovery efforts addressing Hurricane Milton-related roadway damages, noting that repairs to SR A1A and US 17/92 have been completed. Updates were also shared on the Nova Canal and Barracuda Boulevard Bridge replacement projects. Ms. Powell reminded TPO Board members that the development of the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) is ongoing, with details on upcoming meetings available at [www.FloridaFTP.com](http://www.FloridaFTP.com). Additionally, she highlighted that Mobility Week will commence on October 25, with further information accessible at [www.MobilityWeekFL.com](http://www.MobilityWeekFL.com).

Ms. Powell and Ms. Chris Barone, FDOT DeLand Operations Engineer, addressed TPO Board members' inquiries, regarding recent flooding near Saxon Blvd/I-4 as well as across Volusia and Flagler Counties, the progress on the Nova Canal, a recommendation to add project signage indicating the responsible entities, FDOT's coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the adequacy of drainage pipe size under Orange Camp Road.

### **VII. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Nicoulin reported that the TPO office was closed from October 9-11, 2024, due to Hurricane Milton. The BPAC meeting was cancelled and the QAC and TDLCB meetings were rescheduled. She added that the Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting was rescheduled to November 8. She outlined the timeline for implementing TPO's new name and rebranding. Additionally, she highlighted that SUN Trail's open solicitation for FY 2030/31 project applications began on October 8, 2024, and will close on December 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. She also announced the TPO's upcoming participation in the VCARD Icebreaker on October 24, 2024. She pointed out that the next TPO Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **VIII. River to Sea TPO Board Member Comments**

Commissioner Johnson praised FDOT for their dedication to safety initiatives, acknowledging the positive impact of the "Zero Today" program in Holly Hill over the past twenty years and expressing confidence that "Target Zero" will be highly beneficial.

Vice Mayor Lindlau announced that today marked his final meeting and he extended his gratitude to everyone for their support over the past eight years. There is no replacement for him yet.

**IX. River to Sea TPO Chairperson Comments**

In recognition of their dedicated service to the TPO, current Chairperson Mayor Bill Partington and former Chairperson Barb Girtman were each presented with commemorative plaques. These plaques honor their leadership, commitment, and contributions to advancing the TPO's mission and supporting transportation initiatives within the community.

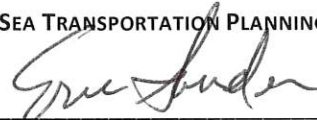
**X. Information Items**

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2024
- Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2024
- Technical Coordinating Committee Attendance Record– 2024
- River to Sea TPO Outreach and Activities
- Upcoming Events Flyer
- Volusia and Flagler County Construction Reports
- 2024 Multimodal Workshop – From Doorstep to Destination
- SUN Trail Solicitation Cycle
- US 17 Maintenance Resurfacing Project Information Sheet
- US 17 Trail Project Information Sheet

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the River to Sea TPO Board meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA COUNCILMAN ERIC SANDER  
CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the October 23, 2024 regular meeting of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board, approved and duly signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025.



PAMELA BLANKENSHIP, RECORDING SECRETARY  
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**\*\* A recording of the October 23, 2024 TPO Board meeting is available upon request.**