

Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Florida Department of Transportation Urban Office
133 South Semoran Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32807

- Call to Order – TAC Chairman Roger Neiswender
 - Mr. Neiswender called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Confirmation of Quorum
 - A quorum was present
 - Introductions
 - Members in attendance were:
 - George Lovett, FDOT
 - Tawny Olore, FDOT
 - Roger Neiswender, City of Orlando
 - Carla Bell Johnson for Jim Harrison, Orange County
 - Allison Stetner for Jerry McCollum, Seminole County
 - Tura Schnebly for James Dinneen, Volusia County
 - Karl Welzenbach, Volusia County MPO
 - Dale Arrington for Michael Pleus, City of DeLand
 - John Omana, City of Lake Mary
 - Ryan Spinella, City of Longwood
 - William Wharton for Frank Martz, City of Altamonte Springs
 - Charlie Wallace, City of Maitland
 - Don Marcotte, City of Winter Park
 - Bob Zaitooni, Osceola County
 - Randy Schrader for Jim Arsenault, City of Kissimmee
 - Dave Grovdahl, Metroplan Orlando
 - Lisa Darnall, Lynx
 - Pete Turrell, PB Americas
 - Members not in attendance were:
 - Lois Bollenback, VoTran
 - Maryann Courson, City of DeBary
 - Sherman Yehl, City of Sanford
- Agenda Review – Ms. Olore

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of meeting minutes from August 6, 2008 meeting
 - a. The minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.
2. Ms. Olore introduced new COO – Peter Turrell of PB Americas.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Monthly Project Update – Ms. Olore
 - a. Procurement Activities
 - i. DBM contract: Final review process of Addendum. Notice to Proceed (design) Feb. 20, 2009. Anticipated Notice to Proceed (construction) June 30, 2009.
 - ii. COO contract: Notice to Proceed issued Aug. 28, 2008
 - iii. CEI (oversight) contract: Begin looking at Scope by end of this year. Schedule under review.
 - iv. Long-lead items contract: Schedule under review
 - v. DMU contract: Design issues under review. Colorado Rail Car is currently having financial difficulties and is currently taken over by their creditors. FDOT is taking a look at this very carefully, to see if there are any risks. Colorado Railcar also has indicated that they would be unable to produce a low-floor DMU. Discussion about potential alternatives ensued. FDOT is working on a Plan B. The only other technology out there for commuter rail is the Push-Pull.
 - b. CSX Transportation
 - i. Meeting monthly on transitional issues, creation of dispatch desk, signage, etc. This is Pete Turrell's first task. Mr. Turrell will be spending a lot of time between now and January getting the transition plan in place.
 - c. Amtrak
 - i. Completed MOU negotiations on VSMF, common stations and transition during construction
 - ii. Operating agreement under review with Amtrak
 - iii. Execution of vehicle maintenance services contract not expected until 2010.
 - d. Federal Transit Administration
 - i. CRCRT approved Final Design and will begin negotiations for Full Funding Grant Agreement.
 - e. Right-of-Way Acquisition
 - i. Closed on five parcels in Lake Mary, appraisals underway on four additional parcels

- ii. Closed on five parcels in Altamonte Springs, OT hearings scheduled Oct/Nov 08
 - iii. Closed on one parcel in Sand Lake, one parcel left.
 - iv. Suits filed on various other parcels
 - v. Appraisals for DeBary under review
 - vi. Scheduled 30% design meetings for Phase II Stations
 - vii. Phase II Stations – Volusia County, Osceola County, Orange County.
 - f. Station design and location – Assistant Project Manager Sandra Gutierrez
 - i. 30% plans that went out in the beginning of August for Phase I.
 - ii. 30% plans review complete by Sept. 16, 2008
 - iii. 60% plans distribution Oct. 7, 2008
 - iv. 60% plans review completed by Oct. 31, 2008
 - v. HHCP architect of record
 - vi. Section 553.73(8)(b) Florida Statutes
 - FDOT exempt from obtaining any building permits for railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroads.
 - g. Upcoming presentations – Ms. Olore
 - i. Ms. Olore updated for CFCRT Public Liaison Marianne Gurnee
 - ii. September 8, 2008 – Sanford Rotary Club at noon
 - iii. September 10, 2008 – Metroplan Orlando Board Workshop on CRT
 - iv. September 19, 2008 – Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
 - v. Nov. 6 or Nov. 20, 2008 – DeLand Breakfast Rotary at 8 a.m.
 - vi. November 14, 2008 – Association of Florida Builders
 - vii. December 22, 2008 – Solavita Community Coffee Talk presentation at 9 a.m.
2. Logo Development and Public Outreach – Ms. Olore
- a. How and what do we name the system, color, logo, design, signage, etc?
 - b. We have a signage person on board, Jim Bockstall of Bockstall Design Associates, to help us develop concept and designs. Mr. Bockstall has worked with Universal, among other companies, in branding their design.
 - c. Enlisted the help of MyRegion.org to help us develop public consensus to develop a logo and name for the system.
 - d. Value research will take place in a few weeks – come back with test concepts.
 - e. December/January choose logo, color, name, etc.
 - f. Updates on concepts at next meeting
3. Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee briefing – City of Orlando Representative Christine Kefauver
- a. Florida Rail Systems Plan under development
 - b. Next meeting end of September in Ft. Lauderdale

4. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission – Mr. Neiswender
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2008 at 1:30 pm at Metroplan Orlando Board Room 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355, Orlando
 - b. Interlocal Agreements/alternate designations
5. Other Committee issues
 - a. None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Committee member comments
 - a. Karl Welzenbach suggested changing color of PowerPoint background on TAC hand-outs as it is difficult to read when printed in black and white.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public comments
 - a. Joanne Cornellis of Lake Mary asked when the actual construction of the stations will begin. Ms. Gutierrez said anticipated notice to proceed for construction overall is mid-2009, so hopefully by end of next summer.
 - b. Joanne Cornellis said that we need bus service and commuter rail everyday, including weekends and holidays, so I don't have to walk to church.

NEXT MEETING

1. Review of meeting dates, times and location
 - a. Mr. Neiswender set the next meeting for Wednesday, October 1, at FDOT's Orlando Urban Office, 133 S. Semoran Blvd., at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:25 p.m.