

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING  
October 19, 2006

LOCATION: Panama City Commission Chambers, Panama City, FL

Members Present: Randall A. McElheney, Chairman  
Jay Odom, Vice-Chairman  
Robert B. Montgomery, Sec/Tres.  
James Anders  
Stephen K. Norris  
Cheryl K. Sanders  
T.W. "Maurice" Langston  
Denny Wood with FDOT for Edward Prescott

Staff Present: Mike Duncan, General Counsel

Members Absent: Eddie C. Dixon

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman Randall McElheney Called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. A quorum of 7 members was in attendance.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-**
3. **Welcome-** Chairman McElheney welcomed everyone to the NWFTC meeting.
4. **Approval of Minutes-** Monthly Meeting on 09/21/06  
**Motion** by Ms. Sanders: To approve the Minutes  
**Second** by Mr. Norris  
Approved 7-0
5. **Old Business**
  - A. Chairman McElheney reported on the meeting with Eglin regarding the Niceville bypass. He stated that dialogue will continue with Eglin staff regarding a possible bypass project.

He further reported that HDR will evaluate the bypass in their alternative analysis in the Master Plan focusing on developing needed data early to determine if the project is feasible. Once the needed data is available, more definitive decisions can be made regarding the project.

Mr. Anders asked what was the overall length being discussed with Eglin. Chairman McElheney stated it would extend from highway 87 to highway 331 which was approximately 54 miles.

## **6. New Business**

**A. Master Plan Phase II Status Report-** Steve Wilson gave a status report on the Master Plan Phase II. He reported that as of September 30, 2006, the Master Plan development is 13.50% complete and on schedule. He further reported that the alternative analysis was underway and that the draft results of the alternative analysis would be presented at the December Board meeting.

**B. Approval of Invoices-** Mr. Wilson presented the invoices from HDR, Inc. and Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Thompson & Duncan covering the period from September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. He requested approval of the invoices.

**Motion** by Mr. Langston: To approve the invoices.

**Second** by Ms. Sanders

Approved 7-0

**C. Adopting a new logo-** Mr. Wilson presented to the board the two additional logos that represented some of the board members suggestions from the previous meeting. He mentioned that HDR was waiting on a new logo to be chosen before the new website was live. He also stated some of the information to be placed on the website included agendas, minutes of meetings, presentations, and the Master Plan Phase I document. The board reviewed the logos and several stated they liked logo #1.

**Motion** by Mr. Norris: Choosing Logo #1

**Second** by Ms. Sanders

Approved 7-0

**D. Status Reports on Gulf to Bay Segments 2&3-** Steve Wilson presented the status reports on the Segment 2& 3 projects. He stated he would be providing these reports on a monthly basis since funding for the projects was secured by the Authority through the TRIP funding process.

Chairman McElheney asked about the status of the TRIP application recently submitted by the Authority to FDOT for the feasibility study in Franklin County. Denny Wood with the FDOT provided an update stating that they were close to making a decision, hopefully by November.

**E. Financial Workshop Presentation-** Steve Wilson introduced Ken Hartmann, Jim Lee and Mel Placilla with HDR Engineering, Inc. who would be presenting the financial workshop.

Mr. Ken Hartmann gave a brief introduction on transportation finance stating that the presentation would focus on funding from local governments and the private development community via impact fees, proportionate shares, etc. Additionally, the presentation would discuss toll facilities and using the private sector to help finance, build, and operate new transportation facilities.

Mr. Jim Lee gave a presentation on transportation finance options that would involve local governments and private developers. The presentation focused primarily on legislation passed in the Growth Management Bill. He gave several examples as to how the Authority could become a partner in projects with local governments and the private development community.

Mr. Anders introduced representatives of Walton County.

Chairman McElheney adjourned for a 1 hour lunch break at 11:30AM.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35PM after returning from lunch.

Mr. Mel Placilla gave a presentation on toll facilities and potential involvement from public\private\partnerships known as P3's to develop and finance transportation improvement projects. His presentation discussed conventional bonding for projects and the criteria that is used to determine bond worthiness. He further elaborated on how the private sector evaluates projects for funding participation.

Mr. Hartmann concluded the presentation by stating that the Authority has multiple tools to be used in financing projects and that most likely the Authority would use a combination of the finance methods available.

#### **7. Public Comments-**

Mr. Ronnie Bell of Walton County reported that Walton County had adopted their ordinance as required by the Growth Management Bill and that it was viewed as a model.

Mr. Jim Devries with FDOT suggested the board consider talking to Escambia County about local government financing as they had recently adopted some local finance initiatives.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2006, in Sand Destin, FL. It will be held at the Hilton from 10:00AM-12:00PM. A summit is being sponsored by the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. The focus of the summit will be US 331 and the Choctawhatchee Bay Bridge.

**Motion** by Mr. Norris: To Adjourn

**Second** by Mr. Langston

Approved 7-0 at 1:45PM