

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2007

1. **Call To Order-** Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am on September 20, 2007 at the Pensacola City Hall Council Chambers in Pensacola, Florida.

Members Present:

Randall A. McElheney, Chairman

Robert B. Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

James Anders

Cheryl Sanders

Stephen Norris

Eddie Dixon

Tommy Barfield with FDOT

Staff Present: Mike Duncan, General Counsel

Members Absent: Maurice Langston & Jay Odom

Pledge of Allegiance-

2. **Welcome-** Chairman McElheney welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Pensacola, Florida.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** Monthly Meeting August 16, 2007.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve minutes of meeting.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved 6-0

4. New Business –

A. Status Report on Task #2, Franklin County Study- Will Stewart with HDR Engineering stated HDR has completed general data gathering. He said the opportunities and constraints maps have been prepared and hard copies were delivered to the Board Members. The first 4 chapters of the report are being prepared including existing condition descriptions. A Draft Public Involvement Program was reviewed during a brief presentation to the board. Mr. Stewart stated the Public Kickoff Meeting was proposed for early November.

B. Status Report on Task #3, Eglin Bypass Study- Chad Jacobs with HDR Engineering gave a presentation on the Eglin Corridor bypass. He stated the Eglin bypass is 2000 ft. wide and 57 miles long. HDR had presented the analysis results to Eglin staff and specified five areas of significant impact. Those impacts ranged from environmental, cultural/historical, infrastructure and military mission impacts. He said HDR presented a revised preferred alternative alignment to minimize these impacts to Eglin for mission impact analysis. Mr. Jacobs stated the next meeting with Eglin would be held on October 4, 2007.

C. Status Report on Task #4, Public Outreach – Mr. Ray Reissener reported things were wrapping up with the Public Outreach process. He stated he was waiting to be put on the Bay County Commissioners agenda to meet with them. He said he would continue to be available to meet with private groups if requested.

Approval of Invoices- Chairman McElheney presented the invoice for the Franklin County Corridor Study to the board for approval.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve the invoice for Task #2 Franklin County Corridor Study.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved 5-0

Abstained 1

Chairman McElheney presented the additional 2 invoices from HDR and the invoice from Harrison, Sale, Thompson, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson for approval.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve the invoices.

Second by Mr. Norris

Approved 6-0

Chairman McElheney provided a brief report on the meeting he had with Governor Christ and Eglin. He stated the Governor wanted to stimulate the economy. He stated state funds were limited but this was a great opportunity for this to be a toll road. Chairman McElheney also said the Governor greatly supported the NFTCA and was very impressed.

Chairman McElheney reported he had a great meeting with Uma Outka and 1000 Friends of Florida. He stated they want to be a part of the plan and participate.

E. Public Comments-

1. Lee Donahue wanted to know what was happening with the Beltway Loop. She stated that couldn't understand when looking at the maps. Chairman McElheney told her it is vague on the maps because they don't know where it's going at this time. He stated studies must be conducted. Mr. Reissener commented that this is just a concept and the lines are conceptual. He stated many things have to be done before any decisions would be made. He said the process takes 1-5 years.
2. Mike Anderson stated he had just learned the 11 intersections along the bypass of Eglin and it is great information for the public to have.
3. Chris Stahl with The Department of Environmental Protection said he has been watching the process and wanted to assist the NFTCA in any way possible. He stated they have a lot of GIS information available. He said he would like to meet with HDR. He provided his contact information.

Ms. Sanders asked Chairman McElheney about the time of the next meeting in Apalachicola, FL. She suggested the meeting be held at 1:00pm EST.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To change the meeting time on October 18, 2007 to 1:00 pm EST.

Second by Mr. Montgomery

Approved 6-0

Chairman McElheney called to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dixon: To adjourn the meeting.

Second by Ms. Sanders

Approved 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.