

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2010

1. Call To Order-Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am CST on July 22, 2010 at the Niceville Council Chambers, Okaloosa County, Florida.

Members Present:

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman

Stephen K. Norris, Vice Chairman

James F. Anders, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert E. McGill III

J. Carey Scott III

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present:

Mike Duncan, General Counsel

Members Absent:

Cheryl Sanders and Ashton Hayward

2. **Welcome** Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Okaloosa County, Florida.

3. **Approval of Minutes** Monthly Meeting May 27, 2010.

- **Unanimously Approved** to approve minutes.

4. **New Business**

A. FDOT/Turnpike Authority presentation (Planning Feasibility Study)

Jason Alderman introduced Howard Hodge, FDOT PM for Planning Feasibility Study. Mr. Hodge introduced Imran Ghani, FDOT Turnpike PM for Planning Feasibility Study, who provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Study and its processes. (printed presentation attached)

The project starts at SR 87 in Santa Rosa County and continues to SR 85 where the Mid-Bay Bridge Extension ends. The corridor is segmented for ease in the Study: SR 87 to Hurlburt Field and Hurlburt Field to SR 85. The cost of each segment will be determined and the project will proceed according to needs and availability of funds.

Mr. Ghani called for questions. Mr. McGill asked when would the Board be presented the Study results; at the end of the process? Mr. Ghani suggested milestones would be the best time. Mr. McGill said that he'd prefer regular updates – possibly quarterly. Mr. Ghani agreed.

Mr. McGill asked if there is an overlap (due to 30-year Study) where 20 years down the road, you wonder why they didn't 4-lane a roadway instead of 2-lane. Mr. Ghani said that you must work with options and budget available.

Mr. Norris asked if there would be 2 interchanges in Eglin. Mr. Ghani confirmed that there would be at the north and west gates.

Mr. Anders asked if there are any 2-lane tollways. Mr. Ghani said yes because sometimes traffic doesn't warrant 4-laning.

Mr. McGill asked when the 1st update would be presented. Mr. Ghani said that the process is sequential. First step is to figure out the preferred alignment. Second step is to do the traffic analysis. Following the 2nd step would be a good time to present findings.

Mr. McGill asked when public provides input. Mr. Ghani said that the Study is first stage, then the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) process offers opportunity for input through public meetings (second stage), then Design stage, then Right-of-Way, and then Construction.

Mr. Norris asked when you do the bond-grade study. Mr. Ghani said that it follows the PD&E.

B. Agreement between FDOT and Federal Highway

Jason Alderman gave brief overview. Federal funds were appropriated from Congress through Corridor Authority's Master Plan for \$1.2 million for administrative tasks. Primarily set up to hire staff, auditing, invoicing and legal services; no specific project work can be done through this. Mr. Montgomery was shown the agreement prior to this meeting and had General Counsel review; they approved. Mr. Montgomery suggested that the Corridor Authority have another meeting in 30 days. A motion was made by Bob McGill and seconded by Jim Anders to accept the agreement and have the Chairman and Vice- Chairman sign the agreement immediately after the meeting.

- **Unanimously Approved** to have a special meeting in August.

C. Audit Reports

Audit reports for 2006 and 2007 were picked up on Wednesday; hoping to have next 2 years audits available for next meeting. Audit reports can be approved to be paid through trip funds.

Along with reports, Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) provided invoices (Inv. 502678, dated 10/31/09 for \$2,120.00; Inv. 506245, dated 11/30/09 for \$4,060.00; and Inv. 531641, dated 4/30/10 for \$1,468.00). Mr. McGill asked about the finance charges being billed. Mr. Montgomery is going to speak to CRI to get additional information.

- **Unanimously Approved** to approve invoices without paying the finance charges.

D. New GEC

Question was asked if GEC would do accounting and maintain public records. General Counsel said that this would be firmed up with Request for Proposal (RFP).

Board Member Comments-

None

Public Comments-

Mr. Montgomery asked Bob Kellner (HDR) if he'd like to talk about Eglin. Mr. Kellner said that he'll continue the dialogue with Eglin, FDOT and Federal Highway to keep the program going.

Chairman Montgomery stated that the next NFTCA Meeting would be:
8/26/10 Panama City, FL – Bay County

Chairman Montgomery called to adjourn the meeting.

- **Unanimously Approved** to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. CST