

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

## Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2016

### 1. Call To Order

Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:10 am CT on June 23, 2016 at the Ft. Walton Beach Library, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

#### **Members Present:**

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman  
James F. Anders, Vice-Chairman  
Peter Bos, Member  
Scott Gaby, Member  
Cheryl Sanders, Member

#### **Staff Present:**

Robert Kellner, Client Manager  
Nick Beninate, Attorney  
Alicia Stephen, Administration

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was conducted and Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Review of meeting minutes from April 28, 2016. Ms. Cheryl Sanders made a motion to approve meeting minutes and Mr. Peter Bos seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### 4. Financial Report

Alicia Stephen explained the financials. Chairman Montgomery asked if the Total Amount remaining matched the invoice balance amount and Alicia answered yes. Ms. Sanders made a motion to approve the financials as presented and Mr. Jim Anders seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### 5. New Business

**A, B, C** - Following a review of the invoices, Mr. Anders made a motion for approval of all 3 invoices presented, 2 for Harrison Sale McCloy and 1 for HDR. Ms. Sanders second the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**D.** Chairman Montgomery said that in the last meeting's minutes, Mr. Steve Schnell mentioned that Project No. 30, SR 390, should be deleted from the Master Plan since it was currently going through Right-of-Way and Construction. The Chairman asked if

the project had been deleted from the Master Plan yet. Alicia Stephen told him that no changes had been made to the Plan yet but following today's meeting and vote the updates would begin.

Chairman Montgomery asked about the development St. Joe was planning on their property in West Bay County and East Walton County; specifically, how far along was the developing of the connector from Walton County (off Hwy. 98, just west of Origins) and tying in to Hwy. 388 in West Bay. Chairman said that he'd met previously with Jorge Gonzalez and had positive discussions. Mr. Kellner mentioned that Mr. Gonzalez is now the President of St. Joe Land and this might be a viable project for the Authority so maybe another meeting could be scheduled. Mr. Tim Smith, FDOT District ISD Manager, introduced himself and mentioned that he recently moved from FDOT Design group. He said that the PD&E for this project had been pushed back approx. one year. FDOT is looking at funding. Mr. Smith was asked about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and he said that he wasn't sure about that. If it is a tolled road, it would be a turnpike project but there is a possibility that the Authority could be involved. Mr. Anders asked him about the proposed bridge across the Intercoastal Waterway and Mr. Smith said that the bridge was a big part of cost of connector road and was one reason for the delays.

Mr. Anders then asked about the Gulf Coast Parkway from Gulf County connecting to US 231 in Bay County. Mr. Smith said a route (he put map on screen) showing numbers with recommended routes continuing north from Hwy. 22 running east of the John Pitts Rd. area and tying in to US 231 near or about the Bay County Industrial Park off US 232 and Bayou George. Then a motion was made to update this information on the West Bay Parkway and the Gulf Coast Parkway for the Master Plan.

Mr. Bos mentioned that he'd just come from a Mid-Bay Bridge Authority (MBBA) meeting and said that he felt that the MBBA tolls were having a devastating effect on local communities. He asked what the Authority could do about this. Mr. Kellner suggested that Chairman Montgomery could reach out to the MBBA Director, Van Fuller, and see if there's something that we could do to help the situation. Chairman said that he hasn't spoken with MBBA since the Eglin project was discussed a few years ago. Mr. Beninate asked Mr. Kellner if he was aware of any new projects that the MBBA might be looking in to. Mr. Kellner said that he did not know of any immediate projects.

The Chairman asked Mr. Bos if he'd been debriefed by Steve Schnell about the Corridor Authority and its capabilities. Mr. Kellner offered to meet with Mr. Bos and provide background on the Authority and its Master Plan.

The Gulf Coast Parkway project (MP #26) was brought up and Mr. Smith said that FDOT is looking into a more northerly route that would use US 231. He's trying to get a letter of support for this route (currently has a letter from Bay County). Ms. Cassie Muffley of Tyndall AFB said that Tyndall doesn't like the current route reflected in the Master Plan and would like additional information. Can the Master Plan be updated to

more accurately reflect current FDOT project plans? (*Please see attached FDOT email and map explaining their preferred alternative.*) Mr. Beninate asked if the Board wanted to include updated information in the Master Plan to reflect changes and the Authority's support? Chairman said that we want to add a statement to reflect our support to FDOT. Mr. Anders made a motion that we provide a supportive statement in the Master Plan to acknowledge that updates to this project are likely and we support the direction that the project is moving, according to Mr. Smith's information. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Scott Gaby asked Mr. Smith about US 319 in Crawfordville from the County line to US 98. Mr. Smith said that it is currently in Design with some right-of-way funded (for the northern section). Other portions are going to construction and some are moving into Design but the piece through Crawfordville hasn't been funded for construction yet.

Mr. Bos made a motion that we re-adopt the Master Plan following the deletion of Project No. 30 and the addition of the supportive statement to Project No. 26. Ms. Cheryl Sanders seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously

#### **6. Public Comments**

Cheryl Sanders asked Tim Smith about the stretch of US 98 between Carrabelle to East Point. \$33 million was used to repair it following the hurricane in 2005 but since then it has been repaired in patches making it unsafe. When asked about re-surfacing/repairing it, officials say that the roadway isn't bad enough. Mr. Smith said that he'd contact Phillip Gainer (FDOT) to discuss.

Robert Kellner asked if anyone was going to present on behalf of the NFTCA at the upcoming Florida Transportation Commission meeting in July. Chairman said that he wasn't available and notified Mr. Rick Gallant to let him know.

Alicia Brininger, FDOT, explained that there had been some personnel changes recently and one in particular was that Mr. Jared Perdue replaced Jason Peters as Director of Transportation Development. Alicia also mentioned that he would try to attend the next Authority meeting.

Chairman mentioned that he was trying to get legislation changed to allow the Authority to meet only 2 times a year and/or allow Board members to attend meetings by video.\* Alicia Brininger, FDOT, said that she'd request Mr. Carter Johnson, FDOT, to call the Chairman so that this change could be discussed.

*\*Default Rule means that you can participate in a meeting via video in an emergency situation but the group must already have a quorum. By attending the meeting through video, you can't establish the quorum.*

#### **7. Next Meeting Date**

On August 25, 2016 in the Days Inn & Suites Conference Center in Navarre, FL.

8. **Adjournment**

Mr. Bos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anders seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. CT.

Vancil-Stephen, Alicia M.

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**From:** Vann, Alan <Alan.Vann@dot.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 1:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Tim; Vancil-Stephen, Alicia M.  
**Cc:** Brininger, Alicia; Williams, April  
**Subject:** RE: Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority  
**Attachments:** Gulf Coast Parkway Preferred Alternative.pdf

Alicia,

Attached is a map that shows the preferred alternative for the Gulf Coast Parkway and I have indicated Tyndall's property line for reference. Below is the description of the alternative's route.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

**Gulf Coast Parkway Alternative 19 (preferred)**

From the intersection of US 98 and CR 386, Alternative 19 follows CR 386 utilizing the urban typical section up to North 15<sup>th</sup> Street. From there it transitions to a rural typical section and continues north along existing CR 386 for approximately 0.5 mile where it then turns west and travels on new alignment for approximately 3.0 miles. The alignment veers to the north for approximately 2.5 miles and then, utilizing a new high level bridge crosses over East Bay and the ICWW. The alignment returns to grade on Allanton Point and continues to the north mostly along existing Allanton/Old Allanton Road until it reaches SR 22. After crossing SR 22, the road has two options. One would turn west to travel on new alignment for approximately 5.0 miles to intersect with Star Ave. about 0.3 mile south of Tram Road. From the intersection at Star Ave., Alternative 19 transitions to an urban typical section, continues west 0.7 mile to merge with and follow Tram Road for approximately 0.5 mile and then turns to the west on new alignment to end at a new intersection with US 98 (Tyndall Parkway). Alternately, Alignment 19 would continue north on new alignment for approximately 6.2 miles where it turns to the west, continuing on new alignment along the south property line of the Port of Panama City IDC and its Conservation Boundary. It then transitions to an urban typical section and turns to the northwest to intersect with Highway 231 at Hudson Road (north of the Port of Panama City Intermodal Distribution Center).

Thank you,

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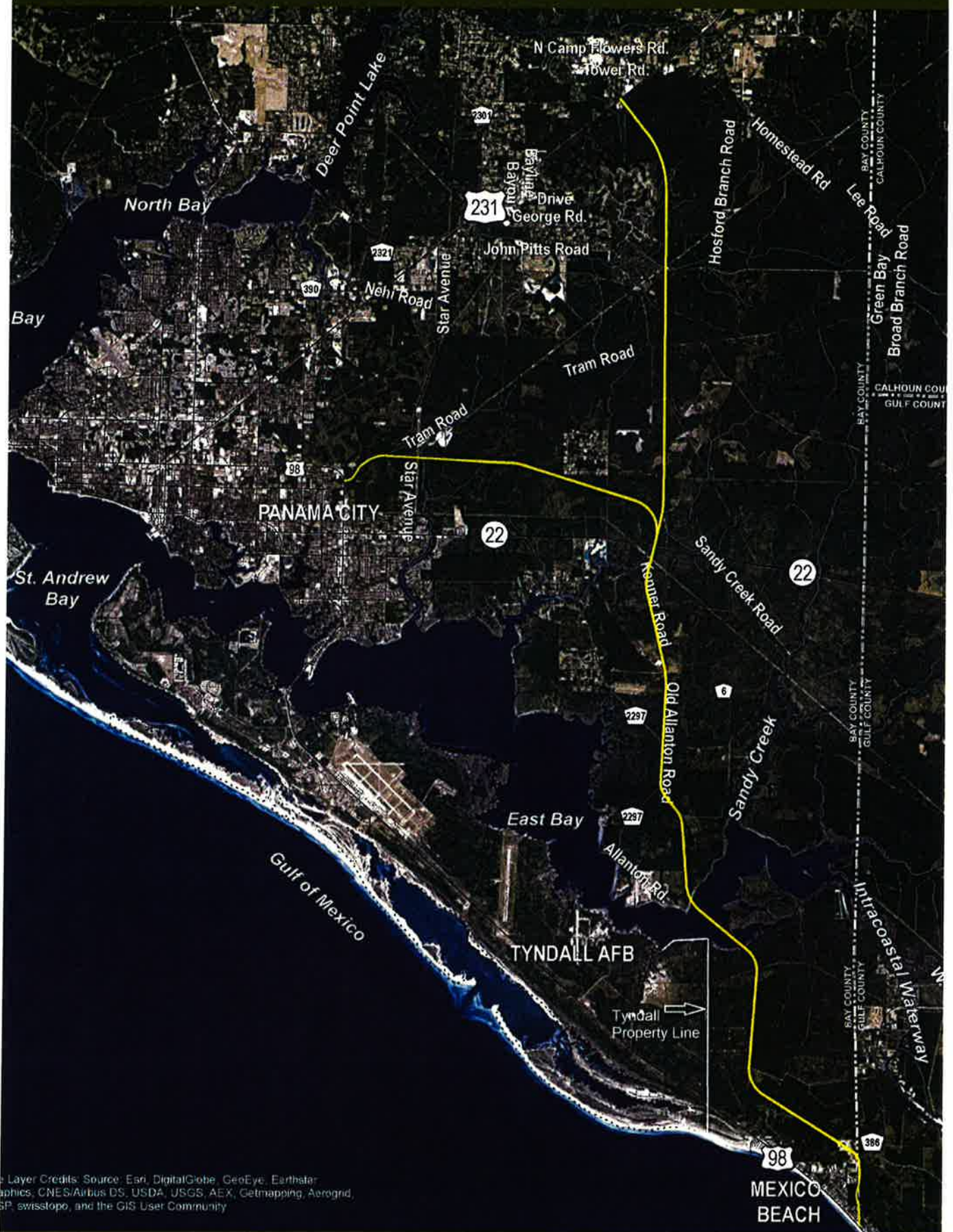
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**From:** Smith, Tim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 12:00 PM  
**To:** Vann, Alan; Vancil-Stephen, Alicia M.  
**Cc:** Brininger, Alicia  
**Subject:** Re: Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority

Alan can you send the information requested below.

# GULF COAST PARKWAY

## Alternative 19



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Gulf Coast Parkway Alternative 19

