

Sales Tax Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes

June 13, 2013

Absent members: Mr. Lamar Taylor and Ms. Laurie Hartsfield

Meeting began at 1:39pm

Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard: Materials only

At its May 9, 2013 meeting, the Committee decided not to hear public testimony during its June 13, 2013 meeting. However, the public had the opportunity to send written comments to staff, which were provided to the Committee in its agenda packet.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the May 9, 2013 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee

Mr. Terence Hinson made a motion to approve the May 9, 2013 summary minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Murray. The motion passed without opposition.

Agenda Item #3: Update on Progress of Imagine Tallahassee

Ms. Kim Rivers updated the Committee on the results of the May 20th and 21st Imagine Tallahassee community forums and discussed the positive turnout at the June 10th community forums. She also reviewed the Imagine Tallahassee draft schedule through December 2013. Finally, Ms. Rivers encouraged the Committee members to hold a 'Meeting in a Box' with their respective organizations to help Imagine Tallahassee continue to gather community input for the community visioning process. The Meeting in a Box material can be found at www.imagnetallahassee.com.

Agenda Item #4: Continue Committee Project Discussion to Discuss the Recommended Project List and Length of the Sales Tax

A. Review of the Table on Additional Information on the Proposed Transportation Road Improvement Projects

Mr. Wayne Tedder, Director of P.L.A.C.E., presented additional transportation project information for Projects 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 26, 28, 32, and 33 (Attachment #1). The information included total project cost, whether the project had investments from other entities, whether the project was recommended by the County or City, and whether the project was in any Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) plans. Staff also discussed new maps presented to the Committee that illustrate where proposed projects are located in the County, based on Priority Levels determined at the previous meetings.

Mr. Harry Reed, Director of CRTPA, further discussed possibilities for federal and state funding of the listed transportation projects and how CRTPA identified projects for its Significant Benefits List and Cost Feasibility Plan.

B. General Project Discussion by Committee Members

The Committee briefly discussed several projects in terms of how to prioritize them for Tier 1 or Tier 2 status as part of their discussion on defining targets for Tier 1 and Tier 2 (below).

C. Define Targets for Tier 1 and Tier 2

The Committee discussed different ideas on how to proceed. Common concerns among the Committee members were: 1.) the selected projects should provide geographic equity; 2.) the Committee should consider public appeal of the proposed Sales Tax projects; 3.) the Committee should consider the project Action Statements developed the February 1st Retreat.

D. Begin Tier 1 and Tier 2 Project Deliberation

Ms. Rivers began the Tier 1 and Tier 2 project deliberations by moving that the Committee review the current Priority Level 1 projects. If no Committee member objected then the project would be assumed to have unanimous support from the Committee and be placed in the Tier 1 project category. If there was an objection the Committee would discuss the project further in a follow up discussion. Ms. Christic Henry seconded the motion. The Committee accepted the motion without objection and began the first round of selecting projects for Tier 1. The results of this discussion can be found attached (Attachment #2).

After the first round of deliberations that moved twelve projects to Tier 1 status, the Committee discussed projects more in-depth. The results of this second round of deliberations can be found attached (Attachment #3).

Agenda Item #5: Next Steps

The Committee will recess for the summer and not meet again until October 10, 2013. Below is a draft schedule for the upcoming Committee meetings:

- October 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.: Update on Imagine Tallahassee and review progress of the project description write ups.
- December 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.: Review Imagine Tallahassee recommendations and discuss percentage allocations.
- January 16, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.: Continue discussion on Imagine Tallahassee and percentage allocations.
- January 30, 2014
 - 4:00 Meeting Presentation and Review of Draft Report.
 - 5:30 p.m. Open House.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Attachments:

1. Additional Transportation Project Information
2. Results of First Round of Project Prioritization
3. Results of Second Round of Project Prioritization

Additional Information on the Sales Tax Proposed Transportation Road Improvement Projects

A brief definition for each of the criteria is listed below.

Project Number	Project Name	Priority Level	Geographic Location	Total Project Cost	Current Investment (Expended and Allocated Funds)	Project Recommended by the County/City Commissions	Significant Benefits List	CRTPA's Transportation Improvement Program FY 2014-2018	CRTPA's Cost Feasibility Plan
1	Capital Circle Southwest	1	Quadrant 3	\$ 114,421,000	\$2.83 million: PD&E Study \$4.8 million: Design (FDOT)	X		\$2.89 million: FDOT Resurfacing (Orange Avenue to Springhill Road)	X
2	Gateway: Westside Student Corridor Enhancements: Widening of Pensacola Street	1	Quadrant 4	\$ 29,700,000		X			
5	Lake Bradford Gateway	1	Quadrant 3,4	\$ 37,271,738		X			
10	Northwest Connector Corridor: Widening of Tharpe Street	1	Quadrant 4	\$ 53,600,000	\$1.4 million: PD&E Study \$1.56 million: 60% Design	X	X		X
26	Northeast Connector Corridor: Widening of Bannerman Road	1	Quadrant 1	\$ 36,300,000	\$1.1 million: PD&E Study	X	X		
27	Orange Avenue: Widening from Adams Street to Springhill Road	1	Quadrant 3	\$ 39,100,000				\$5.73 million: Bridge Replacement \$1.87 million: Resurfacing	
28*	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Plan Regional Infrastructure (includes the Shamrock Ext)	1	Quadrant 1	\$ 78,000,000					X
3	Springhill Road Gateway: Beautification and Minor Transportation Improvements	2	Quadrant 2	\$ 21,426,400		X			
3/5**	Airport Gateway: Springhill Road and Bradford Road		Quadrant 2,3,4	\$ 58,698,138		X			
4	Southside Gateway Enrichment: Widening of Woodville Highway	2	Quadrant 2	\$ 29,700,000	\$1.2 million: PD&E Study	X	X	\$1.97 million: Design	X
32	Tram Road	3	Quadrant 2,3	\$ 41,900,000		X			
33	Extension of Jackson Bluff Road	3	Quadrant 3,4	\$ 26,000,000		X			
Total Cost				\$ 507,419,138	\$ 11,790,000			\$ 12,460,000	

* Project #28: The Committee has not determined a cost for the Northeast Gateway project. During the May 9th meeting, a tiered cost approach was presented to the Committee for consideration but no formal action was taken regarding the project. The cost listed in the table above reflects the total cost to implement the entire project as presented during the May 9th meeting.

** Project #3/5: During the May 9th meeting, the Committee was presented a revised Airport Gateway project that combined Projects #3 and #5. This project is not a capacity improvement project but it is intended to serve as the gateway into urban Tallahassee from the Airport. Through the acquisition of right of way this project will allow for future roadway enhancements. The Committee has not yet taken any action on this proposed project or placed it into a priority. The cost for this project has not been included in the total cost of the projects at the bottom of the table due to the fact that Projects 3 and 5 are included in the cost.

Criteria Definitions:

Priority Levels: assigned to all proposed projects by the Committee members at the April 26th and May 9th meetings.

Geographic Location: each project has been assigned to one of four quadrants in the County in order to assist the committee with developing a geographically diverse project list.

Total Project Cost: This is the total cost of the project developed by staff and presented to the Committee at the April 26th meeting.

Current Investment: identifies the funding that has currently been expended or allocated expenditures on the projects.

Project Recommended by the County/City Commissions: identifies if the project was recommended to the Committee by the County/City Commissions - including the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

Significant Benefit List: a formal executed agreement between Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and the Florida Department of Transportation for the expenditure of proportionate share funds. Essentially, proportionate fair-share funds from development would be "pipelined" to a few major projects that provide "significant benefit" to the transportation network by geographic location.

CRTPA's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): provides a five-year listing of state and federally funded transportation projects within the capital region (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties). Additionally, the TIP includes locally funded transportation projects that are included in the region's local government capital budgets.

CRTPA's Cost Feasible Plan: Federal and Florida statutes and rules require plans to cover at least a twenty-year time horizon. Plans must also be cost-feasible, which is defined as containing only projects that can be funded with reasonably expected revenue sources over the life of the document, identifies projects that follow federal guidelines and are eligible for federal, state, and local funding.

Project #	Project Name	Objection/Action
1	Capital Circle Southwest	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
2	Gateway: Westside Student Corridor Enhancements and Flood Relief (Widening of Pensacola Street)	Objection by Mr. Bill Berlow
3&5	Lake Bradford Gateway	Objection by Mr. Will Messer
6	North Monroe Gateway	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
7	Build Bike Route System	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
8	Complete Sidewalk Network	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
10	Northwest Connector Corridor: Widening of Tharpe St	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
13	Black Swamp Restoration, Regional Pond and Cascades to Munson Slough Greenway Trail Developments	Objection by Mr. Todd Sperry
14	Market District Activity Center Connectivity	Objection by Mr. Will Messer
15	Midtown Placemaking	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
17	College Avenue Placemaking	Objection by Mr. Todd Sperry
19	Florida A&M Entry Points	Objection by Mr. Todd Sperry
22	Monroe-Adams Corridor Placemaking	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
23	Orange/Meridian Placemaking	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
26	Northeast Connector Corridor: Widening of Bannerman Road	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
27	Orange Avenue Widening from Adams Street to Springhill Road	Objection by Ms. Henree Martin
28	Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure within the Canopy Project - Welaunee Boulevard and the Dove Pond Regional Stormwater Facility	Objection by Mr. Bill Peebles
29	StarMetro	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
30	Weems Road Flood Control	Objection by Mr. Bill Peebles
36	Killearn Estates Freshwater Restoration Project	Objection by Mr. Bill Peebles
37	Lake Lafayette Basin Improvements and Floodplain Protection and Eastgate Neighborhood Park/Greenspace	Objection by Mr. Todd Sperry
38	Downtown Stormwater Improvements	Objection by Mr. Bill Peebles
39	Alternative Sewer Solutions: Creating Comprehensive Wastewater Management for Leon County Unincorporated Area (Nitrogen Reduction and Infill Development)	Objection by Mr. Bill Peebles
46A	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds: <u>County Portion</u>	Objection by Ms. Glenda Thornton
46B	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds: <u>City Portion</u>	Objection by Ms. Glenda Thornton
	Water Quality Program: Projects 40-45	Objection by Mr. Will Messer
48	Northeast Park	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
47	Desoto Winter Encampment	No Objection, Moves to Tier 1 Status
4	Southside Gateway Enrichment: Widening of Woodville Highway	Objection by Mr. Todd Sperry

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1	Capital Circle Southwest	Tier 1	Reduce the project funding from \$114.4 million to \$85.5 million.	Ms. Rivers	Mr. Messer	Motion passes 16-0	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
	Water Quality Program: Projects 40-45	Tier 1	Add projects 30 and 36-39 to the Water Quality Program to be funded at \$75 million.	Ms. Martin	Mr. Peebles	-	-	Amendment Proposed.
			Amendment: Add projects 30 and 36-39 to the Water Quality Program funded at \$75 million. Add \$10 million specifically to fund project 36 (Killearn Lakes Restoration) and \$2 million to specifically fund project 37 (Lake Lafayette Basin Improvements). Move the Program to Tier 1.	Mr. Messer	Mr. Berlow	Motion fails 6-10 with Ms. Henry, Mr. Hinson, Ms. Thornton, Ms. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Peebles, Ms. Rivers, Mr. Sperry, and Mr. Tucker in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	Amendment failed. Committee considered original motion.
			<u>Final Motion</u> : Add projects 30 and 36-39 to the Water Quality Program to be funded at \$75 million.	-	-	Motion passes 11-5 with Ms. Henry, Ms. Thornton, Mr. Messer, Mr. Sperry, and Mr. Tucker in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
	Water Quality Program: Projects 30 & 36-45		Increase Program funding from \$75 million to \$85 million and note that consideration for funding be giving to the following projects 30 and 36-45.	Mr. Newman	Mr. Sperry	Motion passes 13-3 with Ms. Henry, Mr. Peebles, and Mr. Tucker in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
2	Gateway: Westside Student Corridor Enhancements and Flood Relief (Widening of Pensacola Street)	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Mr. Hinson	Mr. Messer	Motion passes 12-4 with Mr. Newman, Mr. Peebles and Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
4	Southside Gateway Enrichment: Widening of Woodville Highway	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Mr. Williams	Ms. Henry	Motion passes 14-2 with Mr. Messer and Mr. Peebles in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	

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3&5	Airport Gateway: Springhill Road and Lake Bradford	Tier 1	Move both projects to Tier 1.	Mr. Peebles	Mr. Richardson	-	-	Amendment Proposed. See next line for Amendment.
			Amendment: Do not move project 3 (Springhill Rd).	Mr. Messer	-	-	-	Amendment dies with no Second.
			<u>Final Motion</u> : Move both projects to Tier 1.	-	-	Motion passes 14-2 with Mr. Messer and Mr. Sperry in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
13	Black Swamp Restoration, Regional Pond and Cascades to Munson Slough Greenway Trail Developments	Priority Level 3 (Not Recommended for Funding)	Move project to Tier 1.	Ms. Henry	Mr. Sperry	-	-	Amendment Proposed.
			Amendment: Move Project 13 to Water Quality Program list.	Mr. Messer	Mr. Berlow	-	-	Amendment to the Amendment Proposed.
			Amendment to the Amendment: Increase Water Quality Program funding by \$10 Million.	Mr. Sperry	-	-	-	Mr. Messer accepts the amendment. Later, Mr. Messer withdraws his amended amendment - no vote taken.
			<u>Final Motion</u> : Move project to Tier 1.	-	-	Motion fails 4-12 with Mr. Berlow, Mr. Evans, Ms. Thornton, Ms. Martin, Mr. Messer, Mr. Murray, Mr. Newman, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Rivers, Mr. Sperry, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	

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8	Complete Sidewalk Network	Tier 1	Decrease project funding from \$50 million to \$40 million.	Mr. O'Steen	Mr. Newman	-	-	Mr. O'Steen withdrew his motion - no vote taken.
14	Market District Activity Center Connectivity	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 3.	Ms. Messer	Ms. Thornton	Motion fails 5-11 with Mr. Berlow, Mr. Evans, Ms. Henry, Mr. Hinson, Ms. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Rivers, Mr. Sperry, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
			Move project to Tier 2.	Mr. Messer	Mr. Williams	-	-	Amendment Proposed. See Next Line
			Amendment: Move Project 14 and all other Gateway Projects (Projects 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 28) into a 'bucket' and allow the City/County Commissions to determine project funding priority.	Mr. Messer	-	-	-	Amendment dies with no Second - no vote taken - back to original motion.
			Move project to Tier 2.	-	-	Motion fails 7-9 with Mr. Berlow, Ms. Henry, Mr. Hinson, Ms. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Rivers, and Mr. Sperry in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
			Move project to Tier 1.	Mr. Murray	Mr. Sperry	Motion passes 12-4 with Ms. Thornton, Mr. Messer, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	

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17	College Avenue Placemaking	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Mr. Berlow	Mr. O'Steen	Motion passes 15-1 with Mr. Hinson in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
19	Florida A&M Entry Points	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Ms. Martin	Mr. Richardson	Motion passes 16-0.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
27	Orange Avenue Widening from Adams Street to Springhill Road	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Mr. Peebles	Mr. Richardson	Motion passes 15-1 with Mr. Williams in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
28	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure within the Canopy Project	Tier 1: Phase 1 Tier 2: Phase 2&3	Move Phase 1 of the project to Tier 1	Mr. Murray	Mr. Sperry	-	-	Amendment Proposed.
			Amendment: Make funding contingent upon FDOT commitment to build interchange w/in 5 years and ROW donation by project site landowners.	Ms. Rivers	-	-	-	Amendment is accepted by Mr. Murray
			<u>Final Motion:</u> Move Phase 1 of Project 28(\$47.8 Million for road plan and Greenway) to Tier 1, with the funding condition that FDOT must commit within 5 years of the new Sales Tax taking effect to building the proposed Welaunee I-10 interchange and that the project site landowners donate all right-of-way.	-	-	Motion passes 15-1 with Mr. Peebles in opposition.	Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hartsfield.	
			Move Phase 2 and 3 to Tier 2.	Mr. Murray	Ms. Rivers	Motion passes with 12-2 Mr. Messer and Mr. Peebles in opposition.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	

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46A and 46B	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds: <u>County and City Portions, respectively</u>	Tier 1	Move projects to Tier 2.	Mr. O'Steen	-	-	-	Motion dies with no Second.
			Move projects to Tier 1.	Mr. Williams	Mr. Berlow	-	-	Amendment Proposed.
			Amendment: strike where the project description says parks build with Blueprint 2000 funds and instead allow funds from this project to be used for operation/maintenance of parks from this sales tax.	Ms. Rivers	-	-	-	Amendment dies with no Second - no vote taken - back to original motion.
			Amendment: allow project funds to be used for past Blueprint 2000 parks and any new park facilities built with money from the future Sales Tax.	Mr. Williams	Ms. Rivers	-	-	Amendment is accepted by Mr. Mr. Williams
			<u>Final Motion</u> : Move Projects 46 A&B to Tier 1 status and allow the project funds to be utilized for maintenance of parks created with the previous and the upcoming Sales Tax.	-	-	Motion passes 8-6 with Ms. Thornton, Mr. Messer, Mr. Newman, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Peebles, and Mr. Sperry in opposition.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	
9, 21, &24	Implement Greenways Master Plan, Florida Center of Performing Arts and Education, Beautification and Improvements to the Fairgrounds		Move projects to Tier 3.	Mr. Newman	Mr. Peebles	-	-	Amendment Proposed.
			Consider the projects separately.	Mr. Richardson	Ms. Rivers	Motion passes.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	The motion passed via a voice vote.

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9	Implement Greenways Master Plan	Tier 2	Move project to Priority Level 3.	Mr. Newman	Mr. O'Steen	-	-	Motion withdrawn.
			Move project to Tier 2.	Mr. Newman	Mr. Peebles	Motion passes 16-0.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	
21	Florida Center of Performing Arts and Education	Priority Level 3 (Not Recommended for Funding)	Move project to Tier 2	Mr. Richardson	Ms. Thornton	Motion fails 2-12 with Mr. Berlow, Mr. Evans, Ms. Henry, Ms. Martin, Mr. Messer, Mr. Murray, Mr. Newman, Mr. O'Steen, Mr. Peebles, Ms. Rivers, Mr. Sperry, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	
			Move project to Tier 3	Mr. Newman	Ms. Henry	Motion passes 12-2 with Ms. Thornton and Mr. Richardson in opposition.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	
24	Beautification and Improvements to the Fairgrounds	Tier 1	Move project to Tier 1.	Ms. Martin	Mr. Richardson	Motion passes 9-5 with Mr. Berlow, Ms. Thornton, Mr. Messer, Mr. Newman, and Mr. Williams in opposition.	Ms. Hartsfield, Mr. Hinson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker	