



**NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION (NEFRTC)
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 1:30 PM
NFTPO Board Room
980 North Jefferson Street
Jacksonville FL 32209

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Doug Conkey, Clay County, **Chairman**
Commissioner James Bennett, Baker County, **Vice Chairman**
Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Duval County, **Secretary**
Commissioner Bill Bishop, Duval County
Commissioner Bill Gulliford, Duval County
Commissioner Jimmy Johns, St. Johns County
Commissioner Chip Laibl, Putnam County, **Treasurer**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Ennis Davis, Duval County
Commissioner Danny Leeper, Nassau County
Commissioner Sam Newby, Duval County
Jim Knight, FDOT, Board Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Mosley, RTC
Ed Lehman, Clay County
Stephanie Zarkis, City of Jacksonville
Suraya Teeple, JTA
Phong Nguyen, St. Johns County
Brian Teeple, NEFRC
Cheryl Freeman, RS&H
Liz Peak, Ride Solutions
Randy Farwell, Tindale Oliver

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Lott, North Florida TPO Staff
Denise Bunnewith, North Florida TPO Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Conkey called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. Introductions were made around the room.

Bill Bishop informed the group that the **Minute X Southside Business Club** will have the only float in the Veterans Day Parade with a 1200 pound missile on it on Saturday, November 11.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Bunnewith informed the group about the North Florida Household Travel Survey, and urged everyone to complete the survey.

▶ 3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

Chairman Conkey asked for review and approval of the September meeting's summary.

James Bennett made a motion to approve the September 2, 2017 meeting's summary; seconded by Chip Laibl; motion carried unanimously.

▶ 4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Alan Mosley presented the Treasurer's Report for September. Mr. Mosley also informed the Board that the RTC co-sponsored a Smart Streets Symposium.

- Commissioner Bennett commented that as local officials we continue to approve single entry subdivisions with zero connectivity to neighborhoods next to each other. There is no bicycle or pedestrian connectivity.
- Bill Gulliford commented that the same thing is true for shopping centers and business parks.
- Bill Bishop commented that it doesn't cost anything to fix this issue going forward.

James Bennett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Lindsey Brock; motion carried unanimously.

▶ 5. RTCC UPDATE

- Alan Mosley informed the Board that the RTCC is working on improving the effectiveness of our storm response and the Regional Fare Best Practices and Feasibility Study.

- Commissioner Conkey requested that April Bacchus of ETM give a presentation to the Board on the Clay County Transit Study.

► **6. REGIONAL FARE STUDY UPDATE**

Cheryl Freeman of RS&H presented a brief update on the Regional Fare Study.

Ms. Freeman asked if there were any questions.

- James Bennett commented that the RTCC is looking at different technology options. Mr. Bennett wanted to know if it is being taken into consideration how it will be implemented. The agencies need to know this so they can formulate an implementation plan and how to fund it.

Ms. Freeman replied that is why we are trying to get feedback from the agencies because they will have to decide how to implement it. It will not happen for everyone at the same time.

Randy Farwell commented that one of the problems is the transition from one system to the other, and we have to be cognizant of Title VI issues.

- Chairman Conkey commented that one of our goals is to regionalize the apps and software. Mr. Conkey wanted to know if it was possible to develop a system that ties into something that already exists like Sun Pass.

Ms. Peak replied if Ride Solution passengers use Sun Pass how will we get the money for those fares, and how much money will Sun Pass return to Ride Solution?

- James Bennett commented that we need a universal system that has the accounting piece that distributes the monies back to each provider.
- Bill Bishop wanted to know who owns and manages Sun Pass. Mr. Bishop also wanted to know if there is a management fee, and if so, how much is it.
- James Bennett responded that Sun Pass belongs to FDOT.
- Bill Gulliford commented that it is possible that a mandate will replace the gas tax with a user fee based on mileage.
- Lindsey Brock wanted to know how the fares will be distributed.
- Randy Farwell commented that these trips are primarily paratransit trips and have already been accounted for. We are also looking at sharing rides for passengers that are going to the same place.

►7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alan Mosley presented the 2018 Action Plan to the Board.

Mr. Mosley asked if there were any questions.

- Lindsey Brock informed the Board that he will be attending an Autonomous Maritime Vessels Conference later this month. Mr. Brock said he would bring back any information that will be useful to the RTC.
- Bill Bishop commented that the presentation still doesn't tell the world what we want to accomplish. We as Board members need to come up with that answer.
- Mr. Mosley commented that he thinks the RTC should invest in Innovate 2.0, Smart Cities and regional paratransit. He does believe that we should concentrate the majority of the efforts on regional paratransit.
- Doug Conkey wanted to know if there was a way to start implementing some or at least part of our focus areas. It would give us a success story to show what we are accomplishing.
- Bill Bishop commented that we need to promote the work that the RTCC is doing to work toward regional paratransit services.
- James Bennett commented that we need to identify what we have actually accomplished so far. This will keep the momentum going to keep us moving forward.
- Bill Gulliford commented that the Beaches area has a large number of citizens that have a need for transit between counties.

Doug Conkey made a motion that the RTCC bring a list of accomplishments to the RTC that can be highlighted as a success story; seconded by Lindsey Brock; motion carried unanimously.

- Alan Mosley informed the Board that the RTC's annual report was approved. Mr. Mosley has still not been able to get the letter that the Board requested.

Lindsey Brock responded that Mr. Mosley should send back a response letter to the FTC asking for clarification.

Mr. Bennett suggested that Mr. Mosely share the draft letter with all the Board members so that they have a chance to review and provide comments.

- Mr. Mosley informed the Board that at the next meeting we will need to elect RTC officers for 2018.
- Doug Conkey asked Mr. Mosley to double check the terms of each of the Board members so that we can plan for a transition period.

▶ 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

▶ 9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

▶ 10. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Doug Conkey, Chairman

Lindsey Brock, Secretary