

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
Minutes of December 12, 2016 Board Meeting
1104 E. Twiggs Street
Tampa, FL 33602

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority held a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on December 12, 2016, at the Authority's Transportation Management Center, 1104 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida. The following were present:

BOARD:

Vincent Cassidy, Chair
John Garcia, Vice-Chair
Daniel A. Alvarez, Sr., Secretary
Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn
Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller
Bennett Barrow

STAFF:

Joe Waggoner, Patrick Maguire, Lynne Paul,
David May, Bob Frey, Sue Chrzan, Rafael
Hernandez, Debbie Northington, Max Artman,
BJ Lamb, Man Le, Shari Callahan, Jeff Sweatland,
Donna Obuchowski, Susan Chase, Anna
Quinones, Elizabeth Gray

BANK OF AMERICA/MERRILL:

Coleman Cordell

CITI:

Kevin Dempsey

DRMP:

Scott Garth, Steve Wallace

FIRST SOUTHWEST:

Ed Stull

HNTB:

Jim Drapp

JP MORGAN:

Henry Reyes

MSR CONSULTING GROUP:

Sri Meka

RIVERO, GORDIMER & CO.:

Stephen Douglas, Jon Stein

RK&K:

Chris Piazza

RS&H:

Brandi Allegood, Rich Tillery

SUPERIOR CONSTRUCTION:

Mark Monreal, Matt Persing

WADE TRIMING, INC.:

John Melendez

WELLS FARGO:

Mike Olliff

WGI:

Henry Belrose

WSPiPB:

Christina Kopp

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vincent Cassidy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., followed by General Counsel Maguire leading in the Invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC INPUT / PRESENTATIONS

- A. Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) - USF– *Sisinnio Concas, Ph.D.***
Presentation: *The Economic Impact and Benefits of the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority: 2016 Update*

Dr. Sisinnio Concas addressed the Board with a presentation on the findings of the economic impact analysis and benefits of the Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (THEA). Dr. Concas explained THEA retained the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida (USF) to estimate the economic impacts and benefits of its operations and infrastructure investments. Through its capital investments THEA increased transportation accessibility to commuters and businesses. Improved accessibility promotes the clustering of businesses and residential units in proximity of the expressway points of access. This leads to a larger pool of workers and customers, which in turn positively affect business location decisions, employment and sales. This study looked at these impacts. In addition, the study evaluated the impact on property prices.

THEA's capital infrastructure investments and operations contribute substantially to economic growth in Hillsborough County and the state of Florida. Since its inception, THEA's strategic investment planning decisions have generated \$1.2 billion in local and state gross domestic product and a combined 13,200 jobs. Authority operations provide a significant contribution toward area employment by supporting jobs in the most relevant industries of the region. All monetary amounts are reported in 2015 dollars unless otherwise indicated.

This study found that by improving business and residential accessibility, THEA's strategic investments increased business clustering and specialization, resulting in 14.1 percent more business establishments than in comparable areas within Hillsborough County over the past 10 years. This increased development resulted in a 5.4 percent higher employment growth rate than comparable locations for the same time period.

THEA's Selmon Expressway produces substantial benefits in terms of travel time reductions, increased safety, and a decrease in harmful emissions. This study finds that the Selmon Expressway saves its users \$274 million annually. Of these, \$142 million are in terms of travel time and out-of-pocket cost savings. Each person saves on average 3.8 hours in travel time per year. This represents a 7.4 percent reduction in the 52 hours of travel time spent annually in congested conditions. Households save \$16.2 million per year in out-of-pocket transportation costs due to reduced vehicle fuel and operating expenditures. In 2015, more than 54,000 motor vehicle crashes occurred in the Tampa-St. Petersburg MSA. This amounts to approximately 14.6 percent of the total crashes in the state. This study finds that THEA's Selmon Expressway contributes to increased safety by reducing the number of crashes, which also decreases property and injury damage by about \$89.7 million annually.

Through an extensive analysis of the changes in residential and commercial parcels, this study found empirical evidence that improved transport accessibility positively affected the property prices of both residential and commercial parcels located in proximity to the Selmon Expressway. During the period 2002-2016, single-family residential units exhibit on average 14.9 percent higher property sale prices than comparable parcels not located in proximity to the Selmon Expressway. Commercial properties exhibit 16.2 percent higher sale prices than comparable parcels located in the control areas.

Chairman Cassidy requested clarification on the statement related to increased business activity, (i.e. 14% more businesses established). Dr. Concas confirmed this is growth in terms of number of establishments.

Mr. Waggoner mentioned the first study on this topic was completed several years ago and THEA has seen significant change and anticipates the next study will reflect an even more significant change as a result of the impact from the I-4 Selmon Expressway connector.

Mr. Alvarez questioned if this study will be available on the website. Mr. Waggoner confirmed the information will be posted on the THEA website.
http://www.tampa-xway.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/THEA_Final_August_2016-2.pdf

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Mayor Buckhorn moved for approval of the November 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL / ACTION ITEMS

A. Operations & Maintenance Committee – Bennett Barrow, Chair / David May, P.E., Staff

1. Continuation of Cleaning the Underside of the REL

Mr. May reported the first item brought before the Board is the continuation of the cleaning of the underside of the REL. Phase I of the pressure washing has been completed from Twiggs to 31st Street. It was noted THEA initially performed a statewide search and although three firms were identified only one firm, Finishing Systems of Florida, provided a responsible bid that was consistent with the estimate provided by HNTB. The bidder was the firm that washed and painted the REL during original construction. In addition, Finishing Systems of Florida is on the State of Florida approved vendor list and is a certified Woman-Owned enterprise. Funding for this project is from the renewal and replacement budget in the amount of \$1,446,866.

Mr. Bennett requested Mr. May explain how often this maintenance is required. Mr. May explained THEA anticipates an 8-10 year cycle although a function of many variables in existing conditions affect longevity.

Mr. Alvarez made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Barrow for approval of a contract with Finishing Systems to pressure wash the underside of the REL from approximately 31st through approximately 78th Streets (1,572,680 SF). Contract execution is subject to final review and approval by THEA General Counsel.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

2. Construction Engineering Inspection Brandon Parkway Resurfacing

Mr. May reported on the construction engineering and inspection for the Brandon Parkway resurfacing to provide CEI services and testing. THEA used a consultant for the miscellaneous planning and design contract to do this assignment and hourly rates were negotiated through THEA's GEC, HNTB, and are consistent to similar projects in the industry. The funding is coming from the renewal and replacement budget in the amount of \$135,179.

Chairman Cassidy requested Mr. May continue with the next Agenda Item with one motion from the Board for two separate task orders being that the work is similar with the same vendor.

3. Construction Engineering Inspection Meridian Avenue Project

Mr. May explained the Meridian Project is with the same firm; however they are separate project numbers with separate budgets and therefore were split into two separate Agenda items and two separate task orders; however similar work. Mr. May continued to explain the construction engineering inspection for Meridian Avenue as above. Funding again from the renewal and replacement budget in the amount of \$146,148. This includes the recommendations from the study performed with DOT for Meridian pedestrian improvements changing some walkways and incorporate items that will be compatible with the connected vehicle project down the road.

Mr. Alvarez made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Garcia for approval of two task orders with RK&K to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection services for the Brandon Parkway project and Meridian Avenue project in the amounts not to exceed \$138,179 and \$146,148 respectively.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

4. Florida's Centralized Customer Service System (CCSS) - Rafael Hernandez

Mr. Hernandez reported a continuation of the Florida Centralized Customer Service System project to outsource software engineering services to support the integration of THEA's Tolling Operational Back-office with the new Florida's CCSS. Funding is not to exceed \$354,000 from the Capital Project Budget.

Mr. Cassidy requested an explanation of what specifically is going to be done. Mr. Hernandez explained funds will be applied for time and material towards software engineers capable of making modifications to the software and hardware we have in-house for processing toll transactions.

Mayor Buckhorn made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Garcia authorizing staff to issue a Task Order for the amount not to exceed \$354,000 for Infotech, a SBE firm, to provide software engineering support services under existing THEA contract No. I-01715.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

B. Planning Committee – John Garcia, Chair / Bob Frey, Staff

1. Design-Build Selmon Greenway Pocket Parks

Mr. Frey explained this item has been postponed until the January 2017 Board meeting. Chairman Cassidy thanked Mr. Garcia for tabling the project in an effort to further explore proposed design plans and cost estimates. Mr. Garcia explained plans are to go out, “boots on the ground”, to see exactly what is proposed and look at first hand to better understand where dollars will be spent.

2. Selmon West Extension Investment Grade Traffic & Revenue Study

Mr. Frey explained the Selmon West Extension Investment Grade Traffic and Revenue study is the second phase for the Selmon West Extension and the full Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority’s toll system. Funding will be \$92,467 from the Capital Project Budget.

Mr. Garcia made the following motion, seconded by Mayor Buckhorn for the approval of a Task Work Order with Jacobs Engineering Group, in the amount not to exceed \$92,467, to conduct the second phase of the investment grade traffic and revenue study (T&R Study) for the Gandy Extension and the full Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority toll system.

There being no questions, comments or request for clarification the motion passed unanimously.

3. Planning/Feasibility Study Selmon East RFP

Mr. Frey reported the planning and feasibility study for the Selmon East request for proposals for east of Meridian Avenue to I-75 will provide THEA with an evaluation of existing and future traffic on the Reversible Express Lanes and local lanes of the expressway in order to maximize capacity and safety. This study will include not only traffic but also geometrics of future improvements and constructability of those and incorporating into the work program. The work will be funded from the Capital Budget.

Mayor Buckhorn made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Garcia for the approval of a Task Work Order with RS&H in an amount not to exceed \$1,871,226, to conduct the planning and feasibility study for Selmon East from east of Meridian to I-75. RS&H will apportion approximately 5.2% of contract dollars to SBE(s).

Chairman Cassidy commented as we think about the work THEA has accomplished on Selmon West and Connected Vehicle and we heard CUTR's report on economic impact, this is just another example of this organization looking at another point in the roadway on how to address concerns and putting more money to work in our community. Chairman Cassidy thanked the Executive Director and congratulated him on being able to effectively balance and manage it all.

There being no further questions, comments or request for clarification the motion passed unanimously.

C. Audit Committee – Commissioner Les Miller, Chair / Jon Stein, Rivero Gordimer & Company

1. FY2016 Financial Statements

Mr. Douglas introduced himself and Mr. Stein with Rivero Gordimer & Company who are here to present the results of the audit. Mr. Douglas stated that he and Mr. Stein had met with Commissioner Miller on December 5, 2016 for review of the audit results. He reported that there were no findings or disagreements and that they had received good cooperation from THEA management and staff during the process.

Mr. Stein proceeded to review the statements by way of PowerPoint slides, attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

Commissioner Miller noted being Chair of this committee for six years and in the legislature for 14 years and this agency has truly been turned around full circle which he attributes to Ms. Paul, Mr. Waggoner and all the THEA staff. Commissioner Miller stated this is reflected in these audit results.

Chairman Cassidy thanked Commissioner Miller for his comments and Messrs. Douglas and Stein for their presentation.

Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by Mayor Buckhorn to accept the audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as audited by Rivero Gordimer & Company.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Operations & Maintenance (Dave May, P.E.)

Mr. May provided results of the November maintenance rating program. This is performed three times a year and noted this past rating cycle achieved a rating of 94.2% which is consistent with THEA's goals of maintaining a first class facility. Fencing was the only concern which will be addressed this quarter.

B. Financial / Traffic & Revenue (*Lynne Paul*)

Ms. Paul reported information provided in the packets is through October 31, 2016. Toll revenues and expenditures are within normal limits. Cash and investments are sufficient to cover the needs of the Authority.

Toll revenue is approximately 6% over for the year based upon last year and 2% over projected which is seasonally adjusted. Approximately 3.5% over from last year for traffic. Ms. Paul explained because we have video tolls, it depends on how much cash comes in from video.

C. Communications (*Sue Chrzan*)

Ms. Chrzan highlighted the FAV coverage as well as additional coverage listed in the packets for October and November 2016. Ms. Chrzan thanked Ms. Sally Dee and Mr. Todd Josko for their assistance in the Florida Automated Vehicle Summit. There were over one hundred more attendees this year as compared to last year. As a result of it being such a success it has been confirmed the summit will be back in Tampa for the next 2 years. Ms. Chrzan also highlighted earned media value has reached over \$100,000 with viewership of 1.6 million.

D. Toll Operations (*Rafael Hernandez*)

Mr. Hernandez reviewed October 2016 activity. Mr. Hernandez reviewed the customer base for the month of October. Working to surpass activity, this matrix demonstrates achieving those efforts. Mr. Hernandez explained the breakdown into groups of the Selmon Expressway with the THEA administration building as the demarcation point between the west and east groups. Historical data was reviewed denoting exponential growth secondary to the Selmon I-4 connector project completion.

Average daily traffic was reviewed by sector groups with corresponding impacts. Westbound traffic could be impacted by construction activity within the downtown area. Overall the whole west group is performing at 1.1% higher when compared to last year. The whole east group is 7.9% higher when compared to last year.

Mr. Waggoner explained there is current tracking analysis ongoing based out on Bayshore for data mining purposes to provide important information for innovative multi-modal transportation solutions.

VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Executive Director (*Joe Waggoner*) –

Mr. Waggoner reported rescheduling the January 2017 Committee as a Whole meeting date to January 17th. Critical elements related to the Selmon West Extension as far as cost estimates and schedules will be on the Agenda. The February 13th Committee as a Whole

Meeting will pose an opportunity to update the Board on some potential ways to finance the project going forward. No actions expected; informational discussions with an opportunity to workshop and open Q&A with Board Members on the project.

Mr. Waggoner reported an e-mail sent to Board Members regarding submitting a letter of support to the FDOT Secretary for the Airport Regional Express Service. This is a new service that the Airport and HART would like to explore and are seeking state funding to stand up the service. This draft letter of support was distributed to each Board Member for review prior to this meeting via email correspondence.

Mayor Buckhorn made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller for the approval for THEA's Chairman of the Board to execute this letter of support and send forward on behalf of THEA supporting a funding request for this project.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

B. Chair (Vincent Cassidy, Vice-Chair)

1. Upcoming Meetings

- **Committees as a Whole Meeting – January 17th, 2:30 p.m.**
The Committees as a Whole Meeting originally scheduled for January 9, 2017 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting – January 23rd, 1:30 p.m.**
- **2017 Board Meeting Schedule**
The 2017 Board meeting schedule is included in your packet and available on the THEA website located at <http://www.tampa-xway.com/Board-of-directors/#>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Cassidy adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2016 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

APPROVED: 
Chair: Vincent Cassidy

ATTEST: 
Secretary: Daniel Alvarez

DATED THIS 23 DAY OF January, ~~2016~~ ²⁰¹⁷