

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
Minutes of February 27, 2017 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 February 27, 2017, at the Authority's Transportation Management Center, 1104 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida. The following were present:

BOARD:	Vincent Cassidy, Chair Daniel Alvarez, Sr., Secretary Bennett Barrow Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller FDOT District VII Secretary Paul Steinman
STAFF:	Joe Waggoner, Patrick Maguire, Lynne Paul, David May, Bob Frey, Susan Chrzan, Rafael Hernandez, Debbie Northington, Max Artman, Man Le, Shari Callahan, Donna Obuchowski, Susan Chase, Elizabeth Gray, BJ Lamb, Anna Quinones
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION:	Christine Acosta
AMERICAN CONSULTING:	David Bredohl, Chris Salicco
ARDAMAN & ASSOC.:	Whitney Stevens
ATKINS:	Tom Delaney
BANK OF AMERICA/MERRILL LYNCH:	Amanda Schlang, Coleman Cordell, Cory Czyzewski
CITIGROUP:	Kevin Dempsey
FIRST SOUTHWEST:	Ed Stull
GLF:	Mike Hill
GROUND WORKS:	Scott Hakness
HARDESTY-HANOVER:	J. Raoofi
HNTB:	Jim Drapp, Al Stewart
JP MORGAN:	Nathaniel Johnson
LOOP CAPITAL:	Rob Walsh
MORGAN STANLEY:	J.W. Howard
PLAYBOOK:	Sally Dee
RAYMOND JAMES:	Natalie Sidor
SIGMA:	Amir Kangari
SOUTH TAMPA CHAMBER:	Kelly Flannery, Mike Jenkins, Jen McDonald
ST. PETE CHAMBER:	Martin Bodey
SUPERIOR:	Matt Persing, Ryan Hamrich
WADE TRIMING, INC.:	John Melendez, Kevin Coughlin
WSP/PB:	Christina Kopp
OTHER:	Masoud Foroughi, Travis Norton

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vincent Cassidy called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M., followed by General Counsel Maguire leading in the Invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC INPUT / PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Cassidy called to the podium Mr. Jenkins who had signed up to publicly address the Board.

Mr. Jenkins introduced himself as Chairman of the Board of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Sales Manager at Caldeco Air Conditioning and Heating who operates over thirty vehicles in the South Tampa area and throughout the Gandy Corridor. Mr. Jenkins stated they believe transportation improvements are priority to the Chamber, for Caldeco Air, and for the entire region. He stated they feel strongly that the long-term benefits of the Selmon West Extension project outweigh the short-term construction and will ultimately provide both relief and connectivity to both sides of the bay.

Chairman Cassidy thanked Mr. Jenkins and called Ms. Flannery to the podium who also signed up to publically address the Board.

Ms. Flannery introduced herself as the President and CEO of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce here today representing more than six hundred businesses and twelve hundred individuals across the Tampa Bay area. The South Tampa Chamber supports the Selmon extension project with several new businesses recently opening along the Gandy corridor including a large church and a craft brewery since the last time Ms. Flannery was here. The local traffic to visit these destination locations will only increase over time. By removing a portion of the commuter traffic from the roadway, the South Tampa Chamber believes local customers will be more likely to utilize and support the businesses along Gandy, many of which are small, local and start-up businesses. Additionally, several residential communities are planned to be developed both to the immediate north and south of the Gandy corridor over the next few years bringing thousands of additional new residents to South Tampa. The Chamber feels that a timely solution must be implemented in order to not only sustain but improve the quality of life for the current and future residents of South Tampa. The elevated roadway will also allow for a more effective evacuation route for Pinellas County residents opening up Gandy Boulevard and South Tampa roads for the local residents should a major weather event occur. After several years of discussion with THEA and the businesses along Gandy Boulevard, the Chamber feels the Selmon extension will provide much needed relief. Since the Chamber's announcement in support of this program last June, they have received 100% support of this project and positive feedback from their members. As the project progresses, the Chamber's number one priority will be to continue to educate and support these businesses, in fact work has already begun on a Shop Gandy Campaign in partnership with the South Tampa, Greater Tampa, Greater Brandon and St. Petersburg Chambers which Ms. Flannery looks forward to presenting to THEA's Board at a future meeting. The South Tampa Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working in partnership with THEA and these community organizations to make the process as seamless as

possible for both businesses and residents most affected during the planning and execution of this project.

Chairman Cassidy thanked Ms. Flannery and invited Ms. McDonald to the podium who also signed up to publically address the Board.

Ms. McDonald introduced herself as a local resident of South Tampa who also runs her business out of Tampa as well as being on the Board of Directors of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Ms. McDonald stated she currently avoids using Gandy Boulevard during rush hour. So instead uses other avenues to fulfill her shopping needs during that time of day. She believes the improvement THEA is about to make will greatly improve her opportunity to shop in the area and participate as a citizen and a local resident using those amenities to their fullest extent. Ms. McDonald also looks forward to the opportunity to not have to sit in the traffic and traffic lights when travelling to the beaches.

Chairman Cassidy thanked all the members of the South Tampa Chamber who are out in full support. Lastly, Chairman Cassidy called Ms. Acosta to the podium who also signed up to publically address the Board.

Ms. Acosta introduced herself as the Executive Director of Walk Life Tampa and thanked the Board for allowing her a few moments to express her support. Ms. Acosta explained Walk Life Tampa is a citizens-based advocacy and educational organization whose vision is a Tampa in which any person of any age or ability may walk or bike from anywhere to anywhere. In order for this, Walk Life Tampa is working with all enterprises to proactively design and protect the most vulnerable users and move Tampa permanently off of the Dangerous by Design Report. Ms. Acosta is here to express gratitude and appreciation for the work done by THEA as a group as it pertains to healthy, walkable green spaces. The terminology for transportation where it is of our own making and our personal energy is now called "active transportation" and Ms. Acosta is appealing to THEA as leaders and innovators in our community becoming so widely recognized not only in the Tampa Bay area but on a worldwide level for innovation and asking that THEA include innovation as it pertains to active transportation in and around all of their projects. The Selmon Greenway is great example of this. The Pocket Parks that are planned, the reduction or elimination of trucks using small neighborhood roads (i.e. in and out of Hyde Park), are all greatly appreciated so, thank you.

Chairman Cassidy mentioned the content of today's Board Meeting includes an Agenda item involving the Pocket Parks and the Greenway. There has been quite a bit of discussion regarding the Pocket Parks and Greenway being sure THEA is making the right investments for our community. Chairman Cassidy invited Ms. Acosta to attend the rest of the meeting to get an update on the status of the Selmon Greenway Pocket Parks and thanked her for her comments and support.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2017 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Barrow moved for approval of the January 23, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Alvarez. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL / ACTION ITEMS

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

1. Approval of Selmon West Extension (SWE) State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Re-Evaluation Document – Bob Frey, Staff

Mr. May reported the first item brought before the Board is approval of the State Environmental Impact Report. This has been reviewed and submitted to the Department of Transportation previously as the Gandy Connector now identified as the Selmon West Extension. As part of the process a reevaluation was performed of the environmental impact from the original performed in 2010. The report has been reviewed and presented for your approval which outlines the corridor, the alignment of the corridor and the fact that there are no new additional environmental impacts as a result of the proposed design. There is no funding associated with this item at this time.

Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by Florida Department of Transportation District VII Secretary Steinman for approval of the reevaluation of the SEIR document.

Mr. Waggoner thanked District VII and Florida Department of Transportation Central Office for their assistance and helping this agency work through the process. Mr. Waggoner stated “They have been of great aid to us.”

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

2. Adoption of Resolution #653 Authorizing THEA to Accept Route Identified in SEIR

Mr. May explained the next step in the process is to have a Resolution authorizing THEA to accept the route that is identified in the SEIR. The purpose of this is to obtain such a Resolution adopting this route as per our enabling legislation. There is no funding required for this effort.

Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman authorizing Adoption of Resolution #653, as contained in the Board Packet, to approve preferred Selmon West Extension route and authorize the Board Chairman to execute same.

There being no questions or comments the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Shortlist Recommendations and subsequent payment of stipend for Selmon West Extension (SWE) Design Build Teams

Mr. May reported the selection process for the SWE Design Build contract started with a Letter of Interest (LOI) submitted by interested Design Build Firms. The technical review committee (composed of THEA and FDOT representatives) then ranked the LOI's and the top four ranked teams are authorized to go forward to prepare responses to the request for proposal. The teams not selected during the final selection process will receive stipends in accordance with the FDOT design build stipend calculations. The stipend amounts for this project will be \$446,500 each for the firms ranked 2-4. The funding will be from the Capital Project Budget for a total of \$1,339,500. Mr. May reviewed the scoring criteria.

Mr. Alvarez made the following motion, seconded by FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman approving the Evaluation Committee's recommendations for ranking of the Letter of Interest (LOI) and to authorize stipends in the amount of \$446,500 each to be awarded to the number 2, 3 and 4 teams per the final scoring of the technical, schedule and price proposals as follows: 1. Kiewit/AECOM; 2. Sacry/GLF; 3. Traylor Bros./Granite/Parsons; and 4. Superior/FIGG submitted by interested Design Build Firms

Chairman Cassidy questioned if any of the four teams are doing any work in the community on any nearby projects. Mr. May explained most are working in the area. Chairman Cassidy explained the Board has spent quite a bit of time getting behind the process and learning at the recent Committees as a Whole Meetings and workshops and feels comfortable the Board is up to speed.

There being no further questions, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Task Work Order to HNTB to prepare Engineers Report required for Bond Issuance for the Selmon West Extension (SW) Project.

Mr. May reported an Engineer's Report is required as part of the package of information needed for the bond issuance process. HNTB, will be tasked with preparing the report which evaluates the consistency of the proposed plans with the intent of the Selmon West Extension (SWE) project. Funding will be provided from the Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$40,000.

Mr. Bennett made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller approving the Task Work Order with HNTB in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to prepare the Engineers Report evaluating the consistency of the proposed plans with the intent of the SWE project required as part of the package of information needed for the bond issuance.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

5. Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Network Consulting Services

Mr. May explained THEA needs consultant support for the projects that are underway currently including DMS, replacement of the overhead signs, camera installation and for the access control system software upgrade. These all require consulting support which was recognized in the work program. The contract and work orders were not adjusted at the beginning of the year to take into account the needs for the consultant services. These services were combined into one total amount not to exceed \$226,000 for the remainder of this year and into next year enabling the contracts to be in line with the work program.

Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Alvarez approving authorization to issue task work orders to Lucent Group Inc. for consultant services on ACCS, DMS and camera replacement projects.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

6. Florida's Tolling Centralized Customer Service System (CCSS)

Mr. Hernandez presented the continuation of the Florida Centralized Customer Service System which was approved as Memorandum of Understanding in 2012 and early 2016 expenditures were approved to implement the system. Authorization to continue and advance the project to the go-live milestone which will include software development and integration of systems between THEA, Florida Turnpike and Miami Dade Expressway Authority. The Task Order for this work will be completed in two phases: Phase I project for approximately \$97,000; and Phase II approximately \$69,000. Total cost for the project will be funded from the Capital Project Budget not to exceed \$166,864.

FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Alvarez approving task work orders as follows: a) TransCore to provide engineering support services for the amount not to exceed \$137,333; and b) Atkins to provide project management support for the amount not to exceed \$29,531.

Mr. Bennett noted in general when reviewing capital expenditures to upgrade equipment with both Mr. Hernandez and Mr. May, he feels very comfortable with the numbers and commends them both for an excellent job.

Mr. Hernandez added in order to close the project there is an outstanding item which will be brought to the Board separately in the next month following the fine-tuning of the technical requirements discovered by the work group last month.

Mr. Cassidy questioned if this meant an additional expenditure to complete the project. Mr. Hernandez confirmed that would be the case.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Selmon West Extension (SWE) Tolling Systems

Mr. Hernandez explained this item is requesting authorization to contract with Engineering Consultants to provide support services related to the development of the toll system for the extension for the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway to include the technical requirements that will be needed to issue the RFP to design, implement, test, and roll out to operational maintenance all the systems needed for the SWE Project. Funding will be from the Capital Project Budget in the amount not to exceed \$257,412.

Mr. Alvarez made the following motion, seconded FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman authorizing THEA staff to issue a task order for Atkins to provide engineering support services for the amount not to exceed \$245,412.

Mr. Alvarez requested confirmation this item is for the tolling side of the SWE Project and the short-ranking list is to build and that this item is a separate cost not associated with the other. This item is a study to find out what we need to toll. Mr. Hernandez confirmed this was correct.

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

B. Planning Committee – Bob Frey, Staff

1. Design-Build Selmon Greenway Pocket Parks Services

Mr. Frey explained this item is to add the first five (5) pocket park facilities along the Selmon Greenway beginning at the west end in Downtown Tampa's Central Business District and ending near the center of the Selmon Greenway adjacent to the Channelside District. The design shall include, but not be limited to, landscape design, lighting design, site plan design for grading, paving, and drainage; signing and pavement marking, and demolition. The funding for this project is \$1,756,575 plus 10% contingency.

Mr. Alvarez made the following motion, seconded by FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman for: a) The approval of the Evaluation Committee's recommendation for ranking as follows: 1. Ajax Paving Industries of FL, LLC, 6505; and 2. Vivid Consulting Group, 7563; and b) The Board selects Ajax Paving Industries (Ajax), and directs staff to begin contract negotiations for an amount not to exceed \$1,932,232. Contract is subject to available funding and fiscal year budget approvals. Ajax will apportion approximately 5.4% of contract dollars to SBE(s). If negotiations are

unsuccessful, staff shall negotiate with the second-ranked firm, if necessary. Contract execution is subject to final review and approval of THEA General Counsel.

Chairman Cassidy noted his initial reaction to this amount of money in the beginning recollecting the first bid was \$1,800,000, but after touring the independent parks along the Greenway now realizes the amount of money it will take. Chairman Cassidy stated it seems like the right thing to do to return as much greenspace to our city. Research indicates THEA will be paying less than other city parks as well. Mr. Frey noted it is an average of \$2.00 per foot. Mr. Frey also noted this was the second time this project was advertised. Mr. Waggoner reiterated the contract will be for the \$1,756,575.

Mr. Alvarez noted this is one of those things where you think to yourself it is not a transportation issue and therefore not in our scope, but in reality this is a leadership issue and we are part of the overall solution that brings all eyes on Tampa and in fact we were just slotted for being a frontrunner. Mr. Alvarez stated he finds this type of project to be less of an expenditure and more of an investment. Mr. Alvarez also noted this is an extension of our Mission and presents THEA as more than a highway. Chairman Cassidy quoted Ms. Acosta from earlier this afternoon in that “walking and biking are other modes of transportation”, and believes this project addresses that as well. Mr. Waggoner noted this Greenway gives them a means to navigate the city in a more safe friendly way.

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

2. Connected Vehicle (CV) Pilot Deployment – Phase 2 & 3 – Board Member Travel

Mr. Frey explained the USDOT identified outreach events for the CV Pilot Deployment - Phase 2 & 3 include THEA’s participation in the exhibitor’s booth at the 2017 SXSW Interactive Festival in Austin, Texas March 10-19, 2017. As newly appointed Chair of the Planning Committee, Mr. Alvarez will be attending the CV Pilot presentation to provide Board Member’s representation as well as perspective on the CV Pilot Deployment at this USDOT outreach event.

FDOT District VII Secretary Steinman made the following motion, seconded Mr. Barrow authorizing Board Member, Mr. Alvarez, to attend the 2017 SXSW Interactive Festival in Austin, Texas, March 10, 2017 to March 13, 2017 to achieve a Board perspective on the CV Pilot Deployment.

There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

C. Budget & Finance Committee – Commissioner Les Miller, Chair / Lynne Paul, Staff

1. Underwriting Services RFQ

Ms. Paul reported Underwriting Services were necessary to assist the Authority in the structuring, marketing and sale of negotiated sales of bonds to meet the financing requirements of the Selmon West Extension project. Ms. Paul explained the raking of the firms to include toll experience, professional experience, marketing and distribution, understanding of the work, and other (i.e. contributions to Tampa Bay area, etc.). The Evaluation Committee selected the top five firms and one SBE firm.

Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Alvarez for a) Approval of Evaluation Committee recommendation for ranking of the firms as follows: Bank of America, 300; Citigroup, 294; JPMorgan, 289; Morgan Stanley, 284; Raymond James, 276; RBC Capital, 273; Loop Capital, 268; Wells Fargo, 265; PNC Capital Market, 258; Stifel Nicolaus & Co., 252; Robert Baird & Co., 231; Suntrust Robinson Humphrey, 229. b) The Board selects the top five (5) firms and one certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firm and directs staff to begin contract negotiations. Contract is subject to available funding and fiscal year budget approvals. If negotiations are unsuccessful, staff shall negotiate with the next highest ranked firm, if necessary. Contract execution is subject to final review and approval of THEA General Counsel.*

** SBE: Minority & Woman Owned Business*

Chairman Cassidy asked for clarification if the Board was selecting or is the Board ratifying what the Committee is stating. General Counsel Maguire stated the Board is being asked to approve the selection ranking of the Evaluation Committee and therefore making the final decision. This listing is the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee which are public meetings. Chairman Cassidy then clarified no Board Member participated in the ranking of these firms. General Counsel Maguire concurred.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORTS

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

Mr. May provided a brief update on the SWE schedule. Mr. May explained the graph and noted delays were intentional and explained going to a second industry forum to better define what THEA envisioned for the project and allowed more time for the teams to organize in order for a better response. Otherwise, Mr. May explained, everything is tracking quite well.

Mr. May explained currently in the middle of the resurfacing project for Brandon Parkway and Meridian. Hubbard Construction was awarded this project.

Mr. May noted the vendor is ready to start the second phase of power washing the underside of the REL with an expected start date of March 5, 2017.

With respect to the Selmon West, Shenandoah is working on cleaning the box culvert in order to properly videotape and establish a baseline of the condition. They are well underway and expect another two weeks to near completion.

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

Ms. Paul reported information provided in the packets is through December 31, 2016. Spending is where expected and there is cash and investments sufficient to meet the needs of the Authority.

Revenue is running approximately 61/2% higher than last year and 3% over seasonal projected. Transactions are 4% over last year.

C. Communications (*Sue Chrzan*)

Ms. Chrzan noted the media mentions since September 2016. The Florida Automated Vehicle Summit had viewership of over 1.7 million for the different articles that ran which equates to approximately \$120,000 value. The annual report was provided to each Board Member hot off the press. The infographic will be out on press release towards the end of the week.

Ms. Chrzan presented information on the Road Ranger Assists. This service is available on the system Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. The slides were reviewed indicating as we have grown in traffic, we have also grown in Road Ranger assists from a little less than 600 in 2014 to over 750 in 2016.

D. Toll Operations (*Rafael Hernandez*)

Mr. Hernandez reviewed toll transaction data for the month of December 2016 when compared year to year the number of Sunpass accounts continued to increase.

Data provided by the Florida Department of Transportation for 2015 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for the Selmon represents approximately 62% of the volume handled by I-4 and approximately 348% more than Adamo Drive. With the addition of the I-4 connector we recognize more traffic is coming to the east section of the Selmon.

Mr. Hernandez reviewed December 2016 Average Daily Traffic reporting on the west section continue to increase (6.3%) compared to last year and the east section 6.6%. Average daily traffic for the month of December was 98,000 per day.

VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Executive Director (*Joe Waggoner*)

Mr. Waggoner had no new report.

B. General Council (*Patrick Maguire*)

Mr. Maguire had no new report.

C. Chair (*Vincent Cassidy, Vice-Chair*)

1. Upcoming Meetings

• **Committees as a Whole Meeting –**

Chairman Cassidy noted there will be no need for the March 13, 2017 Committees as a Whole meeting; and therefore the next meeting will be held on March 27, 2017.

• **Board Meeting – March 27th, 1:30 p.m.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Alvarez questioned the status of the Dog Park. Mr. Waggoner stated the start date is early March, 2017 with a target completion date of May 1, 2017.

B. Mr. Alvarez questioned traffic patterns on the eastside and the possibility of adding a toll to reduce travelers from I-4 and 301 area of the Selmon. Mr. Waggoner responded noting a Selmon East Section Study underway currently. This is to look at the challenges on the eastside. In response, we are working on it although it may be just a while before we come back with the analysis.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Cassidy adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

APPROVED: _____

Vincent Cassidy
Chair: Vincent Cassidy

ATTEST: _____

Daniel Alvarez
Secretary: Daniel Alvarez

DATED THIS 27 DAY OF March, 2017