



**JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CRA
(JIA/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: The Jacksonville International Airport CRA (JIA/CRA) Advisory Board was held virtually only. A quorum was not needed for the meeting, as no action items were being presented for consideration.

JIA/CRA Advisory Board Members Participating Via Zoom: Advisory Board Chair Greg Tison, Vice-Chair Tommy Ruffin, Steve Swann, Tameka Joseph, Lad Daniels and Darryl Patterson

Staff Present via Zoom: Kirk Wendland, Executive Director of OED, Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; Michelle Stephens, Recording Secretary

Representing the Office of General Counsel via Zoom: Kealey A. West

Others Participating via Zoom: Robin Smith, Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tison called the Jacksonville International Airport CRA (JIA/CRA) Advisory Board meeting to order at approximately 4:03 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items on the agenda for the Advisory Board's consideration.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Mr. K. Wendland commented that the last time the JIA/CRA Advisory Board met they were discussing what was the upcoming FY 2021/2022 budget. Referring to the Main Street Project, Mr. Wendland recalled that the Advisory Board was presented with two funding options and the Advisory Board's recommendation to the Agency Board was in favor of allocating \$15,000,000 to the Main Street Project (Main Street from New Berlin to Airport Center Drive). He advised that on June 22, 2021, the Agency Board met and approved allocating \$23,000,000 to the Main Street Project (Main Street from New Berlin to Max Leggett Parkway). He advised that the \$23M City contribution is payable in three installments, over a three year period, beginning in FY 2021: \$9M; in FY 2022 \$7M; and in FY 2023 \$7M.

Mr. Wendland noted that for the current FY 2021/2022 there was \$12 million in the Plan Authorized Expenditures line item adding that \$7M was moved for the Main Street Project, leaving about \$5M in Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures. He noted that there are a lot of pending Public Works projects and that he recently spoke with Jim Knight who told him they were having problems at FDOT because from April to September some costs have increased 50%. He suggested to wait until after today's

presentation by Public Works and the Advisory Board meets again earlier in the calendar year, to start looking at addressing some of the potential project cost overruns.

Mr. Robin Smith with Public Works provided an update to the FY 2020/2021 Annual CRA Schedule of JIA/CRA Capital Projects. He noted that as he goes through the list of projects he will advise if additional funding is needed for a particulate project.

Armsdale/Duval Road Improvements: The Armsdale Road project was ready to bid, but due to some very timely issues at the intersection of Armsdale and Duval Road, they are going to add this intersection and signal redesign to the bid. The Traffic Engineering Department is finalizing the design of the new signal. Once the design is complete, they will move towards bidding the project in the next few months. The budget of \$4.6M is sufficient.

Advisory Board Chair Tison ask if this was an intersection improvement or an intersection plus four-lanes back to I-295. Mr. Smith replied that there was already a project to redo on Armsdale Road, so instead of the signal going up in a future Duval Road Project, the signal at Duval Road is going to be built under the Armsdale/Duval Road Improvement Project because there is an immediate need for the signal.

Dunn Ave./Armsdale Road Intersection Improvements: The project design has been completed by Traffic Engineering. They are waiting on a few permits. The project should kick off within the next three months and includes mast arms for a new signal. The lead time on new signals is 6-7 months. He added that it could be 9-10 months before there is any actual field activity. The budget of \$1.4M should be sufficient.

Duval Road PD&E Study: The PD&E Study is complete. They are ready to go to design; however, the project is on hold pending how the construction will be funded. The most recent estimate for the project is \$28M. Mr. Smith intends pending any changes over the year to add the project to a future year (beyond 5th) on the next CIP.

Mr. Wendland commented that the CRA contribution for the project was the PD&E Study and due to timing and the sunsetting of the CRA he does not see the CRA as the funding source.

Advisory Board Member L. Daniels ask for the location on Duval Road. Mr. Smith replied from I-295 to Dunn Ave. just outside of the CRA boundary adding that it is a considerable distance and he thinks the recommendation is to go from a two lane to a four lane section. Even if there was funding, there a couple of years of right of way acquisition. The project is several years from construction.

Harts Road Bridge Replacement: Sixty percent design is completed and they are moving towards 100% design on the Harts Road Bridge sometime next year. He noted that there have been some additions and subtractions to the project in trying to address some resiliency issues raising up some intersections where they can, to address some of the drainage and flooding issues in the area. The project was previously funded for \$2.2M and the new cost estimate is \$2.5M, which is \$300,000 short of what will be needed for construction. When the project is closer to final design they can talk about the additional funding. He noted that when it comes to bigger projects there is a smaller pool of contractors to work with and most of them are busy. The delay could also me a matter of timing and waiting to advertise to get competitive bids.

Advisory Board Member S. Swann asked if it cost \$800,000 to design the Harts Road Bridge replacement. Mr. Smith replied that he thought it was around \$300,000 - \$400,000. He will check and get back to the Advisory Board on the amount.

Marsh Hen Drive Road Improvements: Project is complete. The road was raised as high as it could be without acquiring right of way.

Cole Road Bridge: Project is under construction and being managed by FDOT. Public Works is monitoring the contract and paying invoices as the project moves along. They are 60% done with the bridge noting that the Cole Road Bridge is part of the greater I-95/I-295 interchange, which they are estimating to be opened the end of next year.

Advisory Board Chair Tison asked if there was any feedback from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration regarding the “Jacksonville” sign on the Cole Road Bride project. Mr. Smith replied that as far as he knew there has been no movement on the sign adding that the issue is with the federal requirements so that any sign in an interstate right of way follows manual uniform traffic control devices and the Jacksonville sign did not meet those requirements.

Advisory Board Member Swann commented that it would have been a sign similar to what you have coming from the south of I-95. Mr. Smith concurred commenting that it was before his time adding that apparently it was one of those beg for forgiveness/not ask for permission situation adding that they are strict with their regulations.

Mr. Wendland noted that the project was coordinated with FDOT. Mr. Smith commented that the sign may have passed at the state level, but because it is the interstate system and federal government funding the federal government has the final say. He added that he knows there are some people working on it and assumes we will hear yes or no over the next few months.

Cole Road-Duval to Cole Road W-Sidewalks-Mobility aa: Mr. Smith noted that there are two sidewalk projects on Cole Road. 1) Cole Road to Duval Road West Sidewalk, and 2) Cole Road to Main Street Sidewalk adding that they were bid together as one project (100% for the 1st project and 75% for the second project. One-hundred percent was not included in the second sidewalk project Cole Road to Main Street crosses at a railroad and the remaining section goes to Main Street, which they anticipate will be widened sometime this year. They are hoping to ask FDOT to do the final piece when they come back rather than doing it now and having to rip it all up. He noted that there is a section in the middle where we cannot cross the railroad. The project that went to bid has been awarded and they are working through the contracts. Work should start in the next few months on the sidewalk adding that it is a sizeable sidewalk job from the bridge up to the railroad right of way. He does not have the bid budget in front of him, but he does know there is enough in the budget to cover the project.

Cole Road-Duval to Cole Road W-Roadway Resurfacing-Mobility aa and Cole Road W-Cole to Main-Roadway Resurfacing bb: The resurfacing team is ready to start on both projects. They are waiting for the bridge to be complete so they can do the resurfacing in coordination with the opening of the bridge.

Duval Road-Airport to Biscayne-Sidewalks-Mobility cc: Very near to 100% design is complete. They are working on right of way for some pedestrian bridges that could take a few months. Based on their cost estimates, funding for the project is about \$2M short. Once they have a better idea of exactly how much more will be needed, they will come back to the Advisory Board at a future date to discuss the additional construction funding that will most likely be needed. He noted that the project is combined with another much smaller sidewalk on Ranch Road adding that by scale they are so close that they plan to do both projects at the same time.

Mr. Wendland advised that in the last couple of years when there has been extra money in the budget, it has been applied to the Duval Road- Airport to Biscayne-Sidewalks-Mobility project adding that we have always known we were short on the budget it is just a matter of how short.

Mr. Smith commented that they are pretty close to knowing exactly how short they are and as soon as he finds out the number, he will let us know.

Duval Road-Airport to Biscayne-Roadway Resurfacing-Mobility cc: Project design is complete.

Ranch Road-Duval to Tradeport-Sidewalks-Mobility dd: This project is going to be included in the Duval Road Sidewalk project. Small project about \$200,000. They will be bidding with Duval Road to get an economy of scale and get good prices.

Harts Road Resurfacing: Dunn Ave. to Cul-De-Sac south of I-295: Completed.

Biscayne Blvd. Resurfacing: Dunn Ave N to first intersection w/Duval Road: Completed.

Biscayne Blvd. Street Lights: Duval Rd S to Dunn Ave: Completed.

Main Street Widening: Spoke about at the beginning of the meeting. Funding will be allocated to FDOT for the project.

Turtle Creek Subdivision Traffic Calming and Harts Road Traffic Calming: Projects include speed tables and raised crosswalks. Design is almost complete on both projects. Mr. Smith has spoken with Traffic Engineering and his desire is to do these two projects after the construction of the Harts Road Bridge because some of it will be torn up during the bridge construction. We anticipate these two projects to commence shortly after the bridge is replaced. He noted that once the bridge goes out there will be big disruption of traffic in this area so it is best to wait until the bridge is reopened to introduce the speed tables. Once you get into the residential areas it switches to speed bumps and in the more collector roads, they like to use speed tables. He has not reviewed any plans yet but once he does, he can give us an inventory. As far as funding, Harts Road Traffic Calming has \$200,000 allocated and that should be plenty. The Turtle Creek currently has \$35,000 allocated and their current estimate is approximately \$46,000. We may be asking for a few thousand more dollars on the Turtle Creek project in about a year once the Harts Road Bridge is well underway.

Harts Road Bridge Clean-up: Project is complete.

Biscayne Blvd. Bridge Clean-up: Project is complete.

Ranch Road Cross Drain Replacement-DSR Improvement: Project just started construction. It is estimated to be finished in 60-90 days.

935 Turtle Creek Dr. N Drainage Pipe Lining – DSR Improvement: Project is complete.

Advisory Board Member S. Swann asked Kirk if the Advisory Board voted on the last five or six projects on the list after the Main Street widening project or if the Agency Board added them in because they do not look familiar to him.

Mr. Wendland responded that it was action taken by the Agency Board adding that Councilmember Gaffney brought a list of about eight projects to the Agency Board for consideration last year, a few were removed and the remainder were approved by the Agency Board

Mr. Smith commented that there were three projects, (Harts Road Clean-up, Biscayne Blvd Bridge Clean-up and Turtle Creek, due to timing, Public Works completed the projects before coming to the Advisory Board.

Mr. Smith advised that a little bit of additional funding will be needed for the Harts Road Bridge, maybe a couple \$100,000. He advised that they anticipate needing about \$10M more on the Duval Road Sidewalks project and they are estimating needing about \$12,000 in additional funding for the Turtle Creek Traffic Calming project. He will return to the Advisory Board with more detail and the amount needed when he has them.

Chair Tison asked Mr. Smith when he may have the numbers finalized. Mr. Smith replied for the Harts Bridge he thinks 90-120 days before they have 100% plans because they are just getting started. He added that they went back and amended the design contract to look at a few adjacent intersections that they think can be raised to get them out of the flooding when the weather is bad. He estimated that the two Duval Road projects 60 days, but he is not certain and Turtle Creek he may have an answer in about 30 days, if needed adding that the project is a year and a half out.

Chair Tison and OED staff thanked Mr. Smith for his great report.

Mr. Smith said he would get an update on what the cost for the Harts Road Design.

Chair Tison asked if there was any business that the Advisory Board may need to act on during November or December. Mr. Wendland responded that there was none that he was aware of.

Staff and the JIA/CRA Advisory Board agreed to meet again in January. If for some reason a meeting is needed before January, staff will reach out to Chair Tison.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

No general information was shared.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were not comments from the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, Chair Tison adjourned the JIA/CRA Advisory Board meeting at approximately 4:39 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed and is available upon request. Please contact Michelle Stephens at (904) 255-5452, or by email at msteph@coj.net.