

**Capital Circle Southwest
Community Representative (CR) Meeting 15
March 19, 2009
5:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.**

Meeting Attendees

Community Representatives – Laurie Thomas, Mike Clow, Russell Daws, Rick Grant and Darrin Taylor

KHA Team – Ryan Wetherell, P.E., and Steve Godfrey, P.E. (by conference call)

Blueprint 2000 – Latesa Turner, P.E., Carlana Hoffman, David Bright

Others – Garth Smelser (US Forest Service) and Steve Hodges (TLCPD)

Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 5:30. Steve Godfrey participated by conference call. Ryan provided a recap of the last meeting which focused on the best alternatives within each of the four segments. The group had discussed widening to the right along segment 1, the hybrid solution along segment 2, a centered alignment for segment 3c, and the economic benefits of 4b1 vs. 4c alternatives for segment 4. Following the last CR meeting, the consultant team, at the direction of the CR members, completed a deeper review of the two segment 4 alternatives and then prepared a recommendation for each segment to present to the IA for their approval. The recommendation was also provided to the TCC and CAC. Both groups supported the recommendation which was subsequently approved by the IA at the February 23rd meeting. Dave Bright noted that five of the original EECC members sit on the CAC and the City Commission, and have supported the recommendation.

Realignment and Widening (Existing Alignment) Options

The segment solutions have been combined to form a widening alternative and a realignment alternative. Packets were previously distributed to the CR members containing graphics depicting the two build alternatives. Ryan went over the environmental and social impact maps for both alternatives. Kimley-Horn will continue to move forward with the evaluations for the widening and realignment alternatives. Kimley-Horn will also continue to evaluate access opportunities along both alignments.

US Forest Service Plans

Ryan introduced Garth Smelser, Deputy Ranger with the US Service Forest. Garth talked about the Forest Service's future plans to physically connect the Lake Bradford Tract with the Tallahassee Museum. The MOU with the Tallahassee Museum is up for renewal this month, and the Forest Service desires to continue to partner with the Tallahassee Museum through another 5-year agreement. The Forest Service also desires to relocate its administrative offices on John Knox Road to the northern section of the Lake Bradford Tract,

and consolidate the office in Crawfordville and in the old Airport Terminal into this new office space. Garth mentioned that he had previously met with Russell Daws and several of the members of the Lake Bradford Home Owners Association to discuss these plans. A future meeting is being scheduled with the remaining members.

Garth talked about the potential for partnering with Blueprint to incorporate elements of the Greenways Masterplan (meandering trails, etc.) on Forest Service property, should the widening alternative be selected as the preferred alternative. He stressed, however, that the Forest Service, was not lobbying for or in support of either alignment over the other at this time. Garth confirmed that the right-of-way required from the Forest Service would be provided via easement at no cost to Blueprint. He also expressed interest in exploring the possibility of partnering with Blueprint on a trailhead at the Dollar Rental site (west of Orange Avenue/CCSW intersection). Latesa Turner mentioned that this had previously been discussed with Marcus Beard at the Forest Service.

Analysis Table and Evaluation Matrix

Ryan directed the CR members to the draft PD&E analysis summary table for the build alternatives. Copies of the IA approved evaluation matrix were distributed to each of the CR members. The evaluation matrix cross-referenced the analysis summary table categories that were proposed to be used to determine the effect (impact or enhancement) for each of the 13 evaluation criteria. The group was asked to review the evaluation matrix and provide input on the analysis summary categories listed under each of the 13 evaluation criteria.

Opportunities for Enhancement

Ryan asked the group for input regarding potential enhancement opportunities which could be evaluated along both alignments. Enhancement opportunities discussed by the group included:

- Re-hydration and restoration of Black Swamp
- Bridge at Bradford Brook crossing
- Big Bend Scenic Byway Signage
- Greenway and bikeway connections
 - Connection of St. Marks Trail to western part of the community
 - Meandering trail on USFS property and in the area of the future planned Administrative Building

Access Opportunities

Ryan briefly discussed potential access scenarios along both alternatives. Both alternatives are being evaluated for Access Class 3 which limits spacing between full openings to ½ mile, and spacing between directional openings to ¼ mile. Access opportunities to adjacent properties will continue to be evaluated and developed as the study progresses. There are a couple of locations that may be more challenging than others to provide the access that may be desired, and the project team is continuing to work through these challenges. In those locations

where a solution cannot be found that meets the Class 3 spacing requirements, it may be necessary to request a variance from FDOT. We will continue to develop concepts and plans for access along both alternatives and will present additional information at the upcoming meeting in June.

Next Community Representative Meeting # 16 – June (Date TBD).

Meeting adjourned – 7:45 p.m.