



Courtney Campbell Causeway

Meeting Summary

Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee

August 21, 2020 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

Join online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87017866550>

Meeting ID: 870 1786 6550

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of January 17, 2020 Meeting Summary
 - a. 4a – Incorrect; Pinellas County and City of Clearwater will be funding new amenities along Courtney Campbell
 - b. Summary approved
4. Old Business
 - a. Clearwater amenities status (trail enhancements)
 - i. Update by Michael Lavery
 1. AECOM has identified four locations; many different amenities
 2. Funding in conjunction with Pinellas County; Cost projections from Architect – coming in around \$400,000
 3. Rest areas every mile or less (most under a mile)
 4. Michael is working with FDOT to get proper administrative documentation

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5. Construction designs at 90%

- ii. Allison brought up the necessity for signage due to people frequently parking along the highway and playing music despite no safe parking
- b. Tidal Gate crossing of CCC Trail Northside of CCC
 - i. Ron is going to get ahold of FDOT to ask for update. Thinks FDOT has funding
 - ii. Funding for construction will be available in 2022
- c. Status of new bike/ped crossing at Bayshore Drive/CCC
 - i. Angela Ryan gave update
 - ii. This is a priority for Forward Pinellas
 - iii. On list for construction in 2024
- d. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce information center
 - i. Kristina Alspaw gave update
 - ii. Partnering with City of Clearwater to install information center
 - iii. Next step is funding and resources

5. New Business

- a. New ped sidewalk construction on Westside of North Rocky Point Drive
 - i. Ron gave partial update – Westshore Alliance had been working on private sector funding to get sidewalks near Rocky Point
 - ii. North side is where most pedestrian traffic is generated
 - iii. Ron will work to get update on this project
 - iv. Brian asked about trash following storm (low-lying so catches a lot of debris) on South Side of Causeway (East of tide gates)- piece of trail that gets little to no maintenance; Brian has spoken to Tampa Park and Rec and FDOT and neither are responsible for trash following storm
 - 1. Ron will explore joining with Westshore Alliance to get that area taken care of.
 - 2. Will get update for October meeting
- b. State Scenic Byway Program update (due: Nov 15?)



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- i. Mike Palozzi update; Paul Hires is currently State Scenic Highway Coordinator and point of contact; new consultant support – Fernandez-Baud Landscape.
- ii. Mike will send contact information
- iii. Nov 15 deadline – 2 requirements – submit workplan for upcoming year (comprehensive with goals, objectives, accomplishments for 2020) to Alex Henry
- iv. 26 byways around state including Courtney Campbell
- v. Meeting after Labor Day; new 52 mile byway – Daytona to Ormond beach – Granada Bridge
- vi. Federal Transportation Act is up for renewal; Bill has made its way up through house; “INVEST”; will bring funding back to program (before - funding for national scenic highway went away, but program stayed) – INVEST will provide new funding for Nat’l Scenic Highway program
 1. Don’t need to be Nationally designated scenic highway to apply for federal funding – We should keep this in mind. Hasn’t been possible for several years.
 2. Scenic America has been instrumental in getting this passed through the House
- vii. In the past we have not considered national designation for Courtney Campbell
 1. Mike says to consider the other 5 byways in the state that are federally designated; 5 additional byways in Florida applied – will hear status in November
 2. If program gets reauthorized then new nominations might be considered – we should look into if possible
 3. How similar are applications for state application? How much work is needed?
 - a. Very similar; trail we have would check box for experience; have organization that meets with

goals and workplan; we have many of the requirements already.

6. Organization Updates – as appropriate/if any
 - a. Clearwater
 - b. Tampa
 - c. Pinellas County
 - i. Safe Street Pinellas: create safer transportation systems; goal is to have no serious injuries or deaths on roadways.
 - d. Hillsborough County
 - e. Clearwater Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Westshore Alliance
 - i. Ron will contact Alliance who is interested in safety initiatives
 - g. Dana Shores
 - i. Will reach out to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful regarding Brazilian Pepper
 - ii. South side of Causeway safety issue– on weekends there is problem of people showing up – hundreds of cars – people engaging in illegal activities; Parks Department does not engage; dangerous issue and police not doing anything; collapse of drainage due to large amount of cars.
 1. Possibility to control where cars can park – trying to put rocks in the area to show where people can and cannot park; trying to engage police to get more involved
 2. Affecting the intended use of the trail
 3. This committee used to have liaison from city of St. Pete – might be helpful to have someone again
 - a. Sean will reach out to get representative
 - h. TBRPC
 - i. Will send out contact sheet again for committee members to update their information.
 - ii. Alana Todd is new coordinator for the committee.
 - i. FDOT
7. Other Business
 - a. National Scenic Byway program update – Applications open – addressed earlier



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- b. Update to scope of what “scenic” verbiage (account for viewshed) is in relation to marina project of other future projects
 - i. Actions of this committee are limited to workplan; need to talk to Sean (TBRPC) and Lawyer to figure out how to approach this considering limited enforcement capability
 - 1. Put on Agenda for next meeting
 - 2. Some example verbiage already crafted;
- c. Will we get replacement for Mike Palozzi’s old position?
 - i. Alex Henry will get update; He can be contact person in interim

Next meeting date: 10/16/2020

- Workplan for 2021
- Debris on South side of bridge – update
- Update to scope of “scenic” verbiage – TBRPC update

Adjourned at 11:21

In Attendance: Mark Bunker – Clearwater City Council, Ron Gregory – AECOM and vice president, Kristina Alspaw – Amplify Clearwater (Clearwater Chamber), Sean Sullivan - TBRPC, Angela Ryan – Forward Pinellas, Michael Lavery – City of Clearwater Park and Rec, Brian Roberts – Dana Shores Resident, Allison Roberts – President of Dana Shores, Wren Krahl – TBRPC, Kathleen Becker – Clearwater City Council, Deborah Medina – Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Bill Jonson – President; Michael Palozzi - FDOT; Alex Henry – District 7 Scenic Highway Coordinator