

BJP Finance and Project Administration Committees
Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2012
Approved 10-26-12

FAC:

Helen Kehrt (for J. Dickenson; also on PAC)
Karen Bowling
AJ Dunn

Absent:

There are two vacancies on this committee

CITY:

Judith Garard
Dave Schneider
Tom Goldsbury
Marcy Cook

Note: Council Auditor absent

JTA:

Sonja Banks

PAC:

Jim Robinson
John Osborn
John Davis (for M. Blaylock)

Absent

Manny Papalas

Public:

JEA:

Nadine Carswell

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks** **Helen Kehrt (for J. Dickenson)**
Decision made for PAC to begin meeting due to late arrival of FAC participants

- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
Minutes of 4/27/12 approved unanimously

- III. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** **JOHN DAVIS (FOR M. BLAYLOCK)**

- A. COJ – Courthouse** **Dave Schneider and Tom Goldsbury**
Schneider: Courthouse is open. There is still some work to do, such as A/V, other punch list items, user requests (move outlets, etc). Regarding recent news about ADA compliance – the building is ADA code compliant, though the team has received some requests to make improvements that are above code requirements. We are discussing adding ramps, auto door openers; we are working through those issues with the judiciary.

Goldsbury: The Old Federal Courthouse/State Attorney’s Office is out for RFQ to qualify pre-bidders for general contractors and is due Aug. 8. We hope to turn that around quickly in order to put bid package out in August as well. We are working hard w/SAO on plans to identify problems and possibilities, and we plan to bring someone on board to do constructability reviews. We’ve already found reductions in IT, and we are working on changing the bridge concept possibly to open pre-cast, which would be more economical. We would later be able to close it in. Plans also include reusing the emergency generator from Annex, which is bigger than the one spec’d for the new building. Once we get the bids, assuming there are no protests, we should be under construction in November.

- B. JTA Road Program** **John Davis**
JTA is finalizing Heckscher, still working on a few studies, particularly the Southside corridor vision. Intracoastal Bridge is on cover of APWA magazine. Reduced JTB/95 scope in 2005, and have finished planning and PD&E. There is \$2.8 million in interstate maintenance discretionary funding for partial design, going to 50% to bid as design/build in phases, depending on when & how much money becomes available. We need \$125 million to build the whole project. Highest priority is loop SB 95 to EB JTB. Issue is WB JTB to fight traffic to get over to 95 onramps. We have enough with the \$2.8 million to do 50% up to December 2013. If we find funding by the middle of next year we can move to next phase.

This is the fourth year of TIGER grants. JTA didn’t apply in 2011, but worked with the Port to apply for intermodal. JTA applied and failed to win a \$17.6 grant to add to the existing \$4.4 million to get the total \$22 million to do at grade at Phillips/JTB. To put the competition in perspective, for 2012, 703 projects were submitted and only 47 got funded. In Florida, there were 3 that won. For all four

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years of the TIGER grants, only seven in Florida have won. Of all TIGER grants, 3.2% submitted got it. No area got more than 1 grant.

C. EBO/JSEB **Chuck McNeil**
No representative attended the meeting. Members referred to the report in the meeting packet.

D. General Discussion
None

IV. PAC ADJOURNED

V. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE **HELEN KEHRT**

A. COJ Financial Report **Judith Garard**
Slight increase of available cash due to increase in sales tax collection; up to \$8.3 million, from \$6 million last quarter. We were running <1%; three more months to collect and saw levels higher than last 5 years. Whether trend continues depends on consumer confidence, sales tax holiday will impact. Good news, better than 1% over prior year. Branam-Chaffee is now closed out; we had \$685,000 returned to us from the funds that we advanced in 2005. This money goes back into cash funding – all projects were budgeted and appropriated in the beginning. Now that we have borrowed the full limit, we're on pay-go. Will be funding in cash available for any projects we have leftover. After that if we have any leftover after debt service, maybe we can start a few more projects.

Transportation sales collection 4.1% better than same months 2011. Mr. Davis asked if the debt service savings will allow us to go back & pick up projects? Ms. Garard explained that it depends on cost estimates available for projects to start. We're looking at savings of approximately \$3 million a year, but if we wait a few years it might be possible. Mr. Davis then asked if we could phase some projects a piece at a time. Ms. Garard responded that it would depend on collections and what the economy does. If sales tax revenues increase and if consumer confidence returns, it would be good to have cash in hand to actually give the green light on new projects. First priority is to finish what we already have going.

B. JTA Financial Report **Sonja Banks**
Project reimbursements for JTA has been less than \$100,000 a month. Largest expenditures in the future will be right of way acquisition and court settlements - \$1 million or more. No idea when or how those will be settled.

C. General Discussion
None

VI. FAC ADJOURNED