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TREASURE COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY (TCSH) COMMITTEE

Reorganization Meeting

Friday, February 16, 2024
 10:00 am

Public Participation/Accessibility

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Comments from the Public**
4. **Florida Scenic Highway Program:** An overview of the Florida Scenic Highway Program by a representative of the Florida Department of Transportation.
5. **TCSH and TCSH Committee:** Review of the TCSH and the TCSH Committee including the Corridor Limits, Corridor Management Plan, Vision and Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives, Committee Membership, and Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures.
6. **Officer Elections:** Election of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the TCSH Committee for 2024.

Action: *Nominate and Elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the TCSH Committee.*

- 7. 2024 Annual Work Plan:** Review and adoption of the 2024 Annual Work Plan for the TCSH Committee.

***Action:** Adopt the 2024 Annual Work Plan, adopt with conditions, or do not adopt.*

- 8. 2024 Meeting Dates:** Approval of the proposed 2024 regular meeting dates for the TCSH Committee.

***Action:** Approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates, approve with conditions, or do not approve.*

9. Recommendations/Comments by Members

10. Staff Comments

- 11. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the TCCME will be a regular meeting in accordance with Agenda Item 8.

12. Adjourn

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Items not included on the agenda may also be heard in consideration of the best interests of the public's health, safety, welfare, and as necessary to protect every person's right of access. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the TCSH Committee with respect to any matter considered at a meeting, that person shall need a record of the proceedings, and for such a purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)
Meeting Date:	February 16, 2024
Item Number:	4
Item Title:	Florida Scenic Highway Program
Item Origination:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee
UPWP Reference:	Task 4.2: Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination
Requested Action:	None. Mr. Michael Palozzi, the Consultant Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4, will provide a presentation on the Florida Scenic Highway Program and on the FDOT District 4 Scenic Highway Program.
Staff Recommendation:	Not applicable

Attachments

- Florida Scenic Highway Program Information

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- 1 Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway
- 2 Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway ★
- 3 Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway
- 4 Old Florida Heritage Highway
- 5 Florida Keys Scenic Highway
- 6 A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway
- 7 Tamiami Trail - Windows To The Gulf Coast Waters
- 8 Palma Sola Scenic Highway
- 9 Green Mountain Scenic Byway
- 10 The Ridge Scenic Highway
- 11 Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway
- 12 William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway
- 13 Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway
- 14 Suncoast Scenic Parkway
- 15 Big Bend Scenic Byway ★
- 16 Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail ★
- 17 Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway ★
- 18 Lemon Bay / Myakka Trail Scenic Highway
- 19 Scenic Highway 30A ★
- 20 Heritage Crossroads: Miles Of History
- 21 River of Lakes Heritage Corridor ★
- 22 Broward County A1A Scenic Highway
- 23 J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway
- 24 Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway
- 25 Martin Grade Scenic Highway
- 26 A1A Ocean Islands Trail
- 27 Halifax Heritage Byway

All-American Road
 National Scenic Byway

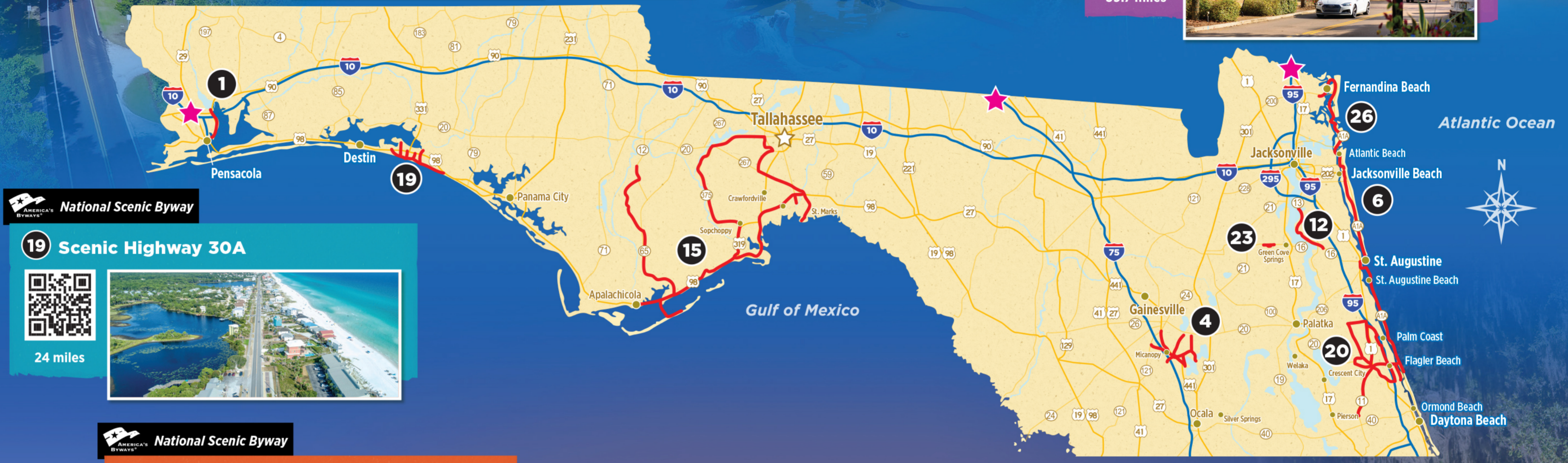
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1 Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway

11 miles

26 A1A Ocean Islands Trail

39.7 miles



19 Scenic Highway 30A

24 miles

15 Big Bend Scenic Byway

220 miles

4 Old Florida Heritage Highway

45 miles

6 A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

72 miles

12 William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway

17 miles

20 Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History

98 miles

23 J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway

3 miles

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National Scenic Byway

17 Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway



123 miles



9 Green Mountain Scenic Byway



45 miles



11 Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway



10 miles



8 Palma Sola Scenic Highway



4 miles



3 Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway



3 miles



14 Suncoast Scenic Parkway



42 miles



10 The Ridge Scenic Highway



39 miles



18 Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway



47 miles



7 Tamiami Trail - Windows to the Gulf Coast Waters



70 miles



National Scenic Byway

16 Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail



34 miles



National Scenic Byway

21 River of Lakes Heritage Corridor



156 miles



27 Halifax Heritage Byway



35 miles



24 Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway



62 miles



National Scenic Byway

2 Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway



233 miles



25 Martin Grade Scenic Highway



42 miles



13 Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway



12 miles



22 Broward County A1A Scenic Highway



32 miles



All-American Road

5 Florida Keys Scenic Highway



110 miles





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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)
Meeting Date:	February 16, 2024
Item Number:	5
Item Title:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway and Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee
Item Origination:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee
UPWP Reference:	Task 4.2: Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination
Requested Action:	Discuss and provide comments to staff.
Staff Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Corridor Limits, Vision and Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Committee Membership, and Bylaws, Rules and Procedures be reviewed, and comments be provided based on the review.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- Corridor Limits of the TCSH
- Goals, Objectives, and Strategies
- Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures
- Member List



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Stephanie M. Torres
Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: **Treasure Coast Scenic Highway and Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee**

BACKGROUND

The Treasure Coast Scenic Highway (Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway – Treasure Coast Corridor) was designated as a Florida Scenic Highway in December 2005. The corridor runs throughout Saint Lucie County from the Indian River County Line to the Martin County Line.

After the corridor was designated, a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) was completed in September 2006 that describes the actions to be taken by the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee. These actions hope to benefit the scenic highway community, provide a high-quality visitor experience, and maintain compliance with Florida Scenic Highway Program requirements. A copy of the CMP is attached.

ANALYSIS

The TCSHC adopted the following Vision and Mission Statement in September 2016:

The Mission of the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Treasure Coast Corridor Management Entity is to promote appreciation of the region for visitors and residents through improved access and information.

The Vision of the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Treasure Coast Corridor Management Entity is to be well known for preserving and protecting the natural beauty and ecosystems of the corridor.

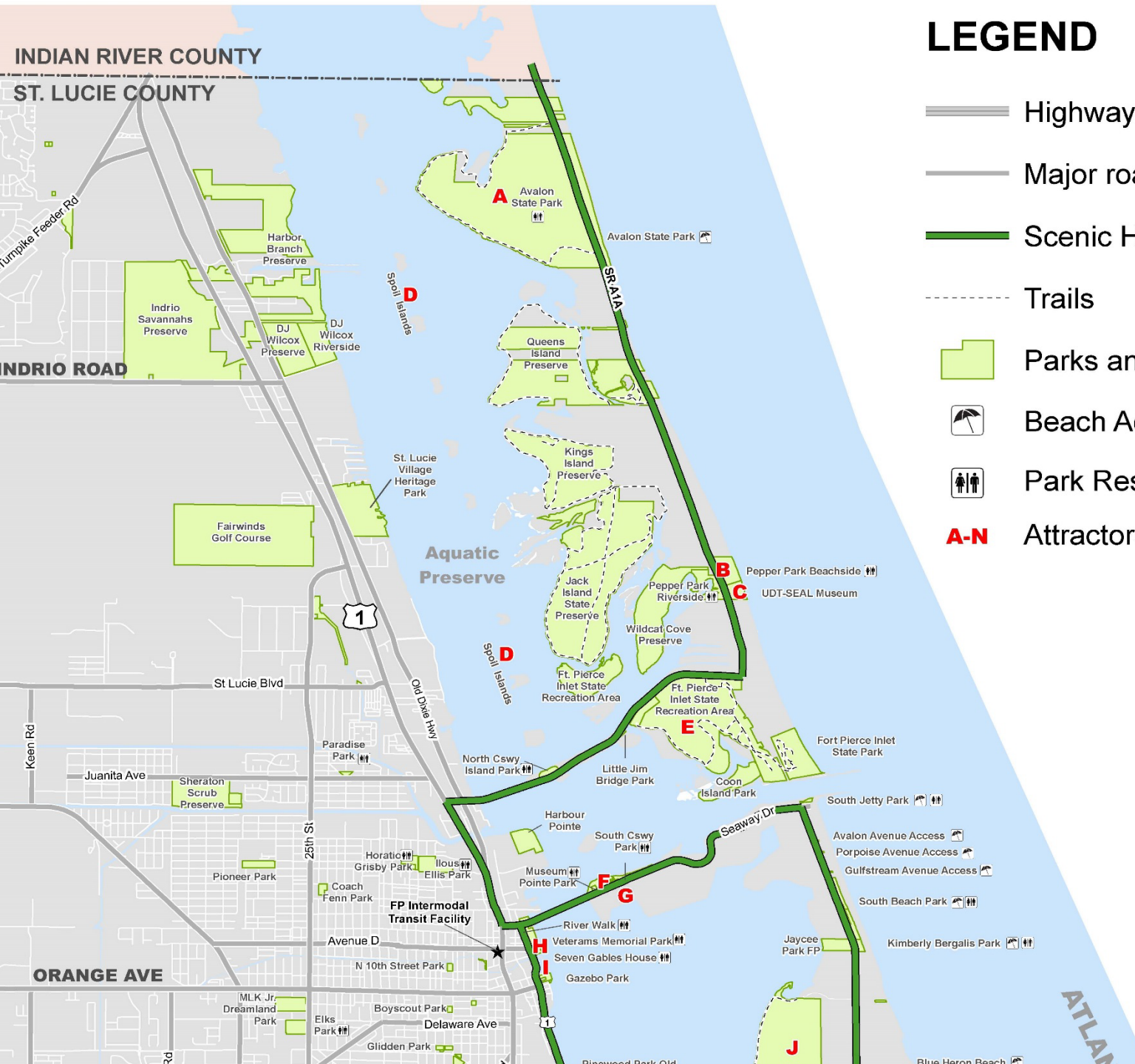
The attached 5 Goals, 13 Objectives, and 32 Strategies consistent with the Mission and Vision Statement were adopted to guide the program.

The attached Bylaws, Rules and Procedures identify the purpose, authority, composition, and membership of the organization. They also specify how alternates are appointed, officers are elected, minutes are prepared, voting is conducted, and quorum is achieved. In addition, they confirm public access to meetings and establish the procedures for the notice of meetings and the conduct of emergency meetings. Finally, the process for amending the adopted Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures is specified.








Because Section 2 of the CME Agreement specifies "membership may be expanded or reduced by majority action of the existing CME members", the Committee is being reorganized to reflect a grass roots effort that is reflected by the Florida Scenic Highway Program. The newly restructured committee does not include elected officials and increases the number of grass roots resident members as shown in the attached member list.

RECOMMENDATION

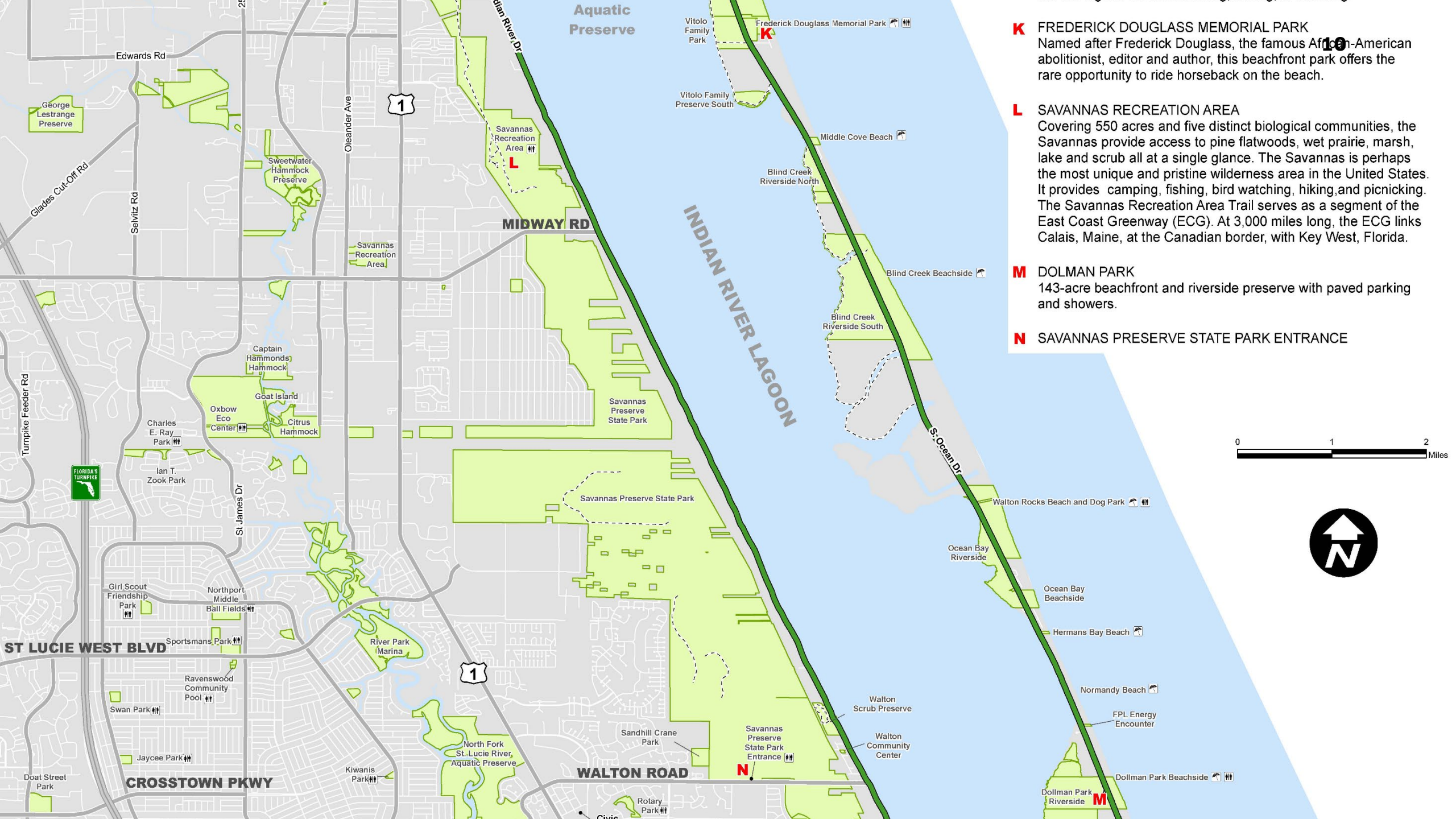
It is recommended that the Corridor Limits, Vision and Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Committee Membership, and Bylaws, Rules and Procedures be reviewed and comments be provided based on the review.



LEGEND

-  Highway
-  Major road
-  Scenic Highway
-  Trails
-  Parks and Preserves
-  Beach Access
-  Park Restrooms
- A-N** Attractors

- A** **AVALON STATE PARK**
Avalon has more than a mile of increasingly rare undeveloped beachfront. The park provides habitat for many species of wildlife. Threatened and endangered sea turtles such as the loggerhead, Atlantic green and leatherback nest on the beach during the spring and summer. Dune crossovers protect the fragile dune ecosystem. The park is ideal for swimmers, snorkelers, fishermen and sunbathers for beach recreation. Swimmers and snorkelers are advised to be cautious of underwater obstacles left behind by amphibious warfare exercises during World War II. Visitors can enjoy a meal at sheltered picnic tables overlooking the beach.
- B** **PEPPER PARK**
One of North Hutchinson Island's most popular beaches with a playground, picnic area, baseball field, basketball, and tennis courts. The park features beautiful boardwalks and piers for fishing, launching canoes and kayaks, or just watching the water fowl and other beautiful birds in the Indian River Lagoon.
- C** **UDT-SEAL MUSEUM**
Located beside Pepper Park, the museum is "dedicated to preserving the weapons, equipment artifacts, and memorabilia of a valiant group of America's most extraordinary fighting men."
- D** **SPOIL ISLANDS**
Recreation islands for the enjoyment of the public
- E** **FORT PIERCE INLET PARK**
This 340-acre park of Atlantic beach, dunes, and coastal hammock provides bicycling, fishing, hiking, nature trails, picnicking, diving, swimming and wildlife.
- F** **ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL CENTER**
The Museum offers artifacts, exhibits, and dioramas on Spanish treasure fleets, the Seminole War, and the turn of the century industries in the County. Programs from other museums are offered as well.
- G** **SMITHSONIAN MARINE STATION / AQUARIUM**
The six large aquaria are maintained as separate eco-Systems and include a coral reef, a nearshore reef, a deep offshore reef, a deep Indian River tank, a mangrove shore tank and a grass bed tank. The Smithsonian Marine Station across the street is dedicated to providing marine research facilities to national and international scientists who are actively studying the nearby ocean and the Indian River Lagoon, the most biodiverse estuary in the county.
- H** **MANATEE OBSERVATION CENTER**
The endangered Florida manatee can be viewed at the Center year-round from the covered observation walkway or the second story observation tower.



K FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL PARK
 Named after Frederick Douglass, the famous African-American abolitionist, editor and author, this beachfront park offers the rare opportunity to ride horseback on the beach.

L SAVANNAS RECREATION AREA
 Covering 550 acres and five distinct biological communities, the Savannas provide access to pine flatwoods, wet prairie, marsh, lake and scrub all at a single glance. The Savannas is perhaps the most unique and pristine wilderness area in the United States. It provides camping, fishing, bird watching, hiking, and picnicking. The Savannas Recreation Area Trail serves as a segment of the East Coast Greenway (ECG). At 3,000 miles long, the ECG links Calais, Maine, at the Canadian border, with Key West, Florida.

M DOLMAN PARK
 143-acre beachfront and riverside preserve with paved parking and showers.

N SAVANNAS PRESERVE STATE PARK ENTRANCE





**INDIAN RIVER LAGOON TREASURE COAST SCENIC
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
TREASURE COAST CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN
GOALS, OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES
(Adopted March 10, 2017; Amended October 13, 2017)**

GOAL 1 - PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND MAINTAIN: Ensure that the intrinsic resources of the corridor are protected, preserved, and maintained.

Objective 1.1: Ensure the stabilization of the shoreline, the restoration of the shoreline habitat, and the preservation of the scenic views.

Strategy 1.1.1: Identify those interested in shoreline stabilization and habitat restoration, such as the Marine Resources Council, the Indian River Lagoon Program, the Ocean Research & Conservation Association, fishing and birding organizations, boating organizations, and environmental organizations, and enlist them in partnerships for stabilization and restoration projects.

Strategy 1.1.2: Identify those interested in removal of exotic vegetation, such as the Marine Resources Council and the Ocean Research & Conservation Association, and enlist them in partnership for removal of exotic vegetation.

Strategy 1.1.3: Identify deteriorated or blighted areas along the corridor and where the scenic views have been impaired by man.

Strategy 1.1.4: Work with the government agencies to plan, gain approval of, find funding for, and implement renewal projects for the deteriorated and blighted areas and impaired scenic views.

Objective 1.2: Support continued enhancement of historic, archeological, cultural, and recreational resources of the corridor.

Strategy 1.2.1: Identify and partner with government entities and community organizations interested in the protection, preservation, maintenance and enhancement of historic, archeological, cultural, and recreational resources to support the enhancement of these resources.

Strategy 1.2.2: Assist the government agencies that have responsibility for historic, archeological, cultural, and recreational resources in identifying and using funding sources for enhancement.

GOAL 2 – ENHANCE ACCESS: Ensure safe, non-congested, destination--targeted, multi-modal transportation throughout the corridor.

Objective 2.1: Recognize and provide low-impact access to historic, archeological, and cultural resources.

Strategy 2.2.1: Identify and partner with government entities and community organizations interested in providing low-impact access to historic, archeological, and cultural resources within the corridor to develop and implement appropriate projects.

Objective 2.2: Evaluate and implement ways to enhance multi-modal transportation and improve safety throughout the corridor.

Strategy 2.2.1: Identify government and community organizations with interest in multi-modal transportation.

Strategy 2.2.2: Work with these organizations to coordinate corridor-wide, multi-modal transportation evaluations and enhancement plans.

Strategy 2.2.3: Work with these entities to identify and use funding sources to implement multi-modal transportation enhancement plans.

Objective 2.3: Cooperate with efforts to develop trails, walkways, and bikeways throughout the corridor.

Strategy 2.3.1: Identify initiatives to develop trails, walkways, and bikeways throughout the corridor.

Strategy 2.3.2: Facilitate partnerships to coordinate trails, walkways, and bikeways throughout the corridor so as to develop continuous networks wherever feasible.

Strategy 2.3.3: Assist those who are taking initiatives to develop trails, walkways, and bikeways throughout the corridor to identify and use funding sources.

Objective 2.4: Support the installation of appropriate directional signs for the corridor and for the resources.

Strategy 2.4.1: Develop a master plan for directional signage throughout the corridor, which will include sign site location, design, funding, installation, and maintenance.

Strategy 2.4.2: Facilitate the implementation of the master plan for signage.

GOAL 3 – INCREASE SUPPORT: Increase community support and participation in the planning and implementation process.

Objective 3.1: Inform the public about the scenic highway program.

Strategy 3.1.1: Submit news releases to the media covering the corridor.

Strategy 3.1.2: Develop and maintain an email list of corridor interests to send notices of corridor efforts and activities.

Strategy 3.1.3: Develop and promote a website and social media program to disseminate corridor information.

Objective 3.2: Elicit more active participation in hands-on conservation and enhancement programs such as pepper busting, water quality monitoring, and native plant proliferation.

Strategy 3.2.1: Form partnerships with the Marine Resources Council, the St. Lucie Conservation Alliance, the Ocean Research & Conservation Association, the Florida Oceanographic Society, the University of Florida Extension Service, and other similar organizations to enlist volunteers for existing programs.

Strategy 3.2.2: Utilize partnerships to increase promotion for these programs and the opportunities for hands-on participation.

GOAL 4 - EDUCATE AND PROMOTE: Provide public education on the corridor and promote low-impact economic development and resource-based tourism.

Objective 4.1: Communicate with local citizens and potential visitors the story of the Indian River Lagoon.

Strategy 4.1.1: Use the website and social media to tell the story of the Indian River Lagoon.

Strategy 4.1.2: Form a partnership with the St. Lucie County Tourism department, the Tourist Development Council, the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and media to communicate the corridor story.

Strategy 4.1.3: Utilize a "welcome center" as a public information center for the Indian River Lagoon.

Objective 4.2: Promote the Indian River Lagoon Treasure Coast Scenic Highway as a treasure to be experienced and preserved.

Strategy 4.2.1: Work with tourism entities to develop and utilize promotional materials that highlight Florida resources of the corridor that will appeal as eco-tourism and are of historical interest to visitors.

Strategy 4.2.2: Support the provision of appropriate infrastructure within the corridor to enable such visitors as eco-tourists and heritage tourists to have an enlightening and enjoyable experience without adversely impacting the resources.

GOAL 5 –SUSTAIN: Ensure the sustainability of the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway-Treasure Coast Corridor Management Entity.

Objective 5.1: Support the mission of the Florida Scenic Highway Program.

Strategy 5.1.1: Actively participate in the Florida Scenic Highway Advisory Committee.

Strategy 5.1.2: Conduct regular advertised public meetings to inform the community of the ongoing mission of the program and the goals, objectives, and strategies and the actions taken by the TCCME to accomplish them while seeking input from the community to help promote, maintain, and enhance the program.

Objective 5.2: Ensure compliance with Florida Scenic Highway Program requirements.

Strategy 5.2.1: Prepare required documents and meet submittal schedules including accurate and timely filings of Annual Workplans and Reports.

Strategy 5.2.2: Conduct regular advertised public meetings that include review of the Annual Workplans and Reports and demonstrate progress toward completing the workplan activities.

Strategy 5.2.3: Remain well-informed and current with any changes in the requirements by maintaining regular communication with the Florida Scenic Highway Program.

Objective 5.3: Develop independent and sustainable resources to support the TCCME.

Strategy 5.3.1: Evaluate the development of a non-profit corporation for the TCCME.



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**INDIAN RIVER LAGOON
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COMMITTEE**

BYLAWS, RULES, AND PROCEDURES

Adopted

September 8, 2016



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1.0 OVERVIEW

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT

The Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway – Treasure Coast Corridor Management Entity (TCCME) is created pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 335.093, Florida Administrative Code Rule 14-15.016, the Florida Scenic Highway Program Manual, and the *Corridor Management Entity Agreement* of 2004 (CME Agreement). The parties to the CME Agreement are as follows:

- St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization
- Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway-Treasure Coast Corridor Advocacy Group
- City of Fort Pierce
- City of Port St. Lucie
- St. Lucie County
- Fort Pierce Utilities Authority
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation

1.2 PURPOSE

As specified in Section 1 of the CME Agreement, the CME was created to approve the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway-Treasure Coast Corridor Management Plan (Plan) and initiate, coordinate, and monitor strategies, programs, and events set forth in the Plan. The purpose of the Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures contained herein are to establish rules and procedures that effectuate the powers, responsibilities, and obligations of the CME.

1.3 AUTHORITY

The CME is provided with the general and specific authorities specified in Florida Statutes Section 335.093, Florida Administrative Code Rule 14-15.016, the Florida Scenic Highway Program Manual, and the CME Agreement.



2.0 STRUCTURE

2.1 COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

The composition and membership of the CME are specified in Section 2 of the CME Agreement. The membership may be expanded or reduced by majority action of the CME Members as also specified in Section 2 of the CME Agreement. The TPO Staff shall maintain the list of CME Members.

CME Members shall be designated by informal resolution, appointment, or other action to serve as the official representative and spokesperson for the jurisdiction or organization regarding the powers, responsibilities, and obligations of the CME. The TPO Staff shall be notified in writing or by email of the CME Member(s) designated by the jurisdiction or organization.

2.2 ALTERNATES

Each CME Member may designate an alternate, who is of the same membership type as the CME Member, to replace them in their absence. The CME Member shall notify the TPO Staff in writing or by email that the appointed individual may act as an alternate member if the regular member cannot attend a meeting.

2.3 OFFICERS

The CME shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson at its first meeting of each calendar year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until a successor is elected. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be voting members of the CME. The Chairperson shall call and preside at all meetings of the CME. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson from a meeting, a temporary Chairperson shall be elected by the CME for the meeting.

2.4 MINUTES

The staff of the TPO shall maintain the minutes and other records of the CME. The minutes shall accurately reflect the proceedings of the CME.



Minutes from the previous meeting shall be sent to all members at least seven days before the subsequent meeting.

2.5 VOTING

An affirmative vote of fifty percent (50%) of the quorum plus one will be required in order for a motion to pass. In the event of a tie vote, the motion will fail. Should a member in good standing be unable to attend a scheduled meeting in person, he or she may join by conference call and may participate in discussions of agenda items, provided however, that member may not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, nor be able to vote on an individual agenda item.

2.6 QUORUM

A majority of the voting members of the CME must be present for the CME to vote on action items.



3.0 OPERATING PROCEDURES

3.1 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

The TPO Staff shall serve as the staff to the CME to assist in the coordination and support of the CME.

3.2 PUBLIC ACCESS

All public records of the CME are available for inspection and examination in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. Public records inquiries may be submitted during regular business hours to the offices of the St. Lucie TPO located at 466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Suite 111, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953 or via email to TPOAdmin@stlucieco.org. All public records inquiries shall be forwarded by the TPO Staff to the TPO Attorney.

All meetings, workshops, and proceedings of the CME shall be open to the public. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the TPO at 772-462-1593 at least five days prior to the meeting. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may use the Florida Relay System by dialing 711.

3.3 NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Except in the case of emergency meetings or workshops, the CME shall provide generally at least seven (7) days public notice of CME meetings and workshops by posting an agenda of the meeting or workshop at the TPO office and on the TPO website and forwarding the agenda of the meeting or workshop to the local jurisdictions for posting.

3.4 AGENDA

The CME agendas shall list the items in the general order that they are to be considered provided, however, that for cause stated in the record by the Chairperson, items may be considered at the CME meeting out of their listed order. The agenda shall be specific as to the items to be considered. All matters involving the exercise of CME discretion and policy making shall be listed on the agenda.



Any member of the public desiring to have an item placed on the agenda of a CME meeting shall request of the CME in person or in writing that the item be considered for placement on the agenda. Requests in person shall be made at a regular CME meeting, and the CME will consider whether to place the item on the agenda for a subsequent regular meeting. Requests in writing must be received by the TPO Staff at least fourteen (14) days in advance of a scheduled regular meeting and must describe and summarize the item. The written requests shall be emailed or delivered to the TPO Staff at the address specified in Section 3.2. The CME then will consider at the scheduled regular meeting whether to place the item requested in writing on the agenda for a subsequent regular meeting.

Upon approval by the CME Chairperson or by a majority of a quorum of the CME, additional items not included on the meeting agenda may be considered at a meeting of the Board for the purpose of acting upon matters affecting the public health, safety, or welfare or which are in the best interests of the public.

3.5 EMERGENCY MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

The CME may conduct an emergency meeting or workshop for the purpose of acting upon matters affecting the public health, safety, or welfare or which are in the best interests of the public. Whenever an emergency meeting or workshop is scheduled to be held, the CME shall provide public notice of such meeting or workshop as soon as possible using the methods specified in Section 3.3.

3.6 MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES

All meetings of the CME shall be governed by the rules and procedures contained in Robert's Rules of Order which are applicable and which are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures or with any special rules of order that the CME may adopt.

3.7 AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures may be amended at any CME meeting by the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting members of the CME provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been mailed or e-mailed to each CME member at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.



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Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee Members – Proposed 2024

A. CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP (7 MEMBERS):	
2 Residents of Indian River Drive	Diana Gregory
	Alt:
	Steven Haines
1 Resident of North Hutchinson Island	Alt:
	VACANT
1 Resident of South Hutchinson Island (Incorporated)	Eileen Emery
	Alt:
1 Resident of South Hutchinson Island (Unincorporated)	VACANT
	Alt:
2 Residents of St. Lucie County (At-Large)	Daniel Farkas
	Alt:
	Ashley Kurusis
	Alt:
B. ST. LUCIE COUNTY (1 MEMBER):	
1 Employee of the Community Development Department	Erin Elizabeth Taylor
	Alt:
C. CITY OF FORT PIERCE (1 MEMBER):	
1 Employee of the City Planning Department	Kerry Charles
	Alt:
D. CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE (1 MEMBER):	
1 Employee of the City Planning Department	Noel Comeaux
	Alt: Mary Savage-Dunham
E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (2 MEMBERS):	
1 Employee of the State Parks Division	David Dearth, Savannas Park Manager
	Alt: William Nash, Fort Pierce Inlet State Park
1 Employee of the Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas Division (Indian River Lagoon)	Matthew R. Anderson
	Alt: Irene Arpayoglou
F. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (1 NON-VOTING MEMBER):	
	Kaylee Kildare – D4 Scenic Highway Coordinator
	Alt: Michael Palozzi

Total Number of Voting Members = 12; Quorum = 6



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)
Meeting Date:	February 16, 2024
Item Number:	6
Item Title:	Annual Officer Elections
Item Origination:	CME Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures
UPWP Reference:	Task 4.2: Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination
Requested Action:	Nominate and elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee for 2024.
Staff Recommendation:	Not Applicable

Attachments

- Staff Report



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Stephanie M. Torres
Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Annual Officer Elections

BACKGROUND

The Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee Bylaws require the election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson each year. In the event of the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson and conduct the meeting.

ANALYSIS

There is currently no elected Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson meets the requirements of the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee Bylaws and facilitates the conduct of business by the TCSHC, it is recommended that the TCSHC nominate candidates and elect officers of the committee.



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)
Meeting Date:	February 16, 2024
Item Number:	7
Item Title:	2024 Annual Work Plan
Item Origination:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee
UPWP Reference:	Task 4.2: Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination
Requested Action:	Review and approve the 2024 Annual Work Plan for the TCSHC, approve with conditions, or do not approve.
Staff Recommendation:	It is recommended that the draft 2024 Annual Work Plan be reviewed by the TCSHC and approved.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- Draft 2024 Annual Work Plan



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
Executive Director

FROM: Stephanie M. Torres
Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Annual Work Plan

BACKGROUND

The 2024 Annual Work Plan for the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC) is a document required to be completed by the TCSHC. The Annual Work Plan specifies the programs, projects, and activities that the TCSHC will undertake for the 2024 calendar year along with a timeframe for completion and responsible party.

ANALYSIS

The 2024 Annual Work Plan is attached which incorporates activities and goals that will assist the committee with reorganization efforts, community engagement, and education efforts to educate the community on the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway. The 2024 Work Plan consists of 11 major activities that correlate with the 5 goals of the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee. The major activities included on the 2024 work plan include:

- **Conduct committee reorganization meeting:** Because the committee has not been active in over a year, the TCSHC will conduct a reorganization meeting within the first quarter of 2024 to reestablish membership and elect officers.

- **Organizing and conducting quarterly meetings for TCSHC:** In efforts to reestablish goals and action plans to complete activities the committee will meet on a quarterly basis.
- **Updating the website with current photos and dynamic interactive tour:** To increase awareness and help the committee engage with members, stakeholders, and public the TCSH website will be updated to include current and relevant photographs, events along the scenic highway, and a more interactive tour to highlight attractions and areas of interest.
- **Boost social media presence of the TCSHC on Instagram:** Develop a clear and consistent social media strategy utilizing Instagram for proactive engagement with the community by sharing visual content, highlighting projects, and detailing initiatives to reach new and potential members, partners, and supporters.
- **Conducting Byway / Scenic Highway Listening sessions for stakeholders:** During the third quarter of 2024, the TCSHC will conduct a listening session to help the committee communicate its goals, vision and benefits to the stakeholders while allowing a forum for suggestions, ideas, and questions about the scenic highway.
- **Support FSHP efforts to educate the community by participation in Community Engagement Efforts informing stakeholders on how the Byway benefits the community. Support of partner projects that are consistent with the TCSHC's vision and goals:** Because engaging the community can foster a sense of ownership and stewardship, the TCSHC will coordinate with other local agencies and partners to participate in community outreach events. Outreach efforts aim to inform residents, business, tourists, and local governments about how the scenic highway can benefit the community in terms of economic, environmental, social, and cultural aspects.
- **Meet FSHP reporting requirements for Annual Report and Work Plan submissions:** The committee will submit two reports annually to the Florida Scenic Highway Program. An Annual Work Plan due by November that outlines the goals, strategies, and actions for the upcoming year. An Annual Report is due annually by February that summarizes the TCSHC's achievements, challenges, and impacts for the previous year.

- **Develop a Youth Outreach Program with local High Schools :**
Because educating young people about the scenic, natural, cultural, and historical values of the scenic highway will help foster the next generation of stewards for the scenic highway, a youth outreach program will be established that allows participating in the scenic highway program while gaining community service hours.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the 2024 Annual Work Plan meets the requirements of the Florida Scenic Highway Program and will assist the TCSHC by providing goals and activities for the 2024 calendar year, it is recommended that the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee review and approve the 2024 Annual Work Plan.



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TREASURE COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE (TCSHC)
FINAL
2024
Annual Work Plan

Program/Project/Activity	Goal(s)	Lead	Estimated Date of Completion	Funding/ Technical Support Source(s)
Conduct committee reorganization meeting.	Goals 3-5	TCSHC & St. Lucie TPO	January 12, 2024	St. Lucie TPO ¹
Conduct regularly scheduled organization meetings.	Goals 3-5	TCSHC & St. Lucie TPO	March 8, 2024 June 21, 2024 September 13, 2024 November 13, 2024	St. Lucie TPO ¹
Update website with current photos and dynamic interactive tour.	Goals 3-5	TCSHC & St. Lucie TPO	Ongoing	St. Lucie TPO
Boost social media presence on Instagram.	Goals 3-4	TCSHC & St. Lucie TPO	Ongoing	Volunteers & St. Lucie TPO
Develop stakeholder list.	Goal 3	TCSHC	April 2024	Volunteers & St. Lucie TPO
Conduct Byway / Scenic Highway listening session to stakeholders.	Goals 3-5	TCSHC	September 2024	Volunteers, St. Lucie TPO, and FDOT ³
Participate in community engagement efforts to educate the community on the byway and FSHP during 2023 FDOT Mobility Week.	Goals 4-5	TCSHC	October 2024	Volunteers, St. Lucie TPO, and FDOT ³
Meet FSHP reporting requirements for submittal of Annual Report (February 1) and Annual Work Plan (November 15).	N/A	TCSHC	February 1, 2024 November 15, 2024	St. Lucie TPO and FDOT
Support partner projects that are consistent with the organization's vision.	Goals 1-3	TCSHC	Ongoing	Volunteers and Partners
Support FSHP efforts to educate the community on the value of a designated byway.	Goal 4	TCSHC	Ongoing	FDOT
Develop Youth Outreach Program with local High Schools.	Goals 3-4	TCSHC & St. Lucie TPO	Ongoing	Volunteers & St. Lucie TPO

¹TPO: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

²N/A: Not Applicable

³FDOT: Florida Department of Transportation



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board/Committee:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)
Meeting Date:	February 16, 2024
Item Number:	8
Item Title:	2024 Meeting Dates
Item Origination:	Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee
UPWP Reference:	Task 4.2: Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination
Requested Action:	Review and approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates for the TCSHC, approve with conditions, or do not approve.
Staff Recommendation:	It is recommended that the proposed 2024 meeting dates for the TCSHC be approved.

Attachments

- Staff Report
- Proposed TCSHC 2024 Meeting Dates



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee (TCSHC)

THROUGH: Peter Buchwald
 Executive Director

FROM: Stephanie M. Torres
 Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Meeting Schedule

BACKGROUND

The Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee is newly reorganized for the 2024 calendar year. To align new committee members with the goals, objectives and strategies and plan actions in accordance with the 2024 Work Plan, quarterly meetings are proposed.

ANALYSIS

Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee meetings are proposed once a quarter on Fridays. The first regular quarterly meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2024, at 10:00am. Meetings are open to the public and held in-person in the Boardroom at the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization.

RECOMMENDATION

Because the proposed quarterly meeting schedule meets the requirements set forth in the TCSHC Bylaws and facilitates the conduct of business by the TCSHC, it is recommended that the proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule be approved.



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TREASURE COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE (TCSHC)

2024 Meeting Dates (Proposed)

Friday, June 21, 2024, 10:00 am

Friday, September 20, 2024, 10:00 am

Friday, December 13, 2024, 10:00 am

NOTICES

The St. Lucie TPO satisfies the requirements of various nondiscrimination laws and regulations including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is welcome without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns about nondiscrimination should contact Marceia Lathou, the Title VI/ADA Coordinator of the St. Lucie TPO, at 772-462-1593 or via email at lathoum@stlucieco.org.

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