

TPO takes area growth in stride

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Santa Rosa County looks to make improvements to local infrastructure with several new networking, partnership and development programs. The Northwest Florida - Alabama Transportation Planning Organization met Jan. 18 in the Santa Rosa County Commission Board Room for a transportation-funding workshop. Transportation planners discussed the Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program, Florida's Strategic Intermodal System, and public/private partnerships.

The Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program was developed as a response to the general decline of waterfront areas and promises collaboration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Department of Environmental Protection - Florida Coastal Management program, and Florida Department of Community Affairs. Benefits of the program include tourism trade and economic development from the Governor's Office, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Department of State, as well as the Florida Redevelopment Association. Nearby Bagdad has applied for the program, and has already begun planning

their revitalization, identifying community needs such as engineering services, planning and architectural services as critical elements.

"Importantly, the program provides a framework of public forums to foster community participation in the revitalization of waterfront communities," District 5 Santa Rosa County Commissioner John Broxson said. The Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program offers two years of limited funding, and technical assistance to help Bagdad reach their goal.

In 2003, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Strategic Intermodal System to help the state allocate funds to critical transportation facilities. This program also includes \$749 million transportation dollars in the SB 360 State Transportation Trust Fund, \$35 million of which is set aside for the Small County Outreach Program. Since not every project can be assisted with the finite funding, the SIS is in place to make sure that high priority projects with heavy traffic will receive as much funding as possible.

In addition to the SIS and the WFPP, the TPO looked at implementing more public/private partnerships. Such partnerships would free county employees from overseeing minute details of extensive traffic projects. The system is best

described as the County outsourcing financial planning and execution of projects to a Community Development District. This special district is an organization made up of board members who are elected by the affected area's homeowners. The CDD would possess all governmental powers associated with issuing debt and financing. Additionally, the debt of the CDD does not show up on the balance sheet of the municipality or county. Impact fees, or development charges, allow the county and CDD to charge developers the capitol required to build necessary utilities as opposed to using existing tax dollars. After the work is completed, the public utilities are turned over to the governing municipality or county for upkeep. Such partnerships are a growing trend in and Florida, especially in Central and South Florida where development is more prevalent.

"It will be interesting to see the development of public-private partnerships in the state. It might be an answer to some of our ever-increasing transportation needs," Broxson said.

As Northwest Florida continues to grow, the effort to secure as many funding sources as possible will continue to be the first priority of the TPO. The TPO will meet again in Feb. to further discuss pursuing many of the funding options discussed above.

Man flees hit and run, returns on bike

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, an Alabama man fled the scene of an accident, only to be arrested later while attempting to return to the scene. The Santa Rosa Sheriff's Department responded to the accident along with Gulf Breeze Police. Upon their arrival to the area of impact along the 800 block of Highway 98, police discovered that the driver of the second vehicle had vanished from the scene. Police tracked the damaged vehicle by fluid and scent trail with the help of a Pensacola Police Department K-9 unit. Just as authorities began to lose the scent of their suspect near the end of McClure Avenue, a man rode by on a mountain bike toward the accident vehicles.

GULF BREEZE POLICE REPORT

Information provided by Gulf Breeze Police Department. 934-5121.

Gulf Breeze Police Officer Jay Frydrychowicz asked the white male to stop. The man ignored the officer and continued on his way. The officer repeated himself and the man finally responded, turning is bike in the direction of the officers. Police noticed the tracking K-9 perk to attention as the man approached. The suspect appeared to be drunk as the officers observed his behavior. Police asked the man where he was coming from, and he referred to the BP gas station. Upon realizing that the man

was traveling toward the gas station, and not away as he indicated, police asked for his identification. The police matched his name to the truck's registration, the keys in his pocket to the truck's ignition, and then placed the man under arrest. Arresting officers asked the man how much he'd had to drink, and the suspect replied he'd consumed four crown and Cokes at the Sandshaker on Pensacola Beach. The suspect had a blood alcohol level of .121, well above the legal limit .08 BAL.



Calendar of Events

<p>Today, Feb. 2 Santa Rosa County Commission Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 3 Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce Before Business Hours Networking Group, Bay Beach Inn., 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>The Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Council will hold a meeting on Friday, Feb. 3, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Navarre Community Center, at 1917 Navarre School Road, Navarre, and is open to the public. For more information contact the Santa Rosa County Visitor Information Center at 939-2691.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 4 No meetings scheduled as of press time</p> <p>Sunday, Feb. 5 No meetings scheduled as of press time</p> <p>Monday, Feb. 6 Santa Rosa County Commission Committee Meeting, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, Feb. 7 No meetings scheduled as of press time</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 8 Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Committee Meeting, GB Chamber Office, 8:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For additional meeting information, please visit these websites.</p> <p>City of Gulf Breeze: http://www.cityofgulfbreeze.com/</p> <p>Santa Rosa County: http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/</p> <p>Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce: http://www.gulfbreezechamber.com/</p> <p>SRIA: http://sria-fla.com/</p> <p>School District: http://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/</p>
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COUNTY: Commissioners stick to distance

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area's veterans. "I don't see where it changes a lot of things... to have alcohol in house. I know the good works that you do, but I can't see where alcohol gives you any more motivation," Santa Rosa County Commission Chairman Bob Cole said.

"As of the moment we deny

this VFW request, I will never, as long as I'm in office, vote in favor of a request to deviate from the 2,500 foot ordinance," County Commissioner Tom Stewart said.

Other county decisions included a three-month extension for the 750 plus Santa Rosa County residents still living in FEMA trailers. Commissioner Broxson, who began the motion for the

extension, suggested that this be the last such extension. The board also noted that exceptions could be made on an individual basis. The county also requested two more inmate work crews from the Okaloosa Correctional Institution, and a new contract with the Florida Department of Corrections for inmate work labor services from the Berrydale Correctional Institution.

METH: Use of drug could result in death

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excess of 100 mph. When deputies finally caught up with the vehicle after fleeing, they discovered a large box of supplies to make methamphetamine. That suspect was not located but identified as being 28-year-old Adrian Lenz Hornmuth of Niceville.

The dangers of the methamphetamine are unique in comparison to other drugs.

"The dangers include the drug itself. It's different than

cocaine or heroine. We don't have the capabilities to manufacture those. [Drug users] rely solely on traffickers [for those drugs]. Methamphetamine can be made from things you buy from Walmart and a little instruction," said FDLE Special Agent Supervisor Ed Hudson.

Street methamphetamine is referred to by many names, such as "speed," "meth," and "chalk." Methamphetamine hydrochloride, clear chunky crystals resembling ice, which can be inhaled by smoking, is

referred to as "ice," "crystal," "glass," and "tina." The central nervous system (CNS) actions that result from taking even small amounts of methamphetamine include increased wakefulness, increased physical activity, decreased appetite, increased respiration, hyperthermia, and euphoria. Other CNS effects include irritability, insomnia, confusion, tremors, convulsions, anxiety, paranoia, and aggressiveness. Hyperthermia and convulsions can result in death.

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Report

Information provided by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.

FELONIES

01/20/06
Peacock, Gina Yolanda, 40, B/F, 3117 Woods Way, Gulf Breeze, violation of probation

01/21/06
Russo, Misty Ann Marie, 29, W/F, 3354 Laleyenda Ct., Gulf Breeze, 3rd degree grand theft vehicle

01/22/06
Stuart Jr., William Ray, 23, W/M, 2184 Nina Street, Navarre, fugitive from justice

01/22/06
Little, William Arthur, 38, W/M, 8174 Gulf Blvd., Navarre, damage of property over \$200 under \$1,000, burglary of structure conveyance unarmed w/o person inside, larceny petit 1st offense, resisting an officer, obstruction w/o violence

01/23/06
Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth, 36, W/F, 1264 Marble Court, Gulf Breeze, hit and run, failure to stop/remain at crash involve injury, nonmoving traffic violation, driving while license is suspended

01/23/06
Manley, Samantha Ann, 36, W/F, 8251 Branch Ave., Navarre, possession of controlled substance w/o prescription

01/28/06
Donato, Julian Joseph, 20, W/M, 1867 Vineyard, Navarre, violation of probation

01/29/06
Rulo, John Joseph, 42, W/M, 1522 Magnolia Manor Dr., Gulf Breeze, possession of marijuana over 20 grams

01/29/06
Miller, Trevor Dean, 26, W/M, 8885 Navarre Pkwy, fugitive from justice

DUI

01/20/06
Kalnynas, Kimberly Grace, 36, W/F, 1708 Lighthouse Point Rd., Gulf Breeze

01/25/06
Belcher, John D., 33, W/M, 103 Roberts Ave., Gulf Breeze

01/28/06
Culham, Jamie Anthony, 26, W/M, 6417 Meadowlark Lane, Gulf Breeze

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