Meeting of the Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee  
Thursday, July 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2018

IV. Action Items
   A. West Busch Boulevard Corridor Study (Brian Shroyer, FDOT)

V. Status Reports
   A. Dark Fiber Enterprise (Hiep Nguyen, City of Winter Haven)
   B. World Council on City Data - WCCD (Patricia McCarney, WCCD)

VI. Old Business & New Business

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum
   A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report
   B. Regional Transit Feasibility Plan Public Input Survey –
      http://tbregionaltransit.com/survey/
   C. Regional Transportation Leadership Workshop #2

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I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Mr. Vik Bhide called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the Plan Hillsborough Committee room.

Mr. Bhide welcomed new committee member, Troy Tinch. Mr. Tinch is the Director of Public Works for the City of Temple Terrace.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Vik Bhide ......................... City of Tampa
- Fred Baxter ....................... City of Plant City
- Troy Tinch ......................... City of Temple Terrace
- Shannon Haney ............... HART
- Jeff Sims ......................... EPC

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rich Clarendon, Johnny Wong, Wanda West, Hillsborough MPO; Cassandra Borchers, PSTA; Rick Tiene, Mission Secure; Michael Case, TBARTA; Kris Milster, TTS; Eric Hill, Metro Plan Orlando; Jay Calhoun, VIBE; Saravana Pat Bhava, Pik My Kid founder.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Jeff Sims made a motion to approve the January 11, 2018 ITS meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Baxter and carried unanimously.

IV. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **FY19 & FY20 UPWP Draft (Allison Yeh, MPO Staff)**

Due to Ms. Yeh’s scheduling conflict, Mr. Rich Clarendon (MPO Assistant Executive Director) presented the draft of the fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program, which outlines the MPO’s major planning tasks, documents federal and state funding, coordinates federally-funded planning tasks performed by the MPO, HART and FDOT, and ensures the MPO is meeting federal and state requirements.

He briefly described the six major planning tasks of transportation planning management, system and corridor planning, Long Range Transportation Plan and data collection, Transportation Improvement Program, public participation, and local and regional coordination and planning. He continued by providing an overview of the status of project requests made by the MPO’s committees during a call for projects in February 2018. Mr. Clarendon summarized the funding for FY 19, which totals just over
$3,000,000 and includes a $250,000 allocation from the Federal Highway Administration’s Resiliency and Durability Grant for a regional study. Estimated FY 20 funding is approximately $2,300,000. He reviewed the UPWP schedule, which includes MPO adoption on May 1 and the UPWP going into effect on July 1, 2018.

Following the presentation, Shannon Haney inquired about the HART ITS Plan. He wanted to know if the funds were tied to contractors that the MPO utilizes. Mr. Clarendon stated that the allocated funds can be used for staff or consultants; generally, it is approximately half and half. The MPO has a roster of general planning consultants that they normally use, but they are willing to work with the committee on selecting from among the roster. Mr. Bhide inquired about the public health element of the UPWP. Mr. Clarendon informed him that staff has been working closely with the Hillsborough County Department of Public Health to adopt a Health in All Policies Resolution; an effort to consider public health in normal planning activities. The resolution is being presented at the Policy Committee and the MPO Board in May. Mr. Clarendon made a suggestion that the Health in All Policies presentation could be provided to the ITS Committee. Mr. Bhide stated that the ITS committee would be glad to provide input on the work in progress for Health in All Policies.

Dr. Wong asked Mr. Clarendon to explain the steps committee members would take to initiate request for projects and studies. Mr. Clarendon stated that every spring, staff work with jurisdictional partners and MPO Committees and do a call for projects at meetings. From the Cities and HART, written requests are required for consideration of a planning study or a project priority. The same process is done for the Transportation Improvement Project. The committees can also make motions to request the information.

Mr. Shannon Haney made a motion to approve the draft of the UPWP and forward it to the MPO Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fred Baxter and passed unanimously.

B. MPO/FDOT Joint Certification (Rich Clarendon, MPO Staff)

Mr. Clarendon of the Hillsborough MPO presented on the MPO’s yearly joint certification with FDOT. About 95% of the MPO’s funding comes from state and federal sources, and that funding requires the MPO’s compliance with various regulations. Although a federal certification review with the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration is held every four years, the interim years involves a simplified certification requiring only FDOT. In this past year the MPO was recognized for being the first MPO in the country to lead a Vision Zero effort, Plan Hillsborough’s Future Leaders in Planning program, the MPO’s Healthiest Cities-50 grant, the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Workshop, recent public participation and engagement, and taking a lead role in the tri-county Transportation Management Area. Recommendations to the MPO include adding a process for handling emergency motions and consider having committee chairs make regular updates during MPO Board meetings. There were no corrective actions. Mr. Troy Tinch made a motion to support the findings and recommendations and support recertification on the MPO. There was no discussion following the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shannon Haney and carried unanimously.

V. STATUS REPORTS

A. St. Petersburg Central Avenue BRT Project (Cassandra Borchers, PSTA)

Ms. Borchers provided information on the Bus Rapid Transit service in St. Petersburg’s Central Avenue corridor from downtown St. Petersburg to the Gulf beaches that has community support and ridership. Following the presentation there were questions regarding the routes, bike share, and parking along the corridor. Ms. Borchers stated if financially feasible, additions to the route will be considered. In addition, accommodations have been made for the bike share program. They are working with the City on park and ride options. The plan is for the BRT to be hybrid electric.
B. Traffic System Cybersecurity (Rick Tiene, Mission Secure)

Mr. Tiene presented Mission Secure’s cybersecurity solutions to protecting cabinets and related components for transportation management and signaling systems. As the use of connected and autonomous vehicles and other automated equipment increase, the susceptibility to intrusions presents an increasing risk for traffic management systems.

Following the presentation, there was brief discussion.

C. TBARTA Pik My Kid Application Pilot (Michael Case, TBARTA)

Mr. Case and Pik My Kid founder, Saravana Pat Bhava, provided an update on the application that is streamlining the school dismissal process. The Florida Department of Transportation awarded TBARTA a $115,000 grant to cover a full year’s cost for the yearly license fee for schools in five area counties – Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties.

The company’s mobile and web-based platform lets parents and school administrators communicate about when the parent is picking up a child from school.

There was brief discussion following the presentation. Mr. Bhide suggested the presentation for the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Wong spoke about expanding the reach of the ITS Committee and mentioned having a motion at a future meeting to add a USF representative to the committee. This action would require a change to the MPO Bylaws and approval from the MPO.

Kris Milster provided a quick update on Connected Vehicle Deployment and the Big Data Initiative.

Mr. Bhide informed the group of the Tampa Bay Smart Cities Alliance “Ideas to Action” event on May 2, 2018 at Collaborative Labs in St. Petersburg. Mr Bhide also announced that the City of Tampa and USF signed a MOU memorializing the commitment towards developing better solutions in services by leveraging technology. The Metro Lab network would allow them to participate in a national dialogue and possibly showcase some of the projects the committee has worked on. He provided information on Jeff Vinik’s recent investment in an IT accelerator called DreamIt. He provided quick updates on HART, as well as, the role of technology in supporting Vision Zero objectives. There will possibly be a future webinar on Vision Zero.

The next ITS Committee Meeting is July 12, 2018.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
West Busch Boulevard Corridor Study Update

**Presenter**
Brian Shroyer, FDOT staff

**Summary**
FDOT District 7 staff will provide an update to the committees on the West Busch Boulevard Corridor Study from Dale Mabry Highway to Nebraska Avenue. The study kicked off earlier in 2017 and is expected to take 18 months to complete. FDOT has prepared a [webpage](#) for the public to learn more and leave comments. A number of corridor alternatives have been developed, from no-build to adding lanes. Committee members will be asked to weigh-in on the alternatives, picking a first and second choice, and to discuss opportunities for lowering the design speed.

**Recommended Action**
Discuss alternatives and recommend a first and second choice.

**Prepared By**
Gena Torres, MPO staff

**Attachments**
West Busch Boulevard Newsletter #1
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 7 is conducting a corridor planning study along West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) from North Dale Mabry Highway to North Nebraska Avenue in Hillsborough County – a distance of approximately 3.3 miles. The West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) corridor is an east-west urban principal arterial connecting and serving local commuters and visitors between North Dale Mabry Highway and Nebraska Avenue. The corridor study area includes portions of unincorporated Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa and is the main route to the Busch Gardens Amusement Park (located approximately 2.15 miles east of the project limits at McKinley Drive).

The corridor supports a variety of land uses and demographics, including schools, churches, large and small businesses with direct access to and from SR 580, transit services, pedestrians, bicyclists and many small communities. The corridor also serves a large commuter population as a connection between Veterans Expressway to the west and I-75 to the east.

The West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) corridor study will use FDOT’s Complete Streets policy to showcase how Complete Streets approaches can shape a corridor. The study, which began in March 2017, is expected to continue for approximately 18 months and will include technical work and data analysis, along with various opportunities for the public to be involved in discussing a vision for West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) that makes it accessible for all users.

**West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) Corridor Study**

*From North Dale Mabry Highway to North Nebraska Avenue*  
*Hillsborough County, FL*  

Financial Project ID Number: 435908-1-22-01

**Corridor Study Begins!**

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**What is a Corridor Study?**

A corridor study is the first step in planning by defining the corridor’s needs. A corridor study generally defines the relationships between a roadway and its adjacent land. Corridor studies are also used to: define acceptable levels of access and mobility; determine transportation system needs to support surrounding land uses, and identify operational deficiencies, among other things. This corridor study will include establishing a shared vision that will allow the community to help set project goals and objectives. The vision will guide the project team to develop a set of improvements that leverage local resources, match local conditions and desires, and are consistent with ongoing planning and development efforts.

Learn more about the project here: [www.fdotd7studies.com/westbuschblvd/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/westbuschblvd/)
Project Schedule

The West Busch Boulevard (SR 580) Corridor Study began in March 2017 and is anticipated to be completed in 18 months. Project activities will include:

- Identifying the travel related needs and issues within the West Busch Boulevard project corridor.
- Coordinating with key stakeholders to establish the vision for the corridor and identify solutions to the corridor issues and improve operational efficiency within the West Busch Boulevard corridor.
- Document the vision for all future improvements within the West Busch Boulevard corridor to maximize the “livability” for all users.

Project Advisory Group (PAG)

A Project Advisory Group (PAG), composed of local government and agency representatives, are working with FDOT to identify corridor challenges along with potential solutions, assist with documenting the community goals, and develop a vision for the corridor that will guide the study development and future improvements. The PAG will meet at key points throughout the study to collaborate with the project team to ensure the vision and improvement alternatives are well-coordinated with local planning efforts, adjacent projects, and community goals.

How Can You Get Involved?

The project website is your best source for up-to-date information; you can get access at this link: [www.fdotd7studies.com/westbuschblvd/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/westbuschblvd/). In addition to the general study information that is already posted on the website, the project documents will be uploaded to this site as they are developed. However, you can already begin providing your input on this project using WikiMapping! This tool allows you to “pin” comments at specific locations along the corridor. You can pick the type of comment you have to help us understand the issues you observe in the corridor. Some of these issue types include: Bus/Transit, Connectivity, Intersection Issue, Pedestrian, Safety, and Traffic/Parking. If you have a comment on an issue that does not have a specific description, just use the “Other” category. The link to the WikiMapping tool is provided on the project website, but for direct access you can click on the following link: [http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/West-Busch-Boulevard-Corridor-Study.html](http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/West-Busch-Boulevard-Corridor-Study.html). The project team will utilize this information to help inform the process and guide solutions.

Future opportunities for you to get involved include the upcoming Corridor Visioning Workshop that will be conducted in the Fall 2017. At this workshop, we will gather your input on the existing corridor and document your ideas to resolve some of the issues that you have observed. Our goal is to enlist your help to identify improvements that can be implemented in the West Busch Boulevard corridor to resolve the challenges. In advance of this workshop, a User Preference Survey will be available on the website in October; hard copies of this same survey will be available at the Corridor Visioning Workshop. These surveys will be used by the project team to understand the issues and concerns that you have regarding the corridor.

We want your input! We urge anyone interested in shaping the future of the West Busch Boulevard corridor to actively participate by visiting the website, get informed, document issues in the WikiMapping tool, attend meetings, and provide your ideas.

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Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Dark Fiber Enterprise

**Presenter**
Hiep Nguyen, City of Winter Haven

**Summary**
The story of how the City of Winter Haven built a fiber optic enterprise spans over 15 years. With a little stubbornness, some luck and the help of friends, the network was built one fiber optic conduit at a time.

The City of Winter Haven offers an apropos observation from the late Steve Jobs, who said, “You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards.” This is the story of how the City of Winter Haven was able to build out its fiber optic network: it is a culmination of collective effort, determined vision and leadership, and serendipity that stretched over a period of 15 years. Chief Information Officer of Winter Haven, Hiep Nguyen, will explain how the city was able to achieve this task.

**Recommended Actions**
None. For information only.

**Prepared By**
Johnny Wong, PhD, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
None.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
World Council on City Data

**Presenter**
Patricia McCarney, WCCD

**Summary**

The World Council on City Data (WCCD) was created in 2014 with a goal to establish data standards for innovative cities looking to improve service delivery. The WCCD hosts a platform for cities around the world to share data vis-à-vis an open source portal and has established performance standards by which to measure city services and quality of life.

Patricia McCarney, the President and CEO of WCCD, will discuss the Council’s efforts to coordinate open data collection and provision, as well as provide information on joining the network of cities.

**Recommended Actions**
None. For information only.

**Prepared By**
Johnny Wong, PhD, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
None.
MPO Board Meeting Summary  

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Chairman Les Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Stacy White led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. The meeting was convened on the 26th floor of the County Center.

Commissioner Miller read, for the record, a memo from Councilman Luis Viera informing the Board that he was unable to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rick Fernandez, the President of the Tampa Heights Civic Association and Citizens Advisory Committee member commented on Action Item VII. D. Letter of Comment on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan. Mr. Fernandez was surprised that the Board directed staff to reframe comments more positively, and expressed concerns of the CAC being disrespected when they are asked for input on items brought before the MPO Board and then their comments are not utilized in the final product.

Mr. Gary Cloyd, transit advocate, spoke regarding the criticism that has been going on and how to move forward following the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan.

Ms. Nicole Rice, Citizens Advisory Committee member, voiced concerns regarding public trust and stated that the letter of Comment on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan in the agenda does not include items discussed and agreed upon at the committee meeting.

Mr. Chris Vela, resident, expressed concerns about prioritizing regional needs over local, appropriate representation of the urban core and undervaluing of the CAC volunteers serving the MPO Board.

Ms. Kimberly Overman, Citizen Advisory Committee member, reiterated everything that other CAC members stated. She urged the MPO Board to reject approval of the letter.

Mr. Taylor Ralph, resident, spoke in opposition of Bus Rapid Transit on the interstate and recommended the board take a look at the numbers and facts on ridership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, ONLINE COMMENTS

Ms. Gena Torres, MPO staff, read the various MPO Committee reports. Committees approved and forwarded items on the Consent Agenda. She shared online comments received from: Mr. Dale Tindall regarding delays on I-275; Mr. Robert Sawallesh regarding concerns of the intersection near Bruce B. Downs Blvd. and the VA Hospital; Ms. Bardine Hicks about Garden Steps at Williams Park Senior Program providing fresh vegetables; Susan regarding Vision Zero presentation in Seminole Heights. Staff received seven Facebook comments from Ingrid Jacoba, Jason Ball, Michelle Cookson, Amanda Brown, Jim Shirk, Lauren Adriaansen, and Rochell Reebok regarding transit options and the feasibility plan comment letter.
CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2018
B. Committee Appointments
D. FY17-FY18 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment for Funding Deobligation and FHWA Resilience & Durability Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Stacy White to remove item IV. C. Health in All Policies Resolution for a separate discussion and vote. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Cohen and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sandra Murman to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cohen and carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL VOTE: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT FOR FHWA RESILIENCE & DURABILITY GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Murman to approve the Resilience and Durability Pilot Project Grant for inclusion in the TIP. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cohen. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. (Note: Councilman Maniscalco, Councilman Viera, Mr. David Mechanik, and Ms. Cindy Stuart were absent)

GUEST SPEAKER, FDOT DISTRICT 7 SECRETARY DAVID GWYNN: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Secretary David Gwynn provided an update on Tampa Bay Next. It has been one year since the process began, and there have been eighty-three community events, twenty community working groups/open houses, seventy-six presentations, and five newsletters with 3,880 active subscribers. Information has been generated based on community input and stakeholders. With the input received, they have removed express lanes from being considered on I-275 north of Downtown, and moved the express lane corridor to I-75. They also have reduced the potential right-of-way impacts of the downtown interchange reconstruction from 170-190 parcels being affected to as few as 30.

On transit, FDOT is not pushing any particular transportation alternative but is awaiting direction from TBARTA, whose role is regional transit. Last year the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group tasked Jacobs Engineering to come up with a regional catalyst project that would be a good candidate for federal funds. FDOT too wants to ensure that any transit project is viable before moving forward with funding. If local support and local funding are present, they are ready to partner. With resolutions and prioritization from Pasco MPO, Pinellas MPO, and Hillsborough MPO, as well as the County Commissions, the region would be in a better position to compete for federal funds. If federal funding is not sought, then that will open other doors; however, that would increase the amount of money that the state and local governments would have to contribute.

FDOT is not opposed to approaching CSX, but they do not feel that it is not the right time for them to get involved in discussion. If there was a project and a funding plan in place, then they would be ready.

Following the update, members inquired about the I-275/SR 60 interchange bottleneck “punch-through” project’s effect on the airport (response: a lot of traffic should be freed up); reinforcing the shoulders of the interstate (response: willing to look at this, even though it is not funded through the statewide emergency evacuation plan); interchange at Big Bend Road - ramp improvements (response: new ramp improvements are a high priority); whether or not transit “spine” projects are part of the regional plan or a local project (response: if it connects, it’s part of the regional system); and a problem with items falling off of trucks on I-75 (response: working with Florida Highway Patrol for increased maintenance).
**ACTION ITEMS**

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Request to Board

Mr. Patrick Thorpe, Chair of the BPAC, presented a request from the committee to meet with two volunteer MPO Board members, once annually in a workshop format during a regular BPAC meeting in order to develop and inform a continuing narrative that can become actionable items on the MPO agenda to improve the health, safety & welfare of the community, provide real choices when not driving, and prevent inequity in mobility options across our region. The annual workshop is usually held in July. There were no questions following the presentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murman for designation of MPO Board members to attend the annual BPAC workshop. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mel Jurado and passed unanimously.

B. FY19-FY20 Unified Planning Work Program Draft

Ms. Allison Yeh highlighted information on the biennial update and discussed what has taken place the last two years. A major focus in the next two years is updating the Long Range Transportation Plan, along with assisting some governments and agencies with planning studies they have requested. Another required activity is to coordinate regional performance measure target-setting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murman to approve the FY19-FY20 UPWP document. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and passed unanimously.

C. MPO/FDOT Joint Certification

Mr. Rich Clarendon, MPO Assistant Executive Director, summarized notable achievements and recommendations of the annual review, in which the MPO’s planning process is certified as following federal and state rules through a cooperative review conducted by the FDOT District 7 office and MPO staff. There were no corrective actions noted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murman to support re-certification of the MPO and authorization for the MPO Chairman to sign the Joint Certification Statement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and passed unanimously.

D. Letter of Comment on Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

Ms. Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director, presented the letter of comment on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan. The Plan is currently in a public comment phase.

Commissioner White stated that he is not opposed to sending the letter but feels that some of the issues posed in the letter are premature. On April 18th, the BOCC requested County staff to work with CUTR to convene a panel of experts to review the Plan. He sees value in postponing the letter until substantial information has been received from the panel; which will be early August.

**Commissioner White made a motion to postpone action on the letter of comment on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan until the August MPO Board meeting, or such time as the information from the panel would be available. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murman. Following the discussion described below, the motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Kemp stated she supports the motion and finds the letter disturbing. She has written her own letter and provided copies to board members.
Commissioner Murman stated she brought up the peer review panel under future issues at the Board of County Commissioners' meeting. Since the review has not taken place, she feels the letter is premature. She suggested staff have TBARTA present information on their role to the MPO Board.

Councilman Cohen stated he supports the motion, however, he is concerned that waiting until August may be too long. He also stated that the group needs to work together and figure out what should be communicated to the TMA, since that group is awaiting a response from Hillsborough County to determine how to move forward. He stated that comments from Secretary Gwynn this morning regarding the express lanes being removed from the I-275 section, between Downtown and USF, show that public comment on major transportation issues is being heard and reacted to.

Mayor Lott was prepared to vote no on the letter, for reasons expressed at the last meeting, but supports the motion. For anything to happen in Hillsborough County, the BOCC must take a leadership role. He respects the County Commission and they work well with the community, but he is ready for them to step up and bring forward a plan to vote on and take action.

Commissioner Kemp spoke regarding opposition that she has heard to interstate BRT. She distributed information to members, and stated that she feels like none of her questions have been answered at any of the forums where she has been. She also stated that the letter should be addressed to Mr. Jeff Seward since Scott Pringle is no longer with Jacobs Engineering.

Commissioner Kemp made a motion to have a presentation at a MPO Board meeting on the market study for the region of the top commuter routes, which has been done at the expense of taxpayers. The motion was seconded by Commissioners White and Murman. Following discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kemp suggested the ridership expert from MPO staff present the requested presentation.

Commissioner White stated that MPO staff should decide the appropriate person to make the presentation.

IV. C. Health in All Policies Resolution

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner White for separate discussion. He voiced concerns about potential impacts on local governments’ capital needs and operations. He would like to see Hillsborough County Administration, administration from the three municipalities, and the Planning Commission review the resolution and share their thoughts. He would like the information to come back to the MPO Board in the form of a report.

A motion was made by Commissioner White to send the resolution to the Hillsborough County Administration, administration from the three municipalities, and the Planning Commission to look at the land use and transportation linkage for potential impacts of costs, growth, and any other implications, and have the resolution come back accompanied by a report on the review for the MPO Board’s consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Joe Waggoner and passed unanimously.

STATUS REPORT

A. Vision Zero Update – Top 20 Corridors Community Engagement & Quarterly Report

Ms. Gena Torres introduced Alana Brasier with Renaissance Planning who provided a quarterly overview of many local activities to move the Hillsborough community towards its goal of zero traffic deaths. A written
summary was provided. In addition, two of the high-crash roadways were chosen as a pilot to see what a coalition of residents, businesses, and others around a corridor could do when they take ownership and work to reduce the alarming numbers of severe crashes. 15th Street (Fowler to Fletcher) and 56th Street (Slight to Busch) are the focus of the current Corridor Community Engagement project. A community event is being organized on each corridor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group: May 11, 9:30 a.m., Pasco County Utilities Building, 19420 Central boulevard, Land O’ Lakes

Ms. Alden provided information on upcoming events:

- May 2nd Tampa Bay Smart Cities Alliance Workshop at Collaborative Labs to discuss big data solution
- May 17th Civic and Stakeholder group discussion on growth scenarios
- May 20th Vision Zero Top 20 – Focus on 15th Street
- June 1st – Regional Transportation Leadership Workshop #2
- July 20th – Regional Transit Forum

She also advised members of the MPO’s quarterly report that was provided in their board folders.

The next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Floor of the County Center.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

A quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
Committee Reports

Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on May 9

Due to the resignation of David Wilson, who was CAC Chairman, the committee elected officers to serve for the rest of the year. They elected:

- Bill Roberts as Chairman
- Rick Fernandez as Vice Chairman
- Nicole Rice as Officer at Large.

They recommended approval of the Transportation Improvement Program priorities for FY 20-24, but passed a motion regarding priority #32 to recommend deleting the funding request to reconstruct the SR 60 and Downtown interchanges on I-275, pending re-evaluation of the environmental impact study.

The committee also approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
- Transportation Improvement Program for FY19-23
- Public Participation Plan Amendments
- School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

The CAC was briefed by:
- FDOT on Tampa Bay Next
- Hillsborough County Public Works on the study of 42nd Street / 46th Street

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on May 21

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
- Transportation Improvement Program for FY19-23 – The committee asked about the Water Ferry project and learned of Pinellas County taking the lead.
- Public Participation Plan Amendments – A suggestion was made to coordinate with the Autism-Friendly Community initiative.
- School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

The TAC was briefed on:
- Tampa Bay Next – A suggestion was made to pay special attention to the design where the I-4 express lanes will merge with off-ramps from the Selmon-I-4 Connector.
- Hillsborough County Public Works’ Study of 42nd Street & 46th Street
- Systemic Approach to Safety

Members requested an update from the Aviation Authority on the exciting changes at Tampa International Airport.
Meeting of the Policy Committee on May 22

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ Public Participation Plan Amendments
✓ Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Interlocal Agreement
✓ Safe Routes to School Education Support Letter

The committee was briefed by:
  o TBARTA on the Regional Coordination & Best Practices Research study which will come up with a scenario for a merger of three MPOs. A public workshop will be held at St. Pete College Collaborative Labs in August or September;
  o The MPO Director on strategic directions coming from March’s Plan Hillsborough Joint Boards Retreat.

The committee directed staff to:
  ➢ Identify as a priority, in the MPO’s draft TIP Priority List, improvements needed at HART’s transit operations & maintenance facility;
  ➢ Schedule presentations for the board on:
    o The I-95 Express Bus service in South Florida, including FDOT’s perspective and how the service is working in the managed toll lanes;
    o Public-private partnerships for joint development at Bus Rapid Transit stations;
  ➢ Bring back for future discussion a possible name change, from “Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation” to “Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization.”
  ➢ Cancel its June meeting.

Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on May 9

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ FY19-FY23 Transportation Improvement Program
✓ Public Participation Plan Amendments
✓ School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

The BPAC was briefed on:
  o Hillsborough County Public Works’ study of 42nd Street / 46th Street

Some members expressed concern about the level of funding in the TIP for single occupant vehicles and related infrastructure, in comparison with transit, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. It was also suggested that more detail about the resurfacing and intersection projects would help members to better understand the investment levels in those modes.

Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) on May 16

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ FY19-FY23 Transportation Improvement Program
✓ Public Participation Plan Amendments
✓ School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

The LRC was briefed on:
  o Hillsborough County Public Works’ study of 42nd Street / 46th Street
  o A preliminary review of the Maydell Bridge Replacement

Meeting of the School Transportation Working Group

The STWG recessed in May due to conflicts with multiple graduation events.
The May 11 Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meeting was spent in intense discussion of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan and its place on the regional priority list.

- The draft priority list came into the meeting as follows:
  - Interstate Modernization Projects
  - Regional Transit Catalyst Project(s), which may include:
    - Central Avenue BRT, St. Petersburg downtown to St. Pete Beach
    - Westshore Multimodal Center with fixed guideway connections to downtowns and airports
    - Further development of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan
    - Regional Express Bus - opportunities include SR 60/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd, the Veterans Exwy/Suncoast Pkwy, the Gandy/Selmon Exwy corridor, the SR 54/56 corridor, and as a part of Tampa Bay Next; and expansion of regional farebox system to adjoining counties
    - Elevated transit in the SR 60 corridor – pilot project from downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach
  - CSX Rail Corridors – Funding is requested for right-of-way preservation for development of potential commuter routes
  - Waterborne Transportation Projects – Funding is requested for regional waterborne transportation priority projects, which could include the Cross-Bay Ferry, waterborne service from south Hillsborough County to MacDill Air Force Base, and other regional projects
  - SR 54/56 Corridor, from US 19 to Bruce B. Downs – Funding is requested to complete a Multimodal Concept and Corridor Assessment/Impact Study
  - I-75 Improvements
    - I-75 at Overpass Road – new interchange (funding requested for construction)
    - I-75 at Big Bend Road – interchange reconfiguration
The originally identified catalyst project for the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan - for which the stated purpose was to identify a project competitive for federal funding - was a shoulder-running BRT system along I-275 from St. Petersburg to Wesley Chapel that would coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation’s planned interstate modernization projects.

- A second catalyst project was using the CSX lines from downtown Tampa to USF for urban commuter rail, but the initial cost-per-trip numbers were not as competitive for Federal Transit Administration funding.
- At its meeting the week prior to the TMA meeting, the Hillsborough MPO board had decided to withhold comment on the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan, pending the outcome of a peer review Hillsborough County intends to ask USF’s Center for Urban Transportation Research to perform, and which among other outcomes would determine its benefits and connectivity for Hillsborough County.
  - As a result of that decision, Hillsborough MPO Director Beth Alden suggested an addition to item c in the regional catalyst project section of the priority list.
    - The addition would prioritize phased implementation of the RTFP project with an initial segment from downtown St. Petersburg to Tampa International Airport/Westshore on I-275 in order for the MPOs to put the project on the regional priority list without waiting for the results of the peer review study.

Feelings on the BRT project differed by county, and the priority list required consensus - defined as no member of the group disagreeing strongly enough to block action - to have any changes made.

- From Hillsborough County, Commissioner Pat Kemp said she could not, at this time, support any priority list that advanced the BRT plan’s progression in Hillsborough, while Commissioner Sandra Murman said she supported the RTFP and the process behind it moving forward but also wanted to see the results of the peer review before fully committing to the project as proposed in Hillsborough County.
  - Kemp said she would support the addition of phrasing to allow implementation from St. Petersburg to Westshore/TIA.
- Among the Pasco County representation, Commissioner Jack Mariano wanted to see more research on the CSX lines as an urban rail alternative, while Commissioner Kathryn Starkey wanted to see the BRT project progress.
  - Both commissioners felt it essential that Pasco County be included in any project that goes forward.
- Both Forward Pinellas MPO representatives in attendance (County Commissioner Dave Eggers and Dunedin Commissioner John Tornga) uniformly supported the BRT catalyst project, or in the absence of the full group supporting the entire project, they supported advancing a segment of the project from St. Pete to Westshore/TIA.
  - County Commissioner Janet Long, in attendance representing the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, also strongly supported the plan as proposed.
- FDOT District Seven Secretary David Gwynn expressed concern that a phased PD&E study to move into design and engineering for the regional project might not be acceptable for FTA funding and that a full regional show of support would be necessary.
  - Gwynn also expressed concern about continuing to set aside $5M for the RTFP PD&E study when there didn’t appear to be regional consensus for the project.
In response to a question from Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton, Gwynn and other FDOT staff indicated that the PD&E could resolve questions about mode, technology and other aspects as part of its evaluation of the full corridor from St. Petersburg to Wesley Chapel.

Alden felt that a PD&E that is already occurring for Hillsborough MetroRapid in a parallel corridor would overlap with a PD&E specifically for the RTFP.

Despite Secretary Gwynn’s concern about phased implementation of the PD&E effort, there did seem to be group consensus about the addition to item c:

- Gwynn noted that, ultimately, the decision about how to go forward with the implementation of the project belongs to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA).
- He said that phased implementation of the project would be acceptable based on local funding commitments for capital and operating costs, but that the three counties would need to state their policy commitment to supporting the project toward the end of 2018 for it to move into the next phase for the PD&E study.

There was also a brief presentation at the end of the meeting on the MetroQuest survey for the regional Long Range Transportation Plan, which will be rolled out to the public in the coming months to gauge their desires about transportation investments and regional growth.

The next TMA meeting is scheduled for September 7 at FDOT District 7 Headquarters.
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