Meeting of the Policy Committee  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 9:00 AM  
18th Floor, Plan Hillsborough Room

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2019

IV. Action Items

A. TIP Amendment – Pedestrian Crosswalk at Florida and Idlewild (Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff)

V. Status Reports

A. 2045 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Follow-up Discussion (Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff)

VI. Old Business & New Business

A. Unified Planning Work Program FY20: Next Steps
B. Speed Management Study Kick-off
C. Next Meeting: July 30, 2019

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum

A. MPO Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports
B. Florida MPO Advisory Council Legislative Update
C. Announcement – May 21 & 23 SEIS Public Workshops
D. TBARTA Envision 2030 Survey

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee (MPOPC), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Plan Hillsborough Committee Room, 18th Floor, Frederick B. Karl County Center, Tampa, Florida.

The following members were present:

Pat Kemp, Chairman Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Guido Maniscalco Councilman, City of Tampa City Council
Mariella Smith Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Joseph Waggoner Commissioner, Hillsborough County Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

(arrived at 9:06 a.m.)

The following member was absent:

Cindy Stuart Hillsborough County School Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kevin O’Hare, All for Transportation, supported Item IV.A., interlocal agreement regarding transportation sales surtax.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, AND JANUARY 29, 2019

Chairman Kemp called for a motion. Councilman Maniscalco so moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried three to zero. (Mr. Waggoner had not arrived; Ms. Stuart was absent.)

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. Interlocal Agreement Regarding Transportation Sales Surtax

Assistant County Attorney Cameron Clark presented the item and requested a motion to forward the agreement to the full MPO Board for review and approval. Chairman Kemp sought a motion. Commissioner Smith so moved, seconded by Councilman Maniscalco. Chairman Kemp was concerned that private parties could submit projects to the Independent Oversight Committee for
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review and inclusion in the appropriate agency’s project plan. Responding to Mr. Waggoner, Attorney Clark affirmed the agreement had been reviewed by all parties.  The motion carried four to zero. (Ms. Stuart was absent.)

V. STATUS REPORTS

A. 2045 Plan: Overview of Needs Assessment Process and Major Projects

Ms. Sarah McKinley, MPO, explained the item. Chairman Kemp sought clarity on recommendations to different jurisdictions, funds set aside for safety, and the top-priority high crash corridors, which Ms. Gena Torres, MPO, addressed. Discussion ensued. Following queries from Chairman Kemp, Ms. McKinley spoke on the 2014 streetcar extension concept. Commissioner Smith confirmed the purpose of the presentation was to understand the process rather than to identify future projects and asked if the item would be presented to the MPO Board. Conversation continued regarding testing the submitted projects and the streetcar transit study.

B. 2045 Plan: Trails Needs Assessment

Mr. Wade Reynolds, MPO, shared a presentation. Mr. Waggoner questioned the $20 million yearly budget and advocated for the consideration of trail preservation funding. Commissioner Smith requested a copy of the presentation.

C. 2045 Plan: Outreach Process

Ms. Lisa Silva, MPO, gave a presentation and advised public meetings would occur June through July 2019. Chairman Kemp wondered why the Long Range Transportation Plan was prepared as a tricounty plan and believed the region should not dictate the County’s priorities.

VI. OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director, touched on background material. Chairman Kemp felt the MPO should draft a letter/editorial detailing local and regional transportation plans, noted the Florida Department of Transportation’s jurisdiction over highways, and suggested creating a chart outlining different planning agency’s jurisdictions/membership. Ms. Alden verified the MPOPC wanted her to draft a letter to bring to the next MPO
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Board meeting. Councilman Maniscalco made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried four to zero. (Ms. Stuart was absent.) Ms. Alden announced upcoming Tampa Bay Next meeting dates. Responding to Mr. Waggoner, Attorney Clark expounded on House Bill 385.

B. Next Meeting May 21, 2019 - Not addressed.

VII. ADDENDUM

A. MPO Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports
B. Florida MPO Advisory Council Legislative Update

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED: ______________________________

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: _______________________
   Deputy Clerk

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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Pedestrian Safety Improvement – Crosswalk at Florida Ave and Idlewild Ave (443583-2)

Presenter
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

Summary
The following item is an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment will add $101,000 in design funds to the to install a pedestrian crossing with overhead signal at the SR 685/USB 41/ Florida Ave and Idlewild Ave intersection.

This will advance funds as part of the short-term safety recommendations from the Heights Mobility Study. The short-term recommendations focus on new signage, pavement markings, sidewalks, new and improved bike lanes, intersections improvements, traffic signals and improved pedestrian crossings and will be implemented through 2024. This project is being advanced to align with the new pedestrian crosswalk/ traffic signal project at Florida and Wilder Ave, which is currently in design phase and the Final Design Plans are being coordinated with the City of Tampa. The construction cost for the pedestrian crossing at Florida Ave and Idlewild Ave has been estimated to be approximately $461,000 and will be funded in a future year to be determined through the FODT work program.

Recommended Action
Recommend approval of the TIP Amendment

Prepared By
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

Attachments
TIP Comparative Report
Heights Mobility Study – Project Website
**FDOT 5 Year TIP**  
**Hillsborough County, District 7**

| Status: Amended | Amendment Date: 05/08/2019 | Amendment Number: 40 |

| Item Number: 443583 2 | Description: SR 685/ US 41/ FLORIDA AVE AT IDLEWILD AVE | LRTP: Crash reduction, p. 164 |
| Related Project: | Extra Description: New Pedestrian Crossing with Traffic Signals | |
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Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
2045 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects: Follow-up Discussion

**Presenter**
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

**Summary**
The May 8 meeting of the MPO board included a briefing on the process for identifying candidate major projects to consider in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The briefing highlighted areas of the county with different kinds of needs.

Today’s presentation will take the next step, showing and asking for feedback on some of the transportation improvement concepts that have been identified to address those needs around the county.

The presentation follows on a May 13 joint workshop by the Planning Commission and MPO Technical Advisory Committee, at which some of these projects were debated and discussed in relation to future land use and community plans.

**Recommended Action**
None; for discussion and comment

**Prepared By**
Beth Alden

**Attachments**
May 8 MPO board meeting presentation slides
May 8 MPO board meeting back-up materials
What is the Transportation Plan?

- Blueprint for Future
- Shows Systems & Projects
- 20+ Year Time Horizon
- Not a Wish List
- Shows Where Tax $ Will be Spent
- Created with Public Input
- Approved by Local Elected Officials
- Built by State & Local Agencies
How We Plan

How Much & Where will Growth Occur

What Facilities Will Be Needed

Who Builds or Operates What, & When

How Much Growth & Where?

650,000 more people by 2045
400,000 more jobs by 2045
What Are Our Investment Choices?

• Part 1: Programs
  - State of System Report complete
  - Forecasts: coming in August

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|      |                      | - Stormwater Drainage                                                               |
|      |                      | - Storm Surge Protection for Low-Lying Roads                                        |
| 2    | Vision Zero          | - Fill Sidewalk Gaps                                                                |
|      |                      | - Bike Lanes & Complete Streets                                                     |
|      |                      | - Better Street Lighting                                                             |
| 3    | Smart Cities         | - Smart Traffic Signals                                                              |
|      |                      | - Turn Lanes                                                                         |
|      |                      | - Better Expressway Ramps                                                           |
| 4    | Real Choices         | - Trails for Bicyclists & Walkers                                                  |
|      |                      | - More Frequent Buses                                                                |
|      |                      | - Expanded Bus Service Area                                                         |

What Are Our Investment Choices?

• Part 2: Major Projects to support economic growth

- Rail Transit
- Expanded Interstate
- Widen Roads
- Statewide Rail
- Ferry
2045 traffic congestion forecast

- Forecast assumes only the projects in the funded TIP are built; all other projects are the subject of this long range plan analysis.
- Road segments in yellow, orange or red are all considered “failed” by current LOS measure.
- Widening all “failed” roads would be astronomically expensive and have tremendous community impact. Investments must be targeted.

Identification of Major Projects

- Roadway widening and expansion
- Right-sizing in the urban core
- New and reconstructed interchanges
- Fixed Guideway Transit
- Evaluate performance using the Regional Travel Demand Model
**Identification of Major Projects**

- Widenings to support emp and growth: I-4 concentrated expansion and related projects
  - New proposed growth expansion area adjacent to existing limited access roads
  - Widenings and road extensions to support emp & pop growth, including the Sligh Ave extension from Harney Rd to Mango Rd and the Tampa Executive Airport
  - Help relieve parallel corridors of local trips

- Right-sizing roads in the urban core
  - Adjusting lanes on corridors to support enhanced walk/bike movements while calming traffic
  - Tested reductions from 4 to 3 lanes and 8 to 6 lanes at various locations
Identification of Major Projects

- New roads and widenings in South County
  - Fastest growing portion of the County and continuing to grow
  - Tested new roads and road widenings
  - Interchange improvements

Identification of Major Projects

- Minimal expansion in the rural NW
  - Maintain rural character by limiting projects in the rural NW portion of the county, minimal enhancements
  - Consistent with the community plans to maintain rural and minimize road expansion in the NW
Identification of Major Projects

- Plant City
  - Roadway extensions and road widenings to support the NE Master Plan and the new industrial along the County Line

Identification of Major Projects

- New/improved interchanges
  - Address the needs of freight and peak congestion
Identification of Major Projects

- Fixed Guideway
  - Improve mobility options and regional connectivity through some of the most congested corridors.

Plan Consistency and Coordination

- Planning Commission Staff reviewed Comprehensive and Community Plans
- Majority of projects generally determined to be consistent with growth patterns and strategies
- Potential projects that are not complementary or in conflict
Next Steps

- Refine major investment projects
- Develop project cost estimates
- Summarize investment program performance

Public Review of Transportation Needs
Online Survey in June and July

- Prepare Cost Feasible LRTP based on analysis and public involvement
MPO Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The MPO Chairman, Commissioner Les Miller, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. The regular monthly meeting was held at the County Center in the 26th Floor Conference Room.

The following members were present:


The following members were absent:

Cindy Stuart and Joe Waggoner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Kemp to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER HARRY COHEN

It was Councilman Harry Cohen’s last MPO Board meeting. The Board presented Councilman Cohen with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his exemplary service on the MPO Board as Vice Chairman; MPO Policy Committee Chairman; MPO Chairs’ Coordinating Committee; Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group from 2011 until April 2019.

Board members also congratulated MPO Attorney, Mr. Cameron Clark, on the birth of his daughter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Vela expressed concerns regarding Segment 7 and toll lanes being added in the West Shore area. He also expressed concerns about a property that was recently lost in his neighborhood as a result to the Tampa Bay Next process. He requested that the Tampa Bay Next Project be killed.

Mr. Rick Fernandez agreed with Mr. Vela’s comments and provided comments on the upcoming annual TIP Hearing being held in June. He would like any remanence of TBNext removed from the TIP. He would like Section 6 from the TIP, reference number 1005 in last year’s TIP document, as well as removal of Section 7.
Mr. Kevin O’Hare spoke in support of the approval of the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Transportation Sales Surtax.

Mr. Ron Weaver wanted to know if by 2045 that I-275 north of Downtown Tampa will be at 245% of capacity. He commented on no additional right of way being taken; and he wanted to know if a boulevard concept would solve some of the problems. He also commented on toll lanes and CSX’s liability and rail.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, ONLINE COMMENTS**

Ms. Gena Torres, Executive Planner, provided a summary of committee reports, email and Facebook comments received from citizens. The full reports from the committees and all emails were provided to members in their board folders.

All of the committees recommended approval of the 2018 State of the System Report.

The Policy committee approved and forward the Interlocal Agreement regarding Transportation Sales Surtax on the Consent Agenda and a letter to the Bay Area Legislative Delegation similar to a Forward Pinellas letter.

Committees also heard reports on:

- Tampa’s Smart City Initiative
- The CAC heard a presentation by Joshua Frank on the I-275 Boulevard conversion concept, and members asked how freeway conversion projects have been accomplished in other cities.
- The TAC participated in an activity to identify additional major projects to be included in the regional model for testing the effect on congestion for the 2045 LRTP Needs Assessment.
- The Policy Committee had a similar discussion on the 2045 major projects, plus the multi-use trail projects, and the process for public engagement this summer.
- The Tampa Bay Next I-275 Section 7 update was presented, and BPAC members feel this is an unsustainable project and other alternatives should be considered.

The MPO Directors met at the TBARTA office and were briefed on TBARTA’s next steps to develop its Regional Transit Development Plan. The MPOs Long Range Plan Updates will collaborate with TBARTA on public outreach and ridership forecasting.

The next meeting of the MPO Chairs will be July 19 in Pasco County. Topics will include regional priorities, revisions to the CCC Interlocal Agreement to streamline the regional process, and an overview of the Pasco Connected City project.

The following email remarks were received and provided to board members:

- Carmen Monroy, FDOT Director of Policy Planning, complimented the Planning Commission and the MPO on the extensive coordination in creating the 2018 PlanHillsborough Annual Report. She had interest in economic development and resiliency sections.
- Ken Sides submitted public comment on the well-documented effectiveness of roundabouts, with Federal Highway back in 2001 citing 90% reduction in fatalities. PennDOT using 17 years of crash data found modern roundabouts to be 100% effective at eliminating fatalities at intersections.
- Patrick Post shared a proposal for 200-mile solar powered light rail commuter train system with a bike/ped pathway and electric bike/carshare from Marco Island to TIA.
- Mauricio Rosas shared two articles from the Brookings Institute. One article suggested economic success should also measure worker and family well-being like standards of living and household incomes. The more common broad-brush figures on jobs and employment vary dramatically across diverse communities in American’s lives. The second article focused on the importance of shifting to building great places, instead of the attention given to solving traffic congestion.
o Mr. Rosas also thanked Secretary Gwynn for his continued cooperation in the face of a frustrated community. He asked for clarification on completion dates for studies such as HART’s Arterial BRT Study and the Heights Study.

The following Facebook remarks were received and provided to board members:

o Rick Fernandez posted about his review of the Interlocal Agreement and the County Charter Amendment. He noted several conflicts and ambiguities related to the IOC’s powers and duties. Mr. Fernandez also provided comments opposing FDOT’s preferred alternative for Section 7 and advocated for the no build option north of Downtown.

o Mauricio Rosas posted regarding the FDOT hearing on Section 7, offering these points: begin, and establish a completion date, for the HART BRT study for Florida/Fowler/Tampa/Nebraska Avenues; finish the Heights Mobility Study; prioritize CSX studies and projected completion; prioritize all local non-interstate VZ improvements; keep Section 7 as its own separate project; develop boulevard concept as part of long term transit plan; do not add general use lanes; consider reduced speeds on I-275 by time of day; invest in expanding local bus service; and preserve Floribraska exit.

Following the committee reports and online comments, Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Clark about the language in the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Transportation Sales Surtax approving and certifying in reliance upon additional professionals added to the process by MOU, and she wanted to know what happens if the IOC disagrees. Mr. Clark stated that he participated with the attorneys for the implementing agencies in crafting the agreement, and the involved attorneys felt that the language was consistent with the charter amendment and agreeable to all parties. Implementing agencies are utilizing engineers to ensure what is submitted to the IOC is compliant with the intent of the charter amendment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Committee Appointments
B. Interlocal Agreement Regarding Transportation Sales Surtax (approved by Policy Committee)
C. February 5, 2019 Minutes Correction
D. Letter to Bay Area Legislative Delegation Requested by the Policy Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Kemp to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. 2018 State of the System Report

Dr. Johnny Wong, MPO Staff, presented information on the State of the System report which is a required element of the Long Range Transportation Plan update. The report analyzes trends related to the performance of the transportation network including infrastructure condition, resiliency, crashes, transit assets, travel reliability, and multimodalism.

Following the presentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Kemp to establish performance as a baseline to assess projects and approve the 2018 State of the System report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mechanik.

There was discussion following the motion.

Commissioner Kemp inquired about slides that were originally provided; however, were not included in the presentation. In particular, she pointed out the reference to Vision Zero and how seven of the ten of the
most dangerous metro areas in the entire nation are Florida’s cities. She also referenced a slide on the decline in crashes. Ms. Beth Alden stated that the crash data information will be provided in the Vision Zero Quarterly update later in the agenda.

Commissioner Smith mentioned the importance of the MPO working closely with the Planning Commission and the County Commission on growth management.

Mayor Jurado inquired about how access to good bus service was being defined in the report. Dr. Wong stated that it was based on frequency and the wait time of the next bus.

Commissioner Overman provided comments on congestion problems, air quality, crash ratios and it is obvious that if we are not looking at other alternatives like utilizing rail and additional bus services, we are not going to widen ourselves into a solution. She wanted to when do we start looking at a state of the system that includes a concept of including the existing rail lines that run through the County as part of projections. Dr. Wong stated that the passenger load on rail corridors is something that is being looked at for modeling the 2045 Long Range Plan.

There were no additional comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Executive Director’s Annual Evaluation**

Mr. Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney, provided the overview for the evaluation. The Policy Committee review the evaluation form and determined to change the format this year. The form utilized came from HART. Mr. Clark sent the forms to board members for rating responses. There were a total of eight categories and board members were asked to rate between 1 to 5. The average score of all board members that submitted a response and comments was provided at the meeting.

Following the overview, a motion was made by Commissioner Kemp to accept the summary and transmit to the Planning Commission Director for consideration of any merit increase consistent with agency standards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco.

There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Plan Hillsborough Annual Report**

Mrs. Melissa Zornitta, Executive Director of the Hillsborough County-City Planning Commission, provided an update of projects that have been worked on over the last year.

There were no questions following the update.
B. Transportation Disadvantaged Services Update

Mrs. Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff, provided the update on transportation disadvantaged services.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Overman commented on the deficit in opportunities to meet the goals of those who have asked for service, since there is no access to faith-based activities on Sunday and no service after 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kemp confirmed that the update was related to Sunshine Line services and inquired about cross county services. Ms. Ogilvie stated that continued research is being done, but there is a need for cross county services.

Commissioner Miller inquired about the cost of service on Sunday. Sunshine Line Director, Mr. Scott Clark, stated that the need would have to be determined and a study would have to be done. Mr. Clark stated that items are being explored to meet the needs of the community.

Commissioner Overman asked about the ridership percentage of wheelchair versus ambulatory. Mr. Clark stated that he can get the information based on Sunshine Line’s client base. Mr. Clark read a card to the group thanking Sunshine Line for their service.

Commissioner Overman wanted to know what percentage of clients utilize Sunshine Line’s service for employment purposes. Mr. Clark stated that it is a small percentage and mentioned that Sunshine Line has a taxi service contract for overflow and after hour services, but they taxi service does not provided the special door-to-door service that Sunshine Line provides at times.

(Mr. Mechanik left at 10:10 a.m.)

C. Vision Zero Quarterly Update

Ms. Gena Torres, MPO Staff, highlighted items under the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Following the presentation, there was brief discussion.

Mayor Jurado requested data on Paint Saves Lives studies. Ms. Torres will follow up.

Commissioner Overman wanted to know if FDOT has provided updates on crashes in the Florida Avenue corridor and the request for the three crosswalks. Ms. Torres will follow up.

Commissioner Smith thanked Ms. Torres for her personal commitment to the project. Commissioner Kemp thanked Ms. Torres as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Alden provided updates. The update on the state legislative session was included in the agenda packet. Copies of the MPOAC update was provided in board member’s folders. Ms. Alden pointed out bills on distracted drivers, e-scooters, impact fees that are moving forward.

The next MPO Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 on the 2nd Floor. Next month, the board will take a look at the Major Projects Needs Assessment for the 2045 Plan and an update to the Unified Planning Work Program. Ms. Alden will be reaching out to board members individually in preparation of the June Hearing. The TMA Leadership Group meeting will be held Friday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the PSTA Headquarters located at 3201 Scherer Drive in Pinellas County. FDOT will be hosting an open house event at the Seminole Heights Library on the Heights Mobility Study from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on April 4. On April 30, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Saunders Library, the second open house will be held.
on FDOT plans for I-275 and I-4 in Downtown and Westshore. On June 6, Port Tampa Bay is offering a tour to board and committee members. Members are requested to RSVP.

Following the Executive Director’s report, Mayor Lott inquired about the widening of Hwy 92. He was told that the project is dead since it is not listed as a priority and FDOT is not moving forward. Ms. Alden stated that she believes that there is a misunderstanding and offered to talk to Mayor Lott following the meeting.

**OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kemp stated that she would like to see two seats added to the MPO Board: (1) Representation from the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and (2) Member from the Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Clark stated that state and federal constraints and there is a process. The hurdle would be in order to have a voting member on the MPO Board, the member has to be an elected member of a local government or operate a major mode of transportation; as well as a provision to allow the Planning Commission to have a member. The requested members are already a part of the MPO’s subcommittees and do not meet the requirements but offered to look into have them including as a non-voting member.

Commissioner Miller pointed out that a change to the law would not be easy.

Commissioner Smith would like to see more of a voice at the CAC at the MPO Board and referenced a set time on the agenda where the CAC member can address the Board. She suggested this an interim option, while other options are being considered. Staff can bring back suggestions.

Ms. Alden stated years ago, the CAC’s Chair previously directly addressed the Board. Staff has been providing the reports since the CAC Chair was not available every month. Ms. Alden stated that time can be added back to the agenda for this purpose if the board preferred. Mayor Lott stated that Plant City’s newly appointed member CAC Representative, Mr. Hollenkamp, would be available to make the report if necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.
Committee Reports

Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on April 10th. Under public comment, the CAC heard from seven citizens urging the MPO to study the boulevard concept for I-275.

Under action items the CAC supported staff’s recommendation for approval of:

- Two Transportation Improvement Program amendments for FTA grants awarded to HART, one to fund a planning study of transit-oriented development in the City of Tampa, and the other to fund stormwater improvements at HART’s heavy maintenance facility on 21st Ave.
- An amendment to the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program to adjust line item budgets, add funding from the Healthiest Cities & Counties challenge grant award, and funding anticipated from the charter county surtax approved in last year’s referendum.
- In addition, the CAC also passed a motion recommending that the MPO conduct a study of the boulevard concept for I-275 in next year’s (FY 2020) Unified Planning Work Program.

The CAC also received a status report from FDOT on Tampa Bay Next and the alternatives for the downtown interchange being considered in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The CAC had several members express strong concerns about disproportionate air quality, toll lane and park impacts.

Under new and old business, the CAC passed a motion recommending that Amy Espinosa and Cliff Reiss be reappointed by the MPO to fill the at-large CAC seats designated for women and neighborhood representatives, respectively.

Last but not least, at the suggestion of several members, last Monday, May 6th the CAC held an evening meeting to enable the CAC to discuss whatever issues are on their minds in an informal setting. Thanks to MPO Chairman Miller for attending and offering his observations to the CAC.

The Citizens Advisory Committee report will also be provided verbally by the CAC Chair.

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on April 15

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- UPWP Amendment
✓ TIP Amendment
✓ Annual Joint Certification of the MPO

The TAC also participated in an activity:
  o Interlocal Agreement Regarding Transportation Sales Surtax. Members asked for clarification on how the MPO and agencies will coordinate on assessing project qualification. The TAC agreed to act as a sounding board at any time in the process they are needed.
  o Tampa Bay Next Update
  o Vision Zero Quarterly Report

Chair Jeff Sims announced the EPC’s Clean Air Fair will be held May 2nd from 11:30am-1:30pm in Poe Plaza on Franklin Street.

Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on April 10

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ The appointment of Wanda Vinson as Member at Large
✓ Letter requesting the Tampa Police Department to speak to the BPAC regarding their policies on parking on sidewalks and in bicycle lanes.
✓ The BPAC also passed a motion supporting the CAC’s motion that the Boulevard Concept have a formal planning study and its impacts on pedestrians and cyclists examined as part of the study.

The BPAC also heard status reports on:
  o Vision Zero Quarterly Update
    o Members discussed the Tampa Mayoral candidates views on traffic safety and Vision Zero
  o Tampa Bay Next Update
    o Members commented on the proposed aesthetic features on the bridge noting that it is a long area to be exposed without shade. Members also commented on parking locations for the Multi-Use Trail.
    o Regarding the downtown interchange options, members discussed the number of households affected by each alternative, the costs to the community of the project, safety concerns, congestion mitigation concerns (it will still be congested), the provision for rail in the median, traffic in adjacent neighborhoods, and other concerns.

Meeting of the Livable Roadways Advisory Committee (LRC) on April 17

The committee heard status reports on:
✓ Tampa Bay Next Update
✓ Vision Zero Quarterly report

Meeting of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee on April 11

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ Feedback on the 2018 State of the System Report

The ITS Committee also received updates on:
- Shared Data and Analytics Platform - several committee members offered suggestions to improve collaboration in the construction of the data platform, including the types of datasets to be ingested and analytical capabilities of the tool. ITS committee members will form a working group to discuss some of these issues during scope development.

- Big Data & Analytics in Transportation

- THEA Connected Vehicle Pilot, Phase 3 - the committee discussed how lessons learned could be incorporated into future CV projects.

- HART’s Transit Signal Priority policies and technologies.

Committee members will be invited to brainstorm ideas for an ITS Master Plan Update at a forthcoming meeting.

**Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board TDCB on April 26**

Following their annual workshop, the TDCB noted the importance of travel training services to encourage and simplify the use of transit as a viable and cost-conscious option to getting around our community.

The TDCB also approved the 2019/2020 rates per trip for the Sunshine Line. Overall rates per trip effective July 1, 2019 will increase one dollar over the current fiscal year. Customer co-pays are unaffected.

The TDCB also re-approved its Grievance Procedures, noting that also there have been no complaints or disputes in the last 10 years regarding the Sunshine Line’s service.

**Meeting of the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) Staff Directors, April 26**

The group of six MPO directors discussed an outline of the Regional Chapter of the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plans. Members expressed interest in creating a stand-alone Regional Long Range Transportation Plan document next year, after the Polk and Sarasota/Manatee MPOs have moved forward with their LRTP updates. The regional document will include the tri-county vision created by Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPOs, and the relationship between the tri-county area and the adjacent MPOs to the north, south, and east.

There was further discussion of the evolving relationship between TBARTA and the MPOs, as TBARTA focuses on its Regional Transit Development Plan. The group discussed using the state template language for Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICAR) agreements as a model for updating the interlocal agreement.

The next meeting of the MPO Chairs will be July 19, 2019 at the Florida Hospital Center Ice in Pasco County, with a briefing on the Pasco Connected City project and welcome from Commissioner Kathryn Starkey.
End of Session Legislative Update 05/04/2019

Overview

Today the Legislature wrapped up the session by passing the budget and officially we can put this session in the books. The last week was a hectic one, amendments started flying onto various bills in last ditch efforts to get initiatives into law. As was stated earlier in the week, it is like a game of Whack-A-Mole. An amendment with a particular bit of language kept popping up in various bills and then being withdrawn. This is how the last days of session go.

Overall, transportation came out this session pretty well. The transportation budget is the same as last year and given that revenues for transportation are flat, that is a fair deal for the transportation community. We got the texting while driving bill and while we would have preferred cell phones to be hands free while driving, this is a step in the right direction. House Bill 5 which would have made it nearly impossible to pass a local sales tax referendum in the original form, was changed and is a bill that improves voter participation in important matters such as a sales tax referendum. The Senate President was clear from the beginning of session that he wanted increased investment in transportation and infrastructure. His priorities took shape in SB 7068 and it passed both chambers. It now awaits the Governor’s signature. The bill provides an additional $135M of funding for transportation. Small Counties were defined as any county having up to 170K persons, this session increased that threshold to 200K – A clear reflection of the population growth in Florida and a practical consideration.

The mid-week MPOAC Legislative Update covered the big items in the budget so there is not a need to rehash that information again. The only part we need to keep an eye on is how well, or badly, the transportation earmarks do when they are in front of the Governor. We will have to see.

I have been telling you all session to grab a cup of coffee and read the newsletter. I will end with that as a matter of tradition, but I have to share with you that it is nice to reach the end of session. I will look forward to the next session as I always do, but for now I am going to celebrate with something other than coffee, I encourage you to join me. See you next session!

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.
Important Dates for the 2019 Legislative Session

- January 25, 2019 - deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- March 1, 2019 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 5, 2019 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- April 20, 2019 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- April 23, 2019 - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- May 3, 2019 - Last day of Regular Session

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of May 04, 2019. Bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking. All updates to this section of the newsletter and bills shown below will be in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. Sections shown in strikethrough represent items removed due to an amendment to a bill.

**HB 5: Discretionary Sales Surtaxes – (General Bill by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; DeCeglie; Co-Introducers: Hill)** – Similar to SB 336 by Brandes (Requires Sales Surtax referendum be held on a general election ballot only). This bill does a number of things, the primary concern to transportation is the requirement that any sales surtax that could be used by transportation and/or infrastructure would have to be put to a vote of the residents in a general election and would require approval by two-thirds of electors voting on the ballot measure to pass. The bill would also require a county wanting to hold a discretionary sales surtax referendum to notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability at least 180 days prior to the vote. If not, the vote is voided. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays. Passed Ways and Means Committee; 12 Yeas, 5 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 7 Nays. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on House Calendar for a full Floor vote 04/10/2019. Passed the House 69 Yeas, 44 Nays. Sent to the Senate, Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Committees. Passed both chambers, sent to the Governor for approval.

**SB 72: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo; Co-Introducers: Hooper)** – Identical to HB 6011 by Rommel. Requiring specified fees to be used indefinitely, instead of temporarily, to reimburse a local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/2019, 4:30PM, Room 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/27/19, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott
Building. Passed Appropriations Committee; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Did not pass.

HB 75: Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft – (Yarborough; Co-Introducers: Grieco, Killebrew) – Similar to SB 132 by Rouson. Permits use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 02/06/19, 9:00 am, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 14 Yeas, 1 Nay. On Committee agenda-- State Affairs Committee, 02/19/19, 3:00 pm, Morris Hall. Committee Substitute by State Affairs Committee, passed 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Passed Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. Pending review of Committee Substitute. This bill has passed all House committees. First reading on House Floor 03/11/2019. Amended on the Floor and Passed 114 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Criminal Justice; Infrastructure and Security. Withdrawn.

SB 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Simpson; Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Hooper; Mayfield; Book; Rouson; Berman) – Similar to HB 107 (Toledo, Slosberg) and H 45 (Slosberg). Creating the "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law"; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of this section be accomplished only as a secondary action, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Committee Substitute by Infrastructure and Security; passed with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/25/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Editorial Note: This bill was changed to be limited to only texting while driving, the sponsor stated that he would like a hands free bill. Passed Judiciary Committee; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Rules Committee. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/17/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Amended to be hands free while driving, Passed Rules 15 Yeas, Zero Nays. Scheduled for a Senate Floor vote 04/23/2019. This version is preferred by MPOAC (see our legislative policy position #2) over the current House version. Laid on Table, picked up HB 107 with some amendments. School zones and construction zones are cell phone hands free zones with the amendments. Bill with amendments sent back to the House.

SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 169 by Fernandez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. On the Committee Agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM Room 37 Senate Office Building. Passed Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 04/09/2019, 10:00AM, 110 Senate Office Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. Did not pass.
HB 107: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Toledo; Slosberg; Co-Introducers: Beltran; Casello; Cortes; Duran; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Grieco; Hattersley; Killebrew; Massullo; McClure; Overdorf; Polo; Smith, C.; Stark; Stevenson; Thompson; Webb) – Similar to SB 76 (Simpson). Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits person from operating motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for purpose of nonvoice or voice interpersonal communication; redefines term "wireless communications device" to include voice communications; requires deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; removes provision requiring that enforcement be accomplished only as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/26/19, Noon, Reed Hall. 

Editorial Note: This bill was changed to be limited to only texting while driving. The second committee stop was also removed this week meaning the bill only has one more committee prior to a full House Floor vote. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Original reference to Appropriations Committee Removed, Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Scheduled for a House Floor vote 04/23/2019. This version prohibits texting while driving only, other cell phone uses would be permissible while driving unless it is amended. The House can lay this bill on the table and substitute the Senate version. Sent to the Senate where it was amended and passed. School zones and construction zones are cell phone hands free zones with the amendments. Bill with amendments sent back to the House. Sent to the Governor for approval.

SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart) – Identical to HB 611 (Mercado). Increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within a specified period after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/19/19, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice. Favorable by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/18/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/23/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules with 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate where it was remanded and passed. School zones and construction zones are cell phone hands free zones with the amendments. Bill with amendments sent back to the House. Read 3 times, Substituted HB 611, Laid on Table, refer to HB 611.

SB 144: Impact Fees – (Gruters) – Similar to HB 207 (Donalds). Revising the minimum requirements for impact fees adopted by a local government; exempting water and sewer connection fees from the Florida Impact Fee Act, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/05/19, 2:00 pm, 301 Senate Building --Temporarily Postponed. Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Finance and Tax. On Committee agenda-- Finance and Tax, 03/20/19, 1:30 pm, 401 Senate Building. Favorable by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/27/19, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations Committee; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Read 3 times, Substituted HB 207, Laid on Table, refer to HB 207.

HB 207: Impact Fees – (Donalds) – Similar to SB 144 (Gruter). Revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees by specified local governments; authorizes prevailing party to recover attorney fees under certain circumstances; exempts water & sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/20/19, 4:00 pm, 12 HOB. Committee Substitute by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Favorable by
Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. This bill has passed all committees and now goes to a full House floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar for Full House Floor Vote, 03/27/19. Passed the Florida House; 101 Yeas, 12 Nays. Sent to Senate, Substituted for SB 144, Passed Senate 39 Yeas, 1 Nay. House – Ordered enrolled. Sent to the Governor for approval.

**SB 306: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes)** – Similar to HB 6003 by Sabatini. Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, preemption of additional fees or surcharges, compliance, amount of penalties, registration and renewal of license plates, and points assessed for certain violations, to conform provisions to changes made by the act, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Withdrawn.

**HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield** – Similar to SB 932 by Brandes. Exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating with system engaged; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; provides requirements for operation of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. On State Affairs Committee Agenda for 03/28/2019 – Temporarily Postponed. Passed State Affairs Committee with Amendments, 20 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, 1 Nay. Full House Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/19. Passed House 110 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Sent to the Governor for approval.

**HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca)** – Identical to SB 1002 by Hutson. Requires that, in event of crash involving railroad train, collection of certain information be at discretion of law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate crash; specifies that certain persons are not considered passengers for purpose of making crash reports. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. CS by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next Stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar 04/10/2019. Passed Full House Floor Vote 116 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Rules. Sent to the Governor for approval.

**HB 385: Transportation – (Avila)** – Editorial Notes: This bill had a strike-all amendment filed and passed at the last committee stop. The primary provisions of this bill are: Eliminates the MDX and assigns all assets and liabilities to the Florida Department of Transportation,
restricts the expenditures of the half-penny sales tax to only being expended on capital improvements, restructures the Miami-Dade TPO Board, and prohibits the collection of an optional membership fee by the Miami-Dade TPO for use on non-federally eligible expenditures. Please note, this bill is advancing rapidly and seems likely to pass.

Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Committee Substitute by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. CS/CS by Ways and Means Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee with Amendments, 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Special Order Calendar for a Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, passed 80 Yeas, 33 Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. Sent to the Governor for approval.

HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) – Similar to SB 542 (Brandes). Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in State Affairs Committee. Editorial Note: This bill was amended to put in place some local controls over the implementation of scooter sharing services. This bill does not allow a municipality to prohibit scooters. Amendment adopted which now gives counties and municipalities the ability to regulate scooters so long as the regulation(s) do not contradict state or federal law. Local units of government may not regulate parking of scooters and must offer a license if certain conditions are met (insurance, etc.). Scooters would be treated the same as bicycles. Favorable by State Affairs; 21 Yeas, 1 Nay. Amended on the House Floor to match the Senate version (SB 542), passed Full House 115 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. Sent to the Governor for approval.

HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical to HB 567 (Slosberg). Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 04/08/19, 4:00 pm, 301

SB 542: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Brande) – Similar to HB 453 (Toledo). Defining the term “micromobility device”; revising the definition of the term “motorized scooter”; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micromobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters, subject to certain restrictions; authorizing a county or municipality to require that a person offering micromobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters be licensed; exempting a micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain registration, insurance, and licensing requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Editorial Note: Expect an amendment to this bill to address some localized concerns about local control over scooters in communities. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 04/09/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Editorial Note: This bill will allow municipalities to prohibit scooters. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Senate Calendar, on 2nd reading. Laid on Table, see HB 453.

HB 611: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Mercado) – Identical to SB 116 (Stewart). Motor Vehicle Racing; Increases criminal penalty for third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within specified period after date of prior violation that resulted in conviction. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. Amended in Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Judiciary Committee. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary Committee, 04/09/19, 2:00 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Passed Full House 114 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the Senate, passed the Senate 39 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is the Governor’s desk.

HB 693: Communications Services – (Fischer) – Reduces communications services tax rate on sales of communications services; revises authority for municipalities, and counties to impose permit fees on providers of communications services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or rights-of-way; deletes procedures, requirements, & limitations with respect to such fees. Not yet assigned to committees. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce. Amended by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee, Passed; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Ways and Means Committee. Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 14 NAYS. Now in Commerce Committee. On Committee agenda-- Commerce Committee, 04/10/19, 8:15 am, Webster Hall -- Temporarily postponed. On Committee Agenda -- Commerce Committee 04/18/2019. Passed Commerce Committee 21 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the House Floor for a full House Vote, Temporarily Postponed on 2nd reading. Laid on Table. Did not pass.

HB 725: Commercial Motor Vehicles – (Payne) – Repeals assistive truck platooning technology pilot project; revises provisions relating to platoon vehicle operation, commercial motor vehicle safety regulations & penalties, apportionable vehicle requirements, certain license plate fees, vehicles registered under International Registration Plan, & theft of certain commercial cargo; authorizes DHSMV to partner with tax collector to conduct Fleet Vehicle
Temporary Tag pilot program. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Committee Substitute Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, passed Full House Floor Vote; 115 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to the Senate, referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. Sent to the Governor for approval.

SB 728: Growth Management – (Lee) – Authorizing sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which a petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of a new community development district to also be identified in a petition to establish the new district under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the petition; providing notification requirements for the petition, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee Agenda – Community Affairs, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 301 Senate Office Building. Favorable by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building – Not Considered. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 04/02/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate. Passed Infrastructure and Security and; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 04/23/19, 2:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules Committee, 16 Yeas, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate Floor, placed on Special Order Calendar. Laid on Table, substituted HB 437. HB 437 passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for approval.

SB 898: Transportation – (Diaz) – Editorial Notes: This is the companion bill to HB 385 and among other things it revises the structure of the Miami-Dade TPO. This is the primary concern of MPOs. Given the rapid advancement of HB 385 and the positive remarks it has received by members of the House, this bill has the potential to advance quickly. Membership should watch this bill. Please see HB 385. Revising the authorized uses of proceeds from charter county and regional transportation system surtaxes; revising the preservation goals of the Department of Transportation to include ensuring that all work on the State Highway System meets department standards; requiring the department to approve design plans for all transportation projects relating to department-owned rights-of-way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from using toll revenues from high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes to offset certain funding, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee Agenda – Infrastructure and Security, 03/12/2019, 4:00PM, 110 Senate Office Building. The bill was revised and now it does nothing to the Miami-Dade TPO. Passed Infrastructure and Security with the amendment removing the restricting of the Miami-Dade TPO; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Next stop is Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations; 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Bill was read for 1st time on Senate Floor. Laid on Table, substituted HB 385 which passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for approval.

HB 905: Department of Transportation – (Andrade) – Identical to SB 1044 by Albritton. Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each
DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue in this bill is that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years.

Revises provisions related to DOT, including requirements for appointment of Secretary of Transportation, computation of mileage, pavement standards, construction contracts, use of toll revenue, allocation of transportation capacity funds, facility improvements, & project development & environmental studies. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 03/12/19, 12:30 pm, Reed Hall. Amendment passed on this bill in Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. The amendment removed the requirement that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards. Also removed is the provision that requires 75% of capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Amended on the House Floor, Passed Full House Floor Vote 114 Yeas, 1 Nay. The amendment changed the definition of “Small County” from 170K to 200K or less. Sent to the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Senate Floor Vote, sent to the Governor for approval.

**SB 932: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes)** – Similar to HB 311 by Fischer. Exempting a fully autonomous vehicle being operated with the automated driving system engaged from a prohibition on the active display of television or video; exempting a motor vehicle operator who is operating an autonomous vehicle from a prohibition on the use of wireless communications devices; providing that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in the vehicle, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. Laid on Table, substituted HB 311 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.

**SB 1002: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains– (Hutson)** – Identical to HB 341 by LaMarca. Revising the definition of the term “railroad train”; requiring that, in the event of a crash involving a railroad train, the collection of certain information be at the discretion of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate the crash; specifying that certain persons
SB 1044: Department of Transportation – (Albritton) – Identical to HB 905 by Andrade. 
Editorial Notes: This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation be selected from among three nominees chosen by the Florida Transportation Commission. The Secretary would be chosen directly by the Governor. Requires that 80% of the pavement in each DOT district meet DOT standards which is expected to reduce funding available for capacity expansion. Prohibits local governments from having aggregate materials specifications that are different than the DOTs. The big issue here is probably that state statutes are changed to require that 75% of the capacity expansion funds be spent on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). Currently state statute requires that at least 50% of any new discretionary capacity funds be spent on the SIS and by policy the DOT spends 75%. Policies can be changed more easily than state statutes, this would take away any flexibility of the department and make it more difficult for local units of government to access state transportation funds for capacity improvements. The bill requires the department to give priority to correcting or improving sections of the interstate system that experience unusually high accident rates. If a section of interstate has non-recurring congestion that accounts for more than 75% of the total congestion, then the DOT must begin PD&E studies within three years.

Providing that the Department of Transportation consists of a central office that establishes policies and procedures and districts that carry out certain projects; requiring certain preservation goals to include ensuring that a specified percentage of the pavement in each of the department’s districts meet department standards by a specified year; prohibiting local governments from adopting standards or specifications that are contrary to the department standards or specifications for permissible use of aggregates and materials that have been certified for use, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Next stop is Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 04/18/19, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a Full Senate Floor Vote. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. Laid on Table and substituted HB 905 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.

HB 1235: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Sabatini) – Similar bill to SB 1676 by Baxley. Removes provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; requires counties to publish legal notices on their websites; requires counties to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving notices; specifies form for affidavits of publication. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/26/19, 8:00 am, 12 HOB. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays. Now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 7. Reference to State Affairs Committee removed, next stop is Full House.
Floor Vote. Full House Floor Vote 04/17/2019. Passed Full House Floor Vote; 68 Yeas, 44 Nays. Sent to the Senate. Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. Did not pass.

**HB 6011: Alligator Alley Toll Road — (Rommel)** Identical bill to SB 72 by Passidomo. Requires specified fees to be used indefinitely to reimburse local governmental entity for direct actual costs of operating specified fire station. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Editorial Note: This bill was shown as HB 6001 in error. Bill HB 6011 has been advancing. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Passed Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda—Commerce Committee, 04/10/19, 8:15 am, Webster Hall—Temporarily postponed. Did not pass all committee stops, committees are no longer meeting. This bill is dead.

**HB 6003: Traffic Infraction Detectors — (Sabatini – Co-Introducers: Grieco; Hill; Jacobs; Sirois)** Similar bill to SB 306 (Brandes). Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 12 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Committee. Did not pass all committee stops, committees are no longer meeting. This bill is dead.

**HB 6017: Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments – (Duggan)** Removes acreage limitations that apply to small-scale comprehensive plan amendments. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda—Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 8:30 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in Commerce Committee. Favorable by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 1 Nay. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19. Passed Full House Floor Vote 108 Yeas, 5 Nays. Sent to the Senate, Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Sent to the Governor for approval.

**HB 7007: OGSR/Toll Facilities – (General Bill by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Andrade)** Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information provided for purpose of paying, prepaying, or collecting tolls & associated administrative charges for use of toll facilities. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda—Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/13/19, 1:30 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Placed on Calendar – Ready for a Full House Floor Vote. Full House Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/27/19. Temporarily postponed, on 2nd Reading. Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/10/19. Substituted SB 7036, Laid on Table – refer to SB 7036.

**SB 7068: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (General Bill by Infrastructure and Security)** Similar to HB 7113 by House TED and Trumbull. This bill moves monies from vehicle registrations currently allocated to General Revenue into the State Transportation Trust Fund. The bill gradually shifts motor vehicle registration taxes into the State Transportation
Trust Fund, and by state fiscal year 2021-2022, this would place an estimated additional $135 Million per year in the transportation trust fund. This would mean a reduction in state spending in some area(s), that is not addressed in the bill. The bill also creates the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within FDOT. Identified roadways that are to be built by FDOT are the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); the Suncoast Connector (Citrus to Jefferson County) and the Northern Turnpike Connector (Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike at Wildwood). The bill requires the new corridors to be tolled and specifies these will be SIS facilities. Additionally, the new corridors would be permitted to use monies from the transportation trust fund, as a loan to be repaid, which during construction would reduce available funds from the rest of the state. Bonding and other financing options are made available as well. Here is the description on the Florida Senate website: Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/19/19, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Full Senate Floor Vote, Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/23/19. Passed the Senate with 37 Yeas, 1 Nay. Sent to the House. Passed the House, sent to the Governor for approval.

HB 7113: Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee and Trumbull. – House companion bill to SB 7068 - Identical (General Bill by Infrastructure and Security) - This bill moves monies from vehicle registrations currently allocated to General Revenue into the State Transportation Trust Fund. The bill gradually shifts motor vehicle registration taxes into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and by state fiscal year 2021-2022, this would place an estimated additional $135 Million per year in the transportation trust fund. This would mean a reduction in state spending in some area(s), that is not addressed in the bill. The bill also creates the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within FDOT. Identified roadways that are to be built by FDOT are the Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); the Suncoast Connector (Citrus to Jefferson County) and the Northern Turnpike Connector (Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike at Wildwood). The bill requires the new corridors to be tolled and specifies these will be SIS facilities. Additionally, the new corridors would be permitted to use monies from the transportation trust fund, as a loan to be repaid, which during construction would reduce available funds from the rest of the state. Bonding and other financing options are made available as well. Here is the description on the Florida Senate website: Creating the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program within the Department of Transportation; specifying that projects undertaken in the corridors are tolled facilities and certain approved turnpike projects, and are considered as Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the department to identify certain opportunities to accommodate or co-locate multiple types of infrastructure-addressing issues during the project development phase, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 3 Nays. Next stop is a Full House Floor Vote. Laid on the Table, substituted SB 7068 which passed and was sent to the Governor for approval.
The Florida Department of Transportation invites you to attend and participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven, Alternatives Public Workshop to learn more about the Westshore Area and Downtown Tampa Interchanges, and the I-275 corridor between these two areas. The workshop will cover the Northwest (Veterans) Expressway, and Tampa Interstate Study Segments 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B (also referred to as Tampa Bay Next Sections 4, 5, and 6) as displayed on the map below. The Florida Department of Transportation is holding this public workshop on two separate dates and locations to allow for maximum participation. The format of each workshop will be identical, and the same information will be shown at each including material on the Northwest (Veterans) Expressway Design Change Re-evaluation. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cuban Club, 2010 N. Avenida Republica de Cuba (14th St.), Tampa, FL. Parking is available at the Fernando Noriega Jr./Palm Avenue Parking Garage, located at 2010 N. 13th Street, Tampa, FL, located behind the Cuban Club (see map on back of page). A free parking voucher will be provided at the workshop sign-in table. Handicap parking will be available at the Cuban Club and can be accessed from E. 9th Avenue. The second workshop will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Tampa Marriott Westshore, 1001 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL in the Grand Ballroom. Exhibits on display will show project alternatives and related information. FDOT representatives will be in attendance to answer questions and receive your comments. This letter serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155(6), that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of the proposed project. However, this does not mean that all properties will be directly affected.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or email: Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days in advance of the workshop date. You may provide written comments by completing the enclosed comment form and mailing it to the address on the back of the form or you can drop it in one of the comment boxes at the Alternatives Public Workshop. You may also provide your comments on the “Send Us Your Comments” page on the study website below. Written comments will be accepted throughout the project. To become part of the official public workshop record, comments should be submitted or post-marked by June 6, 2019.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for the Northwest (Veterans) Expressway Design Change Re-evaluation project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S. C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

FDOT welcomes and appreciates everyone’s participation. If you have questions about the project or the workshop, please contact Alice Price, AICP, PD&E Project Manager, at (813) 975-6482, or email: alice.price@dot.state.fl.us. Visit the study website at: www.tampainterstatestudy.com. All materials displayed at the workshops will be placed on the project website following the meetings.

Sincerely,

Kirk Bogen, P.E.
Environmental Management Engineer
Contact Information

We encourage your participation in this Alternatives Public Workshop for the TIS SEIS Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and the Northwest (Veterans) Expressway Design Change Re-evaluation. If you wish to discuss any issues related to this project, please contact Alice Price, AICP, PD&E Project Manager at (813) 975-6482 or by email at: alice.price@dot.state.fl.us.

Kris Carson, Public Information Officer, at (800) 226-7220 or by email at: kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us.

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Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedure

When a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right-of-way acquisition process and your rights, the FDOT has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. These brochures and other education materials will be available at the public workshop. Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/documents.shtm.

We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. We also encourage you to speak with the FDOT’s Project Manager or a Right-of-Way Representative at your convenience either at the workshop or by phone at 1-800-226-7220.

TIS SEIS PD&E Study Schedule

The Study is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2020. Right of Way acquisition is partially funded. Construction is not currently funded.

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The Cuban Club Parking on May 21, 2019

These arrows show different ways to get to the parking garage.