Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee
Monday, June 18, 2018, 1:30 PM
County Center, 18th Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2018

IV. Action Items
A. West Busch Boulevard Corridor Study (FDOT Representative)

V. Status Reports
A. MPO Regional Planning Best Practices Study (Michael Case, TBARTA Representative)
B. Tampa International Airport Master Plan Update (Gina Evans, Aviation Authority)
C. It’s Time Tampa Bay; outreach on Tri-County Growth Concepts (Johnny Wong, MPO Staff)

VI. Old Business & New Business

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum
A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Plan Hillsborough Committee Room, 18th Floor, Frederick B. Karl County Center, Tampa, Florida.

The following members were present:

Jeffrey Sims, Chairman  
Environmental Protection Commission

Michael Case  
Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority

Rachel Chase  
Florida Department of Health - Hillsborough County

Amber Dickerson  
Hillsborough County School District

Gina Evans  
Hillsborough County Aviation Authority

Anna Quiñones for Robert Frey  
Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Anthony Garcia  
Planning Commission (PC)

Stephen Griffin  
PC

Mark Hudson for Julie Ham  
City of Plant City

Melanie Calloway for Jonathan Scott  
City of Tampa (Tampa)

Calvin Thornton (arrived at 1:35 p.m.)  
Tampa

Charles White  
Hillsborough County

Michael Williams  
Hillsborough County

The following members were absent:

Mariann Abrahamsen  
City of Temple Terrace

Michael English  
Tampa Historic Streetcar Incorporated

Linda Walker  
HART

Donna Wysong  
Tampa Port Authority

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.


After soliciting comments and referring to a textual edit for the March minutes in background material, Chairman Sims asked if there was a motion. Mr. Griffin moved to accept the April minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. White, and carried twelve to zero. (Mr. Thornton had not arrived; Members Abrahamsen, English, Walker, and Wysong were absent.)
Prompted by Chairman Sims, Mr. Griffin moved to accept the March minutes as well, seconded by Mr. White, and carried twelve to zero. (Mr. Thornton had not arrived; Members Abrahamsen, English, Walker, and Wysong were absent.)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2019 through FY 2023 - Public Hearing at MPO Meeting

Ms. Sarah McKinley, MPO, showed a presentation, and requested the MPO TAC recommend approval to the MPO Board to adopt the TIP for FYs 2019 through 2023, as well as the TIP priorities for FYs 2020 through 2024. Referring to Table 3, Ms. Chase wondered if State and local funds/contributions could be separated. In response to Mr. Griffin, Ms. McKinley explained the need for TIP Item 69640, Northeast 19th Avenue Widening. Ms. Dickerson touched on grade enrollment changes to Sulphur Springs Elementary school. Upon seeking clarification on the Waterborne Transit - High Speed Ferry Project, Chairman Sims asked for a motion to adopt the TIP as proposed. Mr. Thornton so moved, seconded by Mr. Hudson, and carried thirteen to zero. (Members Abrahamsen, English, Walker, and Wysong were absent.)

B. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendments

Dr. Johnny Wong, MPO, gave a presentation and said staff’s recommendation was for the MPO TAC to approve the 2018 amendments to the PPP. Talks occurred on Tampa/Tampa International Airport (TIA) autism/developmental disabilities improvement initiatives. After thanking staff for their work, Chairman Sims sought a motion to accept the item. Ms. Dickerson so moved, seconded by Mr. Thornton, and carried thirteen to zero. (Members Abrahamsen, English, Walker, and Wysong were absent.)

C. MPO School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

Ms. Lisa Silva, MPO, delivered a presentation. Chairman Sims asked if there was a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Dickerson so moved, seconded by Mr. Hudson, and carried thirteen to zero. (Members Abrahamsen, English, Walker, and Wysong were absent.)
V. STATUS REPORTS

A. Tampa Bay Next Quarterly Update

Mr. Stephen Benson, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), expounded on a presentation, and, in response to MPO TAC members, shared additional information concerning the Interstate (I) 4 Selmon Expressway Connector and ongoing FDOT I-275 project development and environment (PD and E) studies/improvements. Ms. Gena Torres, MPO, sought verification on the possible use of noise mitigation walls for the PD and E projects. Ms. Evans made appreciative remarks.

B. Innovation District Subarea (42nd/46th Streets) Study

Mr. John Patrick, Public Works, Hillsborough County, shared a presentation. Mr. Thornton discussed traffic improvements for the Tampa Palms/Yardley Way East area. Mr. Griffin asked about possible service vehicle impacts on 42nd Street resulting from travel lane reductions.

C. Systemic Approach to Safety

Messrs. Chad Polk and Robert Paquin, Jacobs Engineering Group Incorporated, distributed/delivered a presentation, and responded to inquiries regarding Highway Safety Improvement Program funding requirements/recommendations for pedestrians/bicyclists, and highlighted Minnesota Department of Transportation’s funding allocations for local roads and crash analyses.

VI. OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Torres handed out flyers and shared details on the upcoming Vision Zero 15th Street Community Engagement Event.

Chairman Sims noted the MPO TAC would not meet in July 2018.

Mr. Griffin requested a report regarding TIA improvements.

VII. ADDENDUM

A. MPO Meeting Summary and Committee Report

B. Channelside Drive Design Workshop
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

C. Save the Date: MPO Regional Transportation Leadership Workshop 2
D. Vision Zero Top 20 Corridors Workshop on 15th Street – May 20, 2018

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED: ______________________________

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: _______________________
    Deputy Clerk
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
Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Regional Coordination & Best Practices Research

Presenter
Michael Case, TBARTA Principal Planner

Summary
The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) is managing a project known as the MPO Regional Coordination and Best Practices Research study. The project aims to provide a single preferred option for improving coordination and cooperation among MPOs, FDOT districts, local and county governments, and regional transportation entities, including TBARTA and the TBARTA MPOs Chairs’ Coordinating Committee (CCC). The study builds on the May 2017 Collaborative Labs workshop on regional transportation planning that was sponsored by the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPOs.

The status of the study effort is:

- Existing Conditions Technical Memo is complete;
- Peer Region Case Studies Technical Memo is underway;
- A public workshop for broad discussion of what we can learn from the peer regions will be held later this summer

The project is scheduled for completion in December 2018 and will provide information to elected officials to assist in making decisions on improving the regional planning process and outcomes for Tampa Bay. In addition, the study will examine the feasibility of merging the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco MPOs into a single regional MPO. Ultimately, any changes in MPO Board composition or geographic area are up to each respective MPO Board to decide, and to reach agreement with the Governor.

A study management team has been assembled as a non-voting, advisory group to help guide the study, ensure the right questions are considered, and relevant data collected. The team includes the MPO directors, and representatives from TBARTA, the Urban Land Institute, Tampa Bay Partnership, and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Meetings of the group are held monthly and are open to the public.

Recommended Action
No action necessary

Prepared By
Beth Alden

Attachments
- Link to project page
- Ray Chiaramonte’s Presentation
Study Overview

- Builds on results of May 2017 Collaborative Labs workshop;
- Define what successful regional coordination means for Tampa Bay;
- Identify the barriers to its execution;
- Examine feasibility of MPO merger;
- Develop viable options; and,
- Build consensus on a preferred regional coordination framework
Study Management Team (SMT)

- A non-voting project advisory group to
  - Review and provide feedback on project deliverables;
  - Assist TBARTA with agency coordination and communication

2018 SMT Meeting Schedule

- January 25, 2018, 1pm to 3pm
- February 16, 2018
- March 30, 2018
- April 20, 2018
- May 18, 2018
- June 1, 2018: Workshop #2; St Pete Collaborative Labs, 10am to 4pm
- June 22, 2018
- July 2018 - Recess
- August 17, 2018
- September 14, 2018 (Workshop #3, if needed)
- October 19, 2018
- November 16, 2018
- December 14, 2018 (Project Closeout)

All meetings are located at the TBARTA office, from 10am to 12pm, unless otherwise noted
Project Overview
Phases and How They Build on Each Other

01 Existing Conditions + Directions
- Validating Project Parameters & Goals (e.g., listening sessions)
- Demographic Characterization
- MPO- and State-Level Policy Characterizations

02 Case Studies & Best Practices
- Identification of Peer Agencies
- Develop Case Studies
- Case Study Write-Up

03 Workshops & Reporting
- Symposium (Workshop #2)
- Interim Issues Polling
- Workshop #3
- Report Preparation

Phase I: Existing Conditions + Directions

Regionalism by the Numbers (and Maps)
How are these counties and MPOs alike? What ties us together – or not?

Engagement Results
First workshop, listening sessions, surveys, and more

Regionalism in General
A (very) brief understanding of regionalism in the U.S.

Policy and Implications
How are the Core MPOs structured and what are the implications of various policy actions, including consolidation?

"Core" = Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas
"Shell" = Citrus-Hernando, Sarasota-Manatee, Polk
Phase I Results: High Compatibility

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Phase I: Peer Issues Identified

- Regional Revenue Generation
- Local v. Regional Decisionmaking including voting & representation
- Regional Project Implementation role in design, building, operations
- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Communication including meetings and staff coordination
- Land Development role of MPO planning
- Internal Operations staffing, resources, hosting, etc.
- Working with State Agencies State DOT & others
- Resiliency how have regional MPOs managed change

Sources:

- Listening Sessions
- Data
- Policy Study

Phase I Results
Phase II (In Process)

Case Studies and Best Practices

Use results from Collaborative Workshop I and Research Phase I to:

A. Compare coordination efforts and outcomes with nine peer regions to Tampa Bay, and their MPO structures;

B. Highlight key findings according to principles and definition of success from Workshop I;

C. Build consensus around several options for a stronger regional coordination framework, and MPO merger

Regional Transportation Leadership Workshop #2
June 1, 2018

*What is the value proposition for a regional MPO? Are there any pros or cons?

*What can great partnerships look like in terms of supporting the regional MPO?

*How can these enable great regional projects?

Collaborative Labs
@ St. Petersburg College
13805 58th Street
North, Clearwater, FL 33760
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Phase III

Phase III: Final Screening and Strategic Plan
(June to January ‘19)

1. Refine options identified in June workshop.
   • Identify implementation procedures and/or issues;

2. Hold Town Hall meetings to collect additional input.

3. Develop strategic implementation plan in Workshop #3 (September, 2018 tentative)

4. Hold MPO Board workshops in January 2019 to further identify responsibilities and steps to implementation (under review)

Links and Contact

General Project Information, Meeting Update, and Materials available at:

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***RSVP period for Workshop 2 open until May 25, 2018
https://mporegionalworkshop2018.eventbrite.com
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Tampa International Airport Phase Master Plan Update

** Presenter**
Gina Evans, Aviation Authority Representative

**Summary**

The first phase of the Airport’s Master Plan expansion is coming to a close and the work completed is an impressive sight. Besides all of the new shops and restaurants, now open are the SkyConnect system and rental car center. the airport is preparing to implement Phase 2 of the Master Plan.

Phase 2 will kick off at the end of 2019 and will include a curbside expansion and 17-acre commercial development around the rental car center that will include an office building, convenience store with gas station, hotel, a commercial curb to accommodate transit and other ground transportation, and connections to regional trail networks.

**Recommended Action**
None. For information only

**Prepared By**
Gena Torres, MPO staff

**Attachments**
None
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
It’s Time Tampa Bay Outreach on Tri-County Growth Concepts

**Presenter**
Johnny Wong, PhD (MPO Staff)

**Summary**
The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) provides both a regional and Hillsborough County-specific vision over the next 25 years. The LRTP identifies priorities and directs federal and state dollars toward transportation projects in support of those priorities.

The 2045 update to the LRTP will present three high-level growth concepts to the public, which may accommodate population and job growth across the counties of Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas. To get meaningful feedback from the public related to those growth concepts, we have developed a digital survey tool which will be distributed in mid-July and remain online until the first of October.

An update on the development of those growth concepts, as well as regional and local public outreach strategies will be provided to committees.

**Recommended Action**
None. For information only.

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

**Attachments**
None.
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).

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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.
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:
- 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;
- 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:
  - The I-95 Express Bus service in South Florida, including FDOT’s perspective and how the service is working in the managed toll lanes;
  - 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:
- 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:
- Hillsborough County Public Works’ study of 42nd Street / 46th Street
- 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.