Meeting of the School Transportation Working Group
Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
County Center, 26th Floor, Conference Rooms A & B

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2018

IV. Agenda Items

V. Status Report
   A. Info BBQ – Pasco Safety Town - Please RSVP, location 26th floor

VI. Share Success Stories, Updates and Results (Cindy Stuart, Chair)
   A. Jurisdiction/FDOT Updates
   B. School District Updates: August 14, 2018 School Board Transportation Committee Meeting
   C. Health Partner Updates

VII. Old Business & New Business
   A. New meeting September 26, 2018

VIII. Potential Future STWG Topics
   A. Statewide Directors meeting, results of Haz Walking Legislation sub-committee
   B. Elementary student bus removal strategy
   C. Sherriff Office follow up, resource officers crossing guards etc.
   D. Transit Projects
   F. Charter Schools (Jenna Hodges and/or non-School District Rep.)

IX. Adjournment

X. Addendum
   A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report

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CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the School Transportation Working Group (STWG) was held in the Plan Hillsborough Room on the 18th floor of the County Center. Ms. Cindy Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

STWG #24 JUNE 27, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY
The STWG does not vote on or approve meeting summaries; however, if there are any corrections or additions, please inform Lisa Silva or Sharon Snyder. A Chair’s report will be forwarded to the full MPO Board for review and will be part of the MPO’s agendas.

ACTION ITEMS

A. School Bus Law, Tip Card and Public Service Announcement, and FDOT Safety Update (Ginger Regalado and Peter Hsu, FDOT)

Ginger Regalado, Community Traffic Safety Team Program Manager, FDOT, reviewed the Tip Cards which were recently printed. The cards, along with posters, have been delivered to each school district within the five counties and each district will decide how to distribute to parents. These will be available at various facilities, such as libraries, driver’s license offices, etc. Law enforcement will distribute to violators and posters will be hung in rest stops.

Ms. Dickerson suggested distributing through Peach Jar. Ms. Stuart stated the pdf version will be available on the school district’s website and Peach Jar. She also suggested distributing to non-profits, such as United Way, the Alliance for Public Schools, UACDC, etc. who can assist with distribution. Ms. Nelson will distribute at the UCADA function on July 26th. Ms. Silva also reminded members that the pdf version is part of the July meeting packet and she suggested making the Tip Cards available electronically in Spanish.

Ms. Regalado talked about the Public Service Announcement being created with the Hillsborough County Schools and Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Udagawa has footage of the deputies educating and enforcing the school bus law and Ms. Regalado hopes to have the PSA completed before school begins. Ms. Silva has also informed the press of the PSA.

Mr. Hsu presented the FDOT safety update. Mr. Hsu stated the District Secretary has a high passion for traffic safety and has tasked his staff with speed management. He thanked the City of Tampa for taking the lead in reducing speed limits by 5 mph for a majority of the City roads, including Bayshore Blvd. He also thanked the Group for their work with the FDOT on school zone safety improvements. These improvements have become a statewide standard. The DOT is ready to spend money on city and county roads and will use the money to enhance school area roads statewide.
Ms. Hsu stated that Ms. Silva has been working with FDOT on establishing guidelines for signal box wraps to promote bike safety and they finally received approval from Washington. They are working with their consultant, a former teacher, to establish the guidelines and Group members may be asked to help. They will start with five high schools (Blake, Brandon, Gaither, Hillsborough and King) on the project and will select three winning designs. Ms. Stuart asked Ms. Regalado to coordinate a date to meet with the schools’ Assistant Principals to get this information out at their school. They will begin with these schools and move on to the other high schools, then middle schools. Each school will decide how they will handle the contest. Members will be invited to participate.

Ms. Silva asked Mr. Hsu for an update from the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) meeting this morning. Ms. Stuart discussed the STWG efforts at the meeting and she suggested scheduling the guideline meetings 30 minutes before or after the CTST meetings. Ms. Silva informed the Group that many members that handled the technical aspects of the school safety study are present at the CTST meetings. Ms. Silva discussed possible plans for after the STWG retires at the end of the year.

Mr. Hsu stated he received a report of the number of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) applications received statewide and he challenges Hillsborough County to submit as many applications as the Orlando area submits.

A discussion ensued regarding distribution of the School Bus Tip Cards to the Hillsborough County students. Ms. Vega stated the cards were received at the warehouse for distribution to all of the schools. Each school will decide how they will distribute them to their students. They will be distributed in the back to school packets, at school open houses, at the Back to School Bash and the Kids Day event on Sunday, July 29th. They will also be available in the media centers and at the HOST programs (after school camps). The School District is also partnering with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and FDOT on the “Stop on Red” public service announcement, which will focus on school bus safety. This information will be on the transportation portion of the school district’s website. The bike to school safety tips will be shown on Hillsborough School’s television channel on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and will fill in the gaps in programming. “How to Start a Walking School Bus” will be pushed out this year, also.

Ms. Silva has posted the updated Guide for Alternatives Option on the top of the STWG page on the Plan Hillsborough website. Ms. Regalado is working on the Spanish version of the Guide. Ms. Vega stated the School District’s website uses Google Translate to translate documents (the document can’t be in pdf format).

Ms. Stuart asked if there is any social media planned regarding these School Bus Safety Tip cards. Ms. Vega stated there is.

B. 2018 Hillsborough Summer Driver Education Classes (Gary Tait, Tindale-Oliver)

Mr. Tait discussed the FDOT teen traffic safety education classes, which covers bicycle and pedestrian safety and teen driving. The program started in January 2013 and has been presented to over 20,000 students in District 7, but the contract is only for the school year. The MPO asked for the program to be presented over the summer. There are 24 classes held in 4 summer sessions at 9 high schools (Bloomingdale, Chamberlain, Gaither, Hillsborough, Leonard, Newsome, Plant City, Sickles and Strawberry Crest). If there weren’t enough students at a school, they dropped the class. Leonard High dropped all four classes so there were 16 classes at 8
This summer, Mr. Tait visited with 285 students (one more class scheduled for July 26th). The program reaches out to private, charter and home-schooled students. Mr. Tait thanked the MPO for their assistance with this initiative.

C. Road Diets-Lane Elimination (Gena Torres, MPO)

Ms. Torres will be presenting this at the APA Florida Conference in September so she is happy to practice by presenting it to the STWG. She explained how the Road Diet came to be after a discussion about a resurfacing project on Nebraska Avenue. The MPO recommended this project for Chapter 21, Transportation Design for Livable Communities, which is an underutilized chapter in the FDOT Plans Preparation Manual. They meet with FDOT, the City of Tampa, residents and businesses and construction began in 2007. She explained the existing conditions of Nebraska Avenue, at the time. A road diet was proposed but faced resistance from the community. There were numerous reasons why it made sense so FDOT agreed to move forward. Nebraska Avenue became one of the first road diet projects to be implemented on a state road in Florida. Ms. Torres showed photos of the improvements and the results (2010 data), which showed a 74% overall crash reduction. Ms. Torres talked to residents and business people affected by the improvements and the majority of their comments were positive. Ms. Torres is very interested in the economic development because of road diets.

D. Vision Zero Pop-up Events Overview (Gena Torres, MPO)

Ms. Torres provided an update on the recent Vision Zero events. After reviewing the Top 20 Severe Crash Corridors, two pilot corridors were selected: 15th Street (Fowler Avenue to Fletcher Avenue) and 56th Street (Sligh Avenue to Busch Blvd.). The MPO provided outreach and community organizing by building corridor coalitions with surrounding businesses, nearby residents, commuters and Vision Zero agency partners to plan half-day events. Goals for the events were to raise awareness of safety issues, build corridor coalitions that take ownership of the corridor, rally the community around a half-day event to influence safe behavior and facilitate long-term culture change. Expected outcomes were to establish structure for corridor coalitions to carry on with goal of fostering safe behaviors and relationships created and strengthened between agency partners and corridor stakeholders for continuing change. Ms. Torres explained the corridor engagement process and gave overviews of both corridors.

The Corridor Coalition for 56th Street included King High School, the Hillsborough County School District, FDOT, the City of Temple Terrace, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Temple Terrace Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Department. The event was held on Monday, April 23rd, from 3 – 5 pm, and 90 volunteers, including more than 60 King High School students, held signs with messages related to crash factors and noted places where people were killed or severely injured. The Coalition for 15th Street included University Area Community Development Corporation (UACDC), the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and FDOT. This event was held on Sunday, June 3rd, from 1 – 4 pm and included temporary pop-up sidewalk, crosswalk and street mural along with interactive art activities and photos. They also put lights on bicycles. Approximately 50 volunteers turned out, many of which were local residents.

There were funds left over, so Ms. Torres was able to order additional supplies, such as slap bands and bumper stickers. Bumper stickers are available for some schools, which Ms. Silva is trying to get delivered to the PTAs to use as fundraisers, etc.

SHARE SUCCESS STORIES, UPDATES AND RESULTS
Ms. Silva proposed going to an Assembly instead of the Farnell Open House.

The School Board Transportation Committee meeting will probably be rescheduled due to President Trump’s visit to Tampa Bay Technical School on Tuesday.

Ms. Stuart and Ms. Silva met to discuss how the school district will implement the school safety study and they want clear guidelines from district staff on how they are fitting the study into their five-year plan.

There was a discussion at the Transportation Director’s meeting regarding the two-mile radius bill. The bill didn’t go anywhere but the Directors feel the language can be changed within the bill to help them because the language hasn’t been changed in a very long time. The Directors have formed a Committee (Mr. Beekman, Hillsborough County Transportation Director, is the lead) to talk about how they can propose language to the legislature not to have a safety impact, but for the safety and goodwill of the students and families. There is a huge financial impact on the larger districts to change from two-miles to 1 ½ miles. Even the MPO’s Policy Committee was shocked when they saw the figures to add additional drivers, buses and routes. Ms. Stuart will ask for an update from Mr. Beekman on Tuesday.

Ms. Stuart stated she has been in talks regarding the removal of buses from elementary schools and what the outcome would be. This is still in the early planning stages and Ms. Stuart stated, if they do anything, she doesn’t feel it will be until the school year 2019/2020 and it would be a phased approach. She is also working with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office about where they currently have staffed crossing guards and how they would manage if there were more unfunded elementary school busing phased in. They are working on a different approach from how the unfunded high school and middle school busing was handled.

Ms. Stuart explained that Ms. Silva and Ms. Torres presented to the County PTA Presidents at the annual Principal and PTA Presidents meeting. They presented on the services and education pieces that are available for them to utilize. The school district is moving volunteer stuff to the PTA Presidents, instead of to the Principals and Assistant Principals.

Ms. Stuart reminded the Group of the Bell Schedule changes happening this year and asked for patience. Other counties are watching and waiting to see how Hillsborough County does before they make changes. Elementary schools will begin at 7:40 a.m. and high schools will begin at 8:30 a.m. Middle schools are not changing.

Ms. Dickerson stated a community meeting was held last week for the new high school, TTT, which is being built at Balm and Highway 301 and is on schedule to open in 2020. There is another meeting scheduled for July 26th at Shields Middle School from 6 – 7:30 p.m. There is also a video under growth management on the school district’s website. They also adopted their tentative five-year plan last week and it was distributed to stakeholders for their comments. It will be presented to the School District Board again on October 2nd. This plan outlines maintenance and construction projects for the next five years. Ms. Dickerson will send the presentation out to STWG members. She briefly highlighted some of the upcoming projects.

**Health Partner Updates:** The Partners are getting ready for the new school year by doing bicycle inspections. The Partners will also be at Jefferson High School on August 3rd for the elementary Physical Education teachers meeting. Fifty elementary schools will get the bicycle clinics this
year (first come, first served). They will also give the teachers sustainable lessons so they can instruct the clinics in the absence of the health partners.

Gary Tait will attend the Drivers Education teachers meeting on August 3rd at Leonard High School and he will schedule drivers’ education classes for the coming school year.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

A. Back to School Bash, August 4th, at Raymond James Stadium, hosted by the Hillsborough County School District. Ms. Stuart explained they tried to combine all back to school events into one large event, but several others popped up. The Transportation Department is collecting school supplies (Stuff the Bus) and they will be distributed at the Bash. Ms. Vega stated the bus drivers see a need for school supplies all year long, so the Transportation Department is partnering with the Hillsborough Education Foundation to collect donations now, and distribute as needed, during the school year. Bill Curry Ford is doing a large “Stuff the Bus” event this Saturday.

B. Special Info BBQ And STWG Luncheon meeting – Pasco Safety Town, August 29th, Noon, 26th Floor. Ms. Silva invited members to bring a friend and come to the Info BBQ. The Sponsor is providing lunch so please RSVP. The STWG meeting will be immediately following the presentation.

C. Cleveland Painted Intersection event is tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2018 (Amber Dickerson, SDHC). Mr. Porth explained this school is an exception because the block in front of the school is vacated so the process doesn’t follow draft policy. This may not be able to be applied at other schools.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.
Make plans to join us & the MPO School Transportation Working Group for lunch and a presentation on **PASCO SAFETY TOWN**

Tell me, and I will forget...  
Show me, and I may remember...  
Involve me, and I will understand.

Wednesday  
noon - 1p  
08.29.18

County Center, Conference Rooms A&B  
26th floor, 601 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa

Under the direction of Cpl. Tim Bullock, Safety Town is a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide complete hands-on safety education for children ages 5 - 8 in grades K-2 on topics including:

- Pedestrian, Bicycle & Seat Belt safety  
- Water & Boat safety  
- Fire, Smoke & Electrical safety  
- The right way to call 911  
- Safety around animals  
- Stranger Danger  
- Severe Weather safety  
- Internet & general Household safety  
- Drug safety

Truly a community project, Pasco Safety Town has been created through the support and cooperation of many businesses, public and private agencies, and civic organizations.

No need to bring your bag lunch to this FREE event. Thank you to S&ME for graciously providing lunch!

**Space is limited, so please RSVP** to Sharon: snyders@plancom.org or 813/273-3774 x316  
**RSVP no later than 10a on Tuesday, August 28!**
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 12, 2018

A motion was made by Councilman Guido Maniscalco to approve the June minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harry Cohen and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Vela advocated for removing the downtown interchange, and commented on traffic counts, average daily traffic and redistributing traffic.

Mr. Jim Davison provided a handout and described his alternative transportation revenue plan that would not involve raising taxes. He spoke against tearing down I-275 and making a boulevard out of it.

Ms. Sharon Calvert invited members to attend a Transportation Solutions in Tampa Bay event, hosted by the American Dream Coalition, being held on August 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 3535 Ulmerton Road in Clearwater.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, ONLINE COMMENTS

Ms. Gena Torres, MPO Staff, presented the committee reports. Committees approved and forwarded to the MPO Board the committee appointments provided on the Consent Agenda.

The Technical Advisory, Livable Roadways, and School Transportation Working Group acted on FDOT’s West Busch Blvd. Corridor study at their June meetings. The Citizens Advisory, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory, and Transportation Disadvantaged committees are scheduled to discuss the study at their August meetings, after which comments will be consolidated into a letter for the Board’s consideration at the September 5th meeting.

The Citizens Advisory received an update on recent changes to TBARTA’s mission and structure. Members had reservations about TBARTA’s effectiveness, due to the absence of a funding source dedicated to regional transit; they also discussed the lack of MPO representation on TBARTA’s CAC.

The BPAC held a retreat in July; Councilman Maniscalco was in attendance. Several ideas for future action were generated.
The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) discussed a proposed Tri-County Regional Pilot Project to provide door-to-door life-sustaining trips across Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough county lines. They will meet on August 16th with the Pasco and Pinellas Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards for further discussion. The TDCB also approved the annual update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

The TBARTA MPO Chairs’ Coordinating Committee reviewed and approved an annual update to the regional priority lists for Multi-Use Trails and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program. Hillsborough County’s project to improve the I-75/Big Bend Road interchange was approved as #2 for a TRIP Grant, and a new County project was added to the candidate list: intersection improvements on Brandon Boulevard to improve safety and traffic flow. Candidate projects on the trails priority list include portions of the South Tampa Greenway, Tampa Bypass Canal Trail, and South Coast Greenway.

The CCC also met with the MPO Chairs of the Central Florida Alliance and heard presentations on:

- Economic development initiatives by the Tampa Bay Partnership and Orlando Economic Partnership
- New magnetic levitation technologies with applicability to inter-city travel
- A panel discussion on “Connecting the Markets,” with Commissioner Murman

The CCC and Central Florida Alliance jointly approved a resolution supporting preservation of the transit envelope in the I-4 corridor.

Ms. Torres provided a summary of all comments that were received from citizens. Board members were provided copies of all comments in full in their meeting folders. No Facebook comments were received. There were no questions following the committee reports and online comments provided by Ms. Torres.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Committee Appointments  
B. USF Fellowship Contract Renewal

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. MPO School Safety Study and Top 10 Report

Ms. Lisa Silva, MPO Staff introduced the agenda item of a study conducted on multimodal safety and walk/bike access reviews aimed at identifying opportunities to improve safety for students in Hillsborough County.

Mr. Chris Keller with Tindale Oliver noted the study was completed in two phases and provided information on potential enhancements and ongoing efforts. Mr. Matt Weaver with Element Engineering Group provided a list of recommended enhancements to roads in the top ten school areas for consideration. The next step is implementation with agencies cooperating through the School Transportation Working Group. The cost estimate for short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations was $12M.

Following the presentation, members inquired about a recommended midblock crossing; kids riding bikes to school; timed signals; Charter Schools crossings and sidewalks; decreasing speed limit on Busch Blvd. and flashing lights. Mr. Weaver noted that some of the issues that Board members expressed concerns about are being addressed.
A motion was made by Councilman Maniscalco to approve the School Safety Study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pat Kemp and carried unanimously.

B. Plan Hillsborough Strategic Plan – Resolution of Support

Ms. Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director, provided an overview of the Strategic Plan for Plan Hillsborough, the agency which provides staff support to the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board. The River Board has passed a resolution of support, and the MPO is invited to do so as well, prior to the Planning Commission considering adoption of the plan.

Following the presentation, Mr. Mechanik wanted to know how the gap will be bridged for recommendations on land use decisions and transportation decisions? Ms. Alden stated this is why it makes sense for the MPO to be housed with the Planning Commission, because the Planning Commission’s land use planners are in touch with local government development review decisions on a day to day basis, and it is easy for the transportation team to stay coordinated with the land use team.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kemp to approve the Plan Hillsborough 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, resolution, and letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and carried unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Topics & Emerging Technology

Mr. Robert Bertini, Director of USF’s Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), and Mr. Dennis Hinebaugh, CUTR’s Transit Research Program Director presented information on the peer review process, BRT and emerging technology.

Commissioner Kemp inquired about controlled street level corridors, dedicated corridors, buses on shoulders, managed lanes, and elevated lanes for BRT.

B. Transit in Florida’s Managed Lanes

Ms. Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT’s State Managed Lane Engineer, provided information on FDOT’s Policy and Planning Guidelines for buses in express lanes and the department’s role in express bus planning. In addition, she stated that park-and-ride lots are important to making the bus rapid transit successful on I-95. Multiple agencies must work together and there’s no one solution to the congestion problem in the region.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Kemp inquired about the types of managed lanes. She noted that Hillsborough County is the only place in the country that is not allowing for HOV Lanes.

C. Travel Markets in Tampa Bay and TBARTA’s Evolving Role

This item was deferred.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Beth Alden provided the Executive Director’s report.
The ItsTimeTampaBay.org website is live and is seeking input on three very different transportation and growth scenarios. Everyone is encouraged to look at the website. The online survey will be available until September 30th.

Staff has participated in two grant applications.

The Quarterly Report was provided in Board member’s folders.

On August 27th the regional workshop on the potential merger of the MPOs will take place at the Collaborative Labs at St. Petersburg College, located at 13805 58th Street North in Clearwater. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the workshop will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Over the next few weeks, staff will receive information on a potential national conference highlighting road safety.

Ms. Alden introduced new hire, Vishaka Shiva Raman. Ms. Raman previously worked with FDOT District 1 as a Complete Streets Planner and is one of the MPO’s former USF Fellows.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5th on the 2nd floor of the County Center.

The Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group meeting will take place on Friday, September 7th at 9:30 at the FDOT District 7 office, located at 11201 North McKinley Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

A quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on June 13

The CAC held a discussion with Hoyt Prindle, who was appointed by Hillsborough County as its representative on the TBARTA CAC. Mr. Prindle gave his views on recent changes to TBARTA’s mission and structure. CAC members had reservations about TBARTA’s effectiveness, absent a funding source dedicated to regional transit, as well as the lack of MPO representation on TBARTA’s CAC (although there is a proposal to change this pending).

There were no action items. The CAC received status reports from:

- TBARTA’s Interim Executive Director on the MPO Regional Best Practices Study;
- MPO staff on the upcoming survey of the public on the 2045 growth scenarios being prepared by the Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas MPOs; and
- MPO staff on the South Coast Greenway Study.

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on June 18

The TAC’s only action item in June was to provide comments on the FDOT’s West Busch Boulevard Corridor Study. After lengthy discussion on the various alternatives and options for reducing speed, the TAC approved the West Busch Boulevard Corridor study with the recommendation that the MPO school safety study elements identified for George D. Chamberlain High School be incorporated. This item is planned to be presented to the MPO Board at their September 5th meeting.

The TAC received status reports from:

- TBARTA’s Interim Executive Director on the MPO Regional Best Practices Study – the committee asked for a follow up presentation in September 2018
- MPO staff on the upcoming survey of the public on the 2045 growth scenarios. Members asked if survey options were identified from the existing LRTP and how alternative scenarios were decided? Requests were made for presentations to TBARTA and THEA Executive Board. Additional discussion occurred on funding restraints and project prioritization.
- The Tampa International Airport Master Plan Update. Members were very interested asking about office space and project funding.

The Policy Committee recessed in June and July.
Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on June 13 and Special Workshop July 11

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ New members and alternates.

The BPAC was briefed on:
o Changes to the Riverwalk as part of construction on the Convention Center and the Water Street Development.
o Outreach for It’s Time Tampa Bay and Tri-County Growth Concepts
o The South Coast Greenway Connector, from Adamo Drive to Symmes Road.

The July retreat of the BPAC was attended by Councilman Maniscalco and resulted in several ideas for future actions for the Committee to explore. Both committee members and members of the public attended.

Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) on June 20

After public comment, the committee discussed Tampa’s proposed Bay to Bay Boulevard improvements at length and directed staff to request a presentation to the committee at a future meeting.

The committee approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ FDOT’s West Busch Blvd Corridor Study - The committee’s first choice for reconfiguring the road was 4-lanes with a median; their second choice was 5-lanes, with a caveat to amend the Tampa Comprehensive Plan. The Committee pointed out two of the three options would require a City of Tampa Comprehensive Plan amendment.

The LRC was also briefed on:
o Systemic Safety Approach to Crash Prediction
o It’s Time Tampa Bay

Meeting of the School Transportation Working Group on June 27 (and July 25)

The working group commented on and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ FDOT’s West Busch Blvd. Corridor Study - The group preferred the 4 and 5 lane options and wanted to ensure that the MPO School Safety Study recommendations for Chamberlain High School were included in the study.

The STWG was briefed on:
o Systemic Safety Approach to Crash Prediction
o It’s Time Tampa Bay - the group discussed potential coordination of outreach through school district processes

The group also discussed back to school events, FDOT signal box wraps, and several jurisdiction coordination successes.

Meeting of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee on July 12

The committee received a presentation from FDOT staff regarding West Busch Boulevard, and one member asked FDOT staff to review a reversible lane study completed in Los Angeles.
✓ The committee supported FDOT’s efforts to make Busch a safer roadway.

The ITS Committee was briefed on:
o An initiative in Winter Haven to lease excess cable fiber and use that capital to finance expansion of the fiber network.
Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board on June 22

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed Tri-County Regional Pilot Project for transportation disadvantaged persons to travel door to door between Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough. The focus is for a pilot project to provide medical and life sustaining trips, and the outcome is that $5310 dollars could be used as the funding source. The Board discussed and agreed to meet on August 16, 2018 with the Pasco and Pinellas Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards to further discuss the proposed project.

The Board also approved the annual update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). Included in this year’s update are the results of the Board’s workshop with Coordinated Contractors held at the April 27, 2018. The Contractors identified many needs of the transportation disadvantaged including a need for safe and affordable housing with access to public transportation, the need for growing bus service so that the demand for door to door service could be reduced and become more sustainable and the need to coordinate land use, human services and transportation services in less urban areas of the county.

Meeting of the TBARTA MPO Chairs’ Coordinating Committee (CCC) on July 13

The CCC reviewed and approved an annual update to the regional priority lists for Multi-Use Trails as well as the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). Hillsborough County’s project to improve the I-75/Big Bend Road interchange was approved as #2 on the regional priority list for a TRIP grant, and a new County project was added to the TRIP candidate list: intersection improvements on SR 60 (Brandon Boulevard) to improve safety and traffic flow. Candidate projects on the regional trail system priority list include construction of portions of the South Tampa Greenway, Tampa Bypass Canal Trail, and South Coast Greenway. The meeting followed the MPO’s June public hearing at which Hillsborough citizen comments were received on this year’s priorities. Regionally significant projects are forwarded to the regional level for consideration of funding. The Hillsborough MPO was represented at the July 13 meeting by Mr. Klug.

The CCC then met with the MPO Chairs of the Central Florida Alliance and heard presentations on:

- Economic development initiatives by the Tampa Bay Partnership and Orlando Economic Partnership
- New magnetic levitation technologies for rapid transit being developed by Hyperloop Transportation Technologies, with applicability to inter-city travel in Florida
- A panel discussion, “Connecting the Markets,” with Hillsborough Commission Chair Sandy Murman, Pinellas Commission Chair Ken Welch, and Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari.

The CCC and Central Florida Alliance then jointly approved a resolution supporting preservation of the transit envelope in the I-4 corridor.