Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee
Monday, July 29, 2019, 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 – June 17, 2019

IV. Special Workshop Session
   A. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Major Projects (Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff)

V. Old Business & New Business
   A. Next meeting: August 19, 2019

VI. Adjournment

VII. Addendum
   A. MPO Meeting Minutes
   B. Event Open House #3 on Traffic & Safety Impact of FDOT plans for I-275 and I-4 in Downtown and Westshore

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019, 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
Rachel Chase
Amber Dickerson
Leland Dicus
Gina Evans (arrived at 1:38 p.m.)
Christina Kopp for Robert Frey
Anthony Garcia (arrived at 1:47 p.m.)
Mark Hudson for Julie Ham (arrived at 1:36 p.m.)
Melanie Calloway for Jonathan Scott
Michael Williams

The following members were absent:

Michael Case
Vincenzo Corazza
Michael English
Danni Jorgenson
Linda Walker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Responding to Ms. Gena Torres, MPO, Mr. David Aylesworth introduced himself to the MPO TAC.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 20, 2019

Regarding the minutes of the regular MPO TAC meeting from May 20, 2019, Mr. Dicus moved approval, seconded by Mr. Hudson, and carried ten to zero. (Members Case, Corraza, English, Jorgenson, and Walker were absent.)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. It’s TIME Hillsborough Survey

Ms. Torres presented the item. Chairman Sims sought information about an Interstate-275 limited stop, which Ms. Torres and Mr. Richard Clarendon, MPO, addressed. Mr. Hudson mentioned roadway improvements near the Strawberry Festival. Discussion ensued.

B. Temple Terrace Electric Vehicle Study

Mr. Wade Reynolds, MPO, supplied the presentation. Chairman Sims questioned the need for golf cart crossings, crossings at dangerous intersections, and the environmental impact of a potential crossing over the Hillsborough River at Fowler Avenue. Following talks, Mr. Hudson moved to recommend the MPO accept the Temple Terrace Electric Vehicle Study, seconded by Ms. Calloway, and carried ten to zero. (Members Case, Corraza, English, Jorgenson, and Walker were absent.)

V. STATUS REPORTS

A. East Fowler Avenue Land Use Study

Mr. Pedro Parra, PC, delivered the presentation. Ms. Torres remarked on a future Fowler Avenue presentation from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), 15th Street safety issues, and railway possibilities. Chairman Sims talked about development growth in the area. Comments followed pertaining to growth/private initiatives.

B. THEA - Sketch Level Planning

Ms. Kopp gave a presentation. Ms. Torres inquired about elevated lanes’ effects on neighborhoods, pedestrian safety issues, and resurfacing schedules.

C. Smart Cities Update

Tabled to a subsequent meeting.
VI. OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

A. TAC Workshop July 29, 2019

Ms. Torres reviewed the item.

B. MPO TAC liaison – Sarah McKinley

Ms. Torres touched on the MPO reorganization and noted that Ms. McKinley would be the new staff liaison to the MPO TAC. Chairman Sims and Ms. Dickerson shared appreciative remarks.

VII. ADDENDUM

A. MPO Meeting Summary and Committee Reports

B. Correspondence from FDOT on Strategic Intermodal System Network

C. Publication of Notice of Funding Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment

D. Federal Transit Administration to hold June 18, 2019, Webinar – Integrating Mobility Innovation Program

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED: ____________________________

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: ____________________________

Deputy Clerk

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Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Major Projects

**Presenter**
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

**Summary**
This workshop is being held as a working session to discuss the development of the Hillsborough MPO’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The workshop will focus on the Major Projects to be included in the LRTP as the MPO moves forward with forming the Cost Feasible Plan.

As part of the 2045 LRTP development the MPO has conducted a congestion analysis to measure delay reduction and projected traffic volumes to determine the best performing projects to be included in the Major Projects program of the LRTP. The workshop will also include a discussion of what other criteria to be considered to analyze projects.

Attached is a map showing the projected travel volumes based on 2045 projected population and employment growth with the existing highway conditions. This map is used to help identify future deficiencies in the highway network. Based on this and coordination with the jurisdictions project were identified and tested. A presentation will detail the findings of the congestion analysis followed by a discussion.

**Recommended Action**
Information only

**Prepared By**
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
2045 LRTP Volume to Capacity Map
The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting and Public Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Frederick B. Karl County Center, Tampa, Florida.

The following members were present:

Lesley Miller Jr., Chairman Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Charles Klug for Paul Anderson Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tampa Port Authority
Joseph Citro Councilman, City of Tampa (Tampa) City Council
Theodore Trent Green Planning Commission
Sandra Murman for Ken Hagan Commissioner, Hillsborough County
(arrived at 8:10 p.m.) Mayor, City of Temple Terrace
Frank Chillura for Mel Jurado Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Pat Kemp (arrived at 6:03 p.m.) CEO, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Janet Scherberger for Joe Lopano Mayor, City of Plant City
Rick Lott Councilman, Tampa City Council
Guido Maniscalco HART
David Mechanik Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Kimberly Overman Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Mariella Smith Hillsborough County School Board
Cindy Stuart (arrived at 8:27 p.m.) Councilman, Tampa City Council
Luís Viera (arrived at 6:06 p.m.) Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority
Joseph Waggoner

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and invocation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 8, 2019

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the May 8, 2019, minutes. Councilman Maniscalco so moved, seconded by Commissioner Overman, and carried twelve to zero. (Members Kemp, Murman, Stuart, and Viera had not arrived.) Chairman Miller acknowledged new MPO member Councilman Citro.
III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. William Roberts, MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, and Ms. Gena Torres, MPO, expounded on the reports.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Appointments

Chairman Miller called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Mechanik so moved, seconded by Commissioner Kemp, and carried fourteen to zero. (Members Murman and Stuart had not arrived.)

V. ROLL-CALL VOTE FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT APPROVED BY COMMITTEES

TIP Amendment for Pedestrian Crosswalk on Florida Avenue at Idlewild Avenue

Chairman Miller introduced the item. Mr. Mechanik moved approval, seconded by Mayor Lott. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried fourteen to zero. (Members Murman and Stuart had not arrived.)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR LONG-RANGE PLAN AMENDMENT AND TIP ANNUAL UPDATE

Staff Presentation

Ms. Sarah McKinley, MPO, gave a presentation. Mr. Klug moved the MPO allow District Secretary David Gwynn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), to make a brief presentation to explain the FDOT’s request, seconded by Mr. Waggoner, and carried fourteen to zero. (Members Murman and Stuart had not arrived.) Mr. Gwynn summarized the request.

Public Comments

The following individuals supported the FDOT’s request for Interstate (I) 275 additions: Ms. Karen Jaroch; Attorney Andrea Zelman, Tampa Downtown Partnership Incorporated; Ms. Sharon Calvert; and Messrs. Wilhelm Nunn; David Green, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA); and Willis Chadwick Loar, PNC Financial Enterprises Incorporated.

Attorney Ricardo Fernandez requested the MPO strike the remnants of Tampa Bay Express (TBX) and Items 27, 28, 40, and 44 from the TIP and asked the MPO to replace the second part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
amendment with the phrase “eliminate the express toll lanes that are currently stated in the plan.”

The subsequent speakers advocated for Items 27 and 28 remaining in the TIP:

► Attorney Andrew Mayts, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Incorporated (Tampa Chamber); Messrs. Marlin Anderson and Brant Peterson, Emerging Leaders of Tampa Bay (Emerging Leaders); ► Attorney Ronald Weaver; Mr. Rick Bennett; Dr. James Davison; and ► Ms. Kimberlee DeBosier, Tampa Chamber.

► Mr. Timothy Keeports, Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association Incorporated, requested the removal of Items 27 and 28 from the TIP.

► Mr. Joshua Baumgartner, Tampa Chamber, supported I-275 operational improvements.

► Ms. Doreen and Dr. Douglas Jesseph, University of South Florida (USF) encouraged the MPO to remove Items 27 and 28 from the TIP.

► Mr. Eddie Burch, Tampa Innovation Partnership, wanted Items 27 and 28 to be included in the TIP.

► Mr. Shane Ragiel addressed plan confusion, health impacts of the freeway, and believed Items 27 and 28 should be struck from the TIP.

► Ms. Hope Allen, CEO, North Tampa Bay Chamber Incorporated; Mr. Wyatt Krapf, Emerging Leaders; Ms. Lindsey Eggware; and ► Mr. Eric Larson, Tampa Innovation Alliance Incorporated, favored I-275 operational improvements.

► Ms. Chantal Lester believed alternate forms of transportation should be prioritized over freeway expansion.

► Ms. Raechel Canipe, Emerging Leaders, implored the MPO to support the Imagine 2040 LRTP and TIP.


► Ms. Dayna Lazarus, Student Advocates for Progressive Planning (SAPP), spoke on transportation planning, the automobile lobby, multimodal transportation, and sought the removal of Items 27, 28, 40, and 44 from the TIP.
Mr. David Loos promoted a compromise regarding I-275 operational improvements.

Ms. Michelle Cookson showed a video, favored regional commuter rail, discouraged freeway expansion, and wanted Items 27, 28, 40, and 44 removed from the TIP.

Mr. Sam Becker, SAPP, backed the removal of Items 27 and 28 from the TIP.

Mr. Gerald Dycus encouraged transit innovation.

Ms. Holly Simmons, Dana Shores Civic Association Incorporated, distributed materials and shared safety concerns about the areas between the Veterans Expressway and Hillsborough Avenue, including Memorial Highway, Independence Parkway, George Road, and Dana Shores Drive.

Ms. Ann Kulig, The Westshore Alliance Incorporated, supported the TIP.

Mr. Mauricio Rosas spoke on pedestrian deaths and highway design, played a video, and submitted background material.

Ms. Jitske Bergman relayed experiences with bus stops.

Mr. William Hunter did not agree with expanding roadways.

Mr. Christopher Vela asked the MPO to remove Items 27 and 28 from the TIP and expounded on historical FDOT operational interstate improvements, the effects on Ybor City, health impacts of freeways, safety on State roads, and the I-275 Boulevard concept.

Ms. Nicole Perry and Mr. Christopher Gleason opposed Items 27 and 28 in the TIP.

Mr. Mit Patel was against TBX/Tampa Bay Next (TBN).

Ms. Nicole Rice addressed Items 27 and 28 as related to the LRTP and hoped for new I-275 solutions from FDOT.

Mr. Joshua Frank advocated for investment in mobility and recommended removing Items 27 and 28 from the TIP.

Ms. Susan McClung believed I-275 was not the solution to Tampa transportation problems.
Dr. Brenton Wiernk, USF, addressed noise pollution and was against proposed I-275 operational improvements.

Attorney Hoyt L. Prindle III wanted Items 27 and 28 struck from the TIP.

Dr. Haywood Brown, USF, and Florida House Representative Fentrice Driscoll supported I-275 improvements.

Florida House Representative Diane Hart encouraged the MPO to listen to their constituents.

Mses. Gwen Myers, Jennifer Leon, and Michele Coket-Kriz opposed Items 27 and 28 in the TIP.

Ms. Ashlie Dummeldinger urged the MPO to back mass transit.

Mr. Richard Fifer implored the MPO to consider the effects of the proposed I-275 operational improvements on local citizens.

Mr. Matthew Suarez spoke on the history of Mr. Robert Moses, opined on freeway expansion, preferred the establishment of commuter rail in the County, and requested the MPO take Items 27 and 28 out of the TIP.

Mr. Richard Homans, CEO, Tampa Bay Partnership Incorporated, clarified the scope of the proposed I-275 operational improvements and supported the proposal.

Ms. Lori Karpay discussed induced demand and did not favor adding lanes to I-275.

Mr. Luis Pabon and Ms. Lena Young Green advocated for striking Items 27 and 28 from the TIP.

Summary of Comments Submitted in Advance

Ms. Torres summarized background material.
Board Discussion and Action

a. Imagine 2040 LRTP Amendment for TBN Section Seven Project Development and Environment Study and Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act Consistency

Chairman Miller introduced the item. Following a request from Commissioner Kemp to address the item with three separate motions, Ms. Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director, clarified procedure. Discussion ensued. Chairman Miller called for a motion to approve the Imagine 2040 LRTP. Mr. Mechanik so moved, seconded by Mr. Waggoner.

Commissioner Kemp moved an amendment to have an opportunity to pull out the express toll lanes and to take a separate vote on that amendment, seconded by Councilman Maniscalco. Responding to Mr. Waggoner, Commissioner Kemp explained the amendment was simply to remove the express toll lanes from I-275 north of the downtown interchange and to pull that out as a separate vote. The amendment carried sixteen to zero. Upon roll call vote, the amended motion carried ten to six; Chairman Miller and Members Citro, Kemp, Maniscalco, Overman, and Smith voted no.

Senior Assistant County Attorney Cameron Clark clarified the outcome of the amendment/motion. Following questions on the propriety of requesting a staff report on vegetation, trees, and shrubs along the noise walls, Councilman Viera moved for that, seconded by Commissioner Murman. Commissioner Overman noted Tampa’s landscaping responsibility along I-275. The motion carried sixteen to zero.

b. TIP for October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2024

Commissioner Overman addressed Items 27 and 28 and the need for safety in road design, prioritizing transit systems, considered moving Item 28 to a study to see what could be done to improve the safety of the I-4 flyover bridge, and asked the MPO to entertain striking Items 27 and 28 from the TIP. Following inquiries from Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Overman moved to remove 27, 28, 40, and 44, and to consider doing the safety study on the I-4 flyover bridge without lanes, seconded by Commissioner Kemp. (The motion was subsequently withdrawn.) Ms. Alden sought verification the motion removed funding from Item 27. Commissioner Overman withdrew her motion.
Responding to Commissioner Kemp, Mr. Gwynn spoke on TIP priority projects, studying the downtown interchange, and commuter rail projects. Commissioner Kemp opined on the downtown interchange, multimodal centers, commuter rail/intelligent transit system options, the Katy Freeway, and the health impacts of highways.

Councilman Viera emphasized public safety, inquired about adding vegetation to sound walls, and perceived a failure of dialogue between communities and federal agencies. Mr. Mechanik queried if the item could be voted on next month. Upon continuance questions, Commissioner Kemp moved to remove 27 and 28 from the TIP and any funding associated with that part, seconded by Councilman Maniscalco. (The motion was not voted on.)

Commissioner Overman wondered if it was possible to strike Item 27 and keep the funding in Item 28 to study the possibility of safety improvements to the downtown interchange. Discussion ensued. Following clarification on the item impact and procedural rules, Mayor Lott moved a substitute motion that the MPO approve the TIP amendment as presented that evening with no changes, seconded by Commissioner Murman.

After comments, Commissioner Smith moved to amend the substitute motion to remove 40 and 44 for consideration after, to approve the TIP without 40 and 44 and consider those after the fact, seconded by Commissioner Kemp. Commissioner Smith distributed materials and expounded on Items 40 and 44. The motion carried thirteen to three; Members Klug, Murman, and Stuart voted no.

Commissioner Kemp participated in dialogue about the future of Item 28 and how the funding would affect Items 27 and 28. Mr. Mechanik suggested future projects could be discussed earlier in the cycle prior to the public hearing. Commissioner Overman asked about funding sources and adding a possible concession on Item 27 indicating the MPO’s priority was improving safety over adding lanes. Dialogue continued. Upon roll call vote, the amended substitute motion carried eleven to five; Chairman Miller and Members Kemp, Maniscalco, Overman, and Smith voted no.

Mr. Chillura inquired about the removal of Items 40 and 44, which Ms. McKinley addressed. Referencing Baum Road, Ms. Stuart advised a new high school was being built with 3,000 expected students. Following comments,
Commissioner Murman moved to reconsider the approval of the TIP motion that the MPO made that excluded 40 and 44, seconded by Ms. Stuart. Chairman Miller and Attorney Clark clarified the motion and reconsideration procedure. The motion carried fifteen to one; Commissioner Smith voted no.

Chairman Miller called for a motion to reconsider the amendment. Commissioner Murman so moved, seconded by Ms. Stuart. Following clarification, the motion carried fourteen to two; Commissioners Kemp and Smith voted no.

Subsequent to discussing Items 40 and 44 on the TIP, Commissioner Smith moved an amendment to just remove 40, seconded by Commissioner Overman. Ms. Stuart described the new school site. The motion carried sixteen to zero.

Chairman Miller asked if Mayor Lott was still making his original substitute motion. Mayor Lott agreed, seconded by Commissioner Murman. Upon roll call vote, the amended substitute motion carried eleven to five; Chairman Miller and Members Kemp, Maniscalco, Overman, and Smith voted no.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

It’s Time Hillsborough to Tell Us Your Priorities for Major Transportation Projects for the Next LRTP; Survey Open through July 28, 2019

MPO Board to Recess in July; Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., 26th Floor; Next Policy Committee meeting: July 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m., 18th Floor; MPO Chairs’ Coordinating Committee: July 19, 2019, Florida Hospital Center Ice

Independent Oversight Committee First Meeting: July 16, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., Planning Commission Boardroom, County Center, 18th Floor

Ms. Beth Alden touched on the report.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Noting a need to clarify the MPO’s role in the transportation surtax allocations, Mr. Green suggested holding a workshop between the MPO, HART Board, and TBARTA to try and get a handle on a strategic direction. Chairman Miller invited Mr. Green to make that motion. Mr. Green made that motion, seconded by Commissioner Overman. Commissioner Kemp spoke on the CSX tracks.
Mr. Mechanik noted HART would not receive surtax money until January 1, 2020, and all funds would go toward transit. Following discussion, the motion carried sixteen to zero.

IX. ADDENDUM

Upcoming Events

• Back to School Supplies Drive
• It’s Time Hillsborough Outreach Flyer
• Vision Zero Coalition Quarterly Meeting: June 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, 3402 North 22nd Street, Tampa
• Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Summer Summit: June 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., University Area Community Development Center

Correspondence

• From Tampa Police Department regarding MPO Letter on Parking in Bike Lanes
• From FDOT on Strategic Intermodal System Network
• From TBARTA on MPO Regional Coordination Research Study
• From Civil Service Board on Board Dissolution
• From FDOT Secretary Gwynn on Traffic Fatalities April 8-21, 2019
• From FDOT Secretary Gwynn on Traffic Fatalities April 22 – May 5, 2019
• From FDOT Secretary Gwynn on Traffic Fatalities May 6-19, 2019
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

Project Fact Sheets

- MPO Advisory Council Freight Priorities Program:  2019 Project List

Articles Relating to MPO Work

- “Transportation Leaders will Study Idea to Tear Down and Replace Portion of I-275” – ABC Action News
- “Hillsborough Officials will Study Whether or not we should Tear Down I-275” – Creative Loafing
- “Hillsborough will Study ‘Boulevard Tampa’ and Vote on Ferry to MacDill Air Force Base” – WMNF
- “Sidewalk Stompers take Strides for Pedestrian Safety” – 83 Degrees
- “FDOT Holding Two Meetings on Proposed Changes to Two Big Interchanges in Tampa” – ABC Action News
- “All for Transportation Oversight Committee is Complete, Meetings to Start This Summer” – FLAPOL
- “Be Prepared this Hurricane Season!” – HART blogspot
- “Here’s What You Can - and Can’t - Do With Your Phone While Driving Beginning July 1, 2019” – FLAPOL
- “Temple Terrace Residents Paint an Eye-Popping Design on Neighborhood Streets” – Tampa Bay Times
- “All for Transportation Lawsuit Could be Decided in Two Weeks” – FLAPOL
- “It’s Time Hillsborough Survey” – Newsradio WFLA

Miscellaneous

- Article: “The One Way to Reduce Traffic”
- Article: “Has Seattle Found the Solution?”
- Article: “Roads Suffer when States Focus on Expansion over Repair”
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

- Article: “The High Cost of Transportation in the United States”

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED: ______________________________

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: _______________________
   Deputy Clerk

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Please join us for Open House #3 on TRAFFIC & SAFETY IMPACT of FDOT plans for I-275 and I-4 in Downtown and Westshore

Join the Hillsborough MPO Board and its committees to learn more about FDOT's interstate modernization plans. This is the third in a series of three open houses and briefings on the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). It will focus is on traffic/safety issues to help FDOT in the selection of a preferred alternative and identify key issues to be addressed in the conceptual design plan.

The informal format is an opportunity to talk with experts and view a series of displays, including: TIS | SEIS | Traffic and Crash Analysis | Downtown Tampa Interchange (DTI) long-term improvements | SEIS alternatives | DTI short-term operational improvements and transition to Hillsborough Ave | MPO It's TIME Hillsborough survey results

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