Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:30 pm
County Center, 26th Floor Conference Rooms A & B

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019

IV. Members’ Interests

V. Status Reports
   A. Agency Project Plans for 2020 for Transportation Surtax (Johnny Wong, Hillsborough MPO)
   B. Fletcher Avenue Complete Street – Before & After (Sara Beresheim/Julie Bond, CUTR)
   C. Government in the Sunshine State and Public Records Refresher (Cameron Clark, Hillsborough County Attorney’s Office)
   D. Robert’s Rules of Order, the handbook of procedure for creating and acting on motions (Hank Ennis)

VI. Old Business & New Business

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum
   A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

In the Chair and Vice Chair’s absences, Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Katrina Corcoran, Peter Davitt, Rafael Hernandez, Tim Horst, Richard Johnson, John Kubicki, John Marsh, Faye Miller, Paul Pramberger, Karla Price, Richard Ranck, Jaime Rubscha, Bill Sapper, Calvin Thornton, Sally Thompson, and Alain Watson

**Others present:** Gena Torres and Wade Reynolds - Hillsborough MPO; Sharon Snyder - Planning Commission; Alex Henry – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Monica Martin – Hillsborough County

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments at the beginning of the meeting. There were Public Comments at the end.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approval of the minutes of October 16, 2019 (Watson - Marsh). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **MEMBERS’ INTERESTS (2 minutes each)**

**Karla Price** – The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department is undergoing a Master Plan process. There will be three public meetings next week and two the first week of December. If you are a City resident, please visit the City of Tampa’s website for more information. There will be additional meetings once a consultant is onboard. This Master Plan will include trails.

**Peter Davitt** – Who should he contact about having Fowler Avenue swept, particularly along the westbound shoulders between 50th Street and Highway 301, as it is a hazard for bicyclists? Alex Henry, FDOT, took the information and will check into this.

**Tim Horst** – The Public Comment window for FDOT closed and he was wondering if there was still time to make comments. Mr. Henry stated the official online public hearing ran for five (5) days and public comment was for ten – fourteen (10 - 14) days following that. Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Henry if this was the new fifth-year program and he responded yes, the same as was presented at the October meeting. Mr. Reynolds reminded members the fifth-year projects will come back to the Committee as part of the TIP in April or May. Mr. Henry encouraged members to contact him with any project specific comments. Mr. Horst stated he found it difficult to provide comments when the interactive map wasn’t available. Mr. Henry explained the work program cycle was accelerated due to the state legislative session being two months earlier.
Calvin Thornton – The City of Tampa worked with USF to create a survey for the scooter program. That survey is completed and was sent to the MPO. Hopefully Mr. Reynolds can distribute the survey link to the Committee and Planning Commission/MPO staff. The City is seeking feedback on the scooter program on what it should look now and in the future.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Tampa Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Map Update – Map Cleanup (Wade Reynolds, MPO)

Mr. Reynolds presented the update on the Greenways Master Plan, all of which are in unincorporated County and are small alignment changes. He explained the questions presented to the Committee are (1) the definition of sidepaths (greater than 10’ and along roads; Trails are 12’ and completely separated from roads), (2) representation of trails vs. sidepaths and (3) should unpaved trails and equestrian trails be represented on the map or should they be separate maps?

Discussions followed regarding what kind of trail is proposed for along Harney Road/US Highway 301 (minimum of 12’ wide paved trail); a request to include horse trails on the same map; the opinion that having all trail information on one map is good representation; equestrians typically don’t want to take horses on paved surfaces; and a request to label trailhead connections.

Motion: Recommend approval of map changes to the MPO Board (Thompson – Ranck). The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of 2020 Calendar (Wade Reynolds, MPO)

Mr. Reynolds presented the proposed 2020 BPAC meeting dates.

Motion: Review and approve the 2020 BPAC Meeting calendar (Watson – Price). The motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATUS REPORTS

A. Vision Zero Speed Management Study Update (Gena Torres, MPO)

Ms. Torres presented the Vision Zero Speed Management Study update. She discussed the study scope tasks of the Speed Management Action Plan, which are stakeholder engagement, speed management practices, corridor prioritization, corridor community engagement, and speed management action plan.

Ms. Torres explained a County roadway was selected for the Corridor Community Engagement project; however, due to some County funds being left over at year end, Commissioner Kemp allocated $500,000 to the MPO to study and plan recommendations along eight (8) of the Top 20 High Crash corridors. The MPO Team will get the studies almost to the PD&E stage before handing them off to Public Works for completion.

Discussions followed regarding if the presentation can be made available to the Committee (Mr. Reynolds will send out to the Committee via email); what level of design will the eight (8) County...
projects be (they will be one level before PD&E); and an interest in seeing before and after studies after the changes are made.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The December 11th BPAC meeting will be held in the 26th Floor Conference Rooms A & B again.

Mr. Horst asked what the status is on the CSX project on Highway 41. Mr. Reynolds explained the MPO sent a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Lilliam Escalera stated FDOT is working on different alternatives. FDOT is hosting a workshop on November 19th and additional information on the workshop was included in the agenda packet.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

VIII. Public Comment

Due to the relocation of the meeting, Mr. Jose Salazar arrived after the Public Comment portion and asked for an update on the Greenways Master Plan. He also asked if bicycle trails are required to withstand the pressure of rescue vehicles driving on them, if necessary. Mr. Thornton responded that trails built over water are required to be sufficient for an emergency vehicle to be driven on them. Mr. Salazar asked if the requirements are different for a bicycle network/community within an urban area? Mr. Reynolds offered to discuss these items with him after the meeting.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Overview of Agency Project Plans for CY2020 Transportation Surtax

**Presenter**
Johnny Wong, MPO Staff

**Summary**
On November 21, 2019, the Independent Oversight Committee for the Transportation Sales Surtax certified that all Agency Project Plans submitted for CY2020 comply with governing law. With that action, HART, Hillsborough County, and the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City may begin work on the projects listed in their respective plans.

Certification by the IOC marks an important first step toward fulfilling the wishes of Hillsborough County voters. This presentation will provide an overview of the projects in each Agency’s Plan and what to expect in the year 2020.

**Recommended Action**
None; for information only

**Prepared By**
Johnny Wong, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
1. [HART's Transportation Surtax Project Plan for CY2020](#)
2. [Hillsborough County's Transportation Surtax Project Plan for CY2020](#)
3. [City of Tampa's Transportation Surtax Project Plan for CY2020](#)
4. [City of Temple Terrace's Transportation Surtax Project Plan for CY2020](#)
5. [City of Plant City's Transportation Surtax Project Plan for CY2020](#)
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Fletcher Avenue Complete Street – Before & After

**Presenter**
Sara Beresheim, JMT and Julie Bond, CUTR

**Summary**
Two much anticipated before and after studies have been completed on Fletcher Avenue: a review of the traffic-related results of the complete street conversion and a behavioral assessment of road users. As the MPO allocates funds to study and build complete streets, studies like these support why redesigning roads can be successful at slowing traffic without necessarily diverting drivers to adjacent roads or causing excessive delay. The added look into whether there is compliance by the users – cyclists using the bike lane, pedestrians crossing in designated locations and pushing the button, and motorists stopping as required was helpful to confirm that changing behaviors is possible and a needed compliment to the infrastructure changes in reducing serious and fatal crashes.

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

**Prepared By**
Gena Torres, MPO staff

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

Agenda Item
Sunshine Law and Public Records Requirements

Presenter
Cameron Clark, MPO County Attorney

Summary
MPO committees are subject to the requirements outlined in the Sunshine Law. In general, the law is in place to ensure transparency in government and does so by requiring meetings to be open to the public, notices to be provided, and minutes to be taken. There is also guidance on committee members discussing topics that could come before their board for action. The MPO’s attorney will provide insight on both of these topics.

Recommended Action
None. For information only.

Prepared By
Cheryl Wilkening, MPO Staff

Attachments
1. Memo from Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney
2. Link to information about The “Sunshine” Law
TO: MPO Governing Board
FROM: Cameron S. Clark, MPO Attorney
DATE: November 20, 2019
SUBJECT: Frequently Asked Questions about the Sunshine Law and Public Records

• What is the Sunshine Law?
Florida’s Government-in-the-Sunshine law provides a right of access to governmental proceedings at both the state and local levels. It applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss some matter which will foreseeably come before that board for action. There is also a constitutionally guaranteed right of access. Virtually all state and local collegial public bodies are covered by the open meetings requirements with the exception of the judiciary and the state Legislature which has its own constitutional provision relating to access.

• What are the requirements of the Sunshine law?
The Sunshine law requires that 1) meetings of boards or commissions must be open to the public; 2) reasonable notice of such meetings must be given, and 3) minutes of the meeting must be taken.

• What agencies are covered under the Sunshine Law?
The Government-in-the-Sunshine Law applies to “any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision.” Thus, it applies to public collegial bodies within the state at both the local as well as state level. It applies equally to elected or appointed boards or commissions.

• Does the Sunshine Law apply to members-elect?
Members-elect of public boards or commissions are covered by the Sunshine law immediately upon their election to public office.

• What qualifies as a meeting?
The Sunshine law applies to all discussions or deliberations as well as the formal action taken by a board or commission. The law, in essence, is applicable to any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more members of the same board or commission to discuss some
matter on which foreseeable action will be taken by the public board or commission. There is no requirement that a quorum be present for a meeting to be covered under the law.

- **Can a public agency hold closed meetings?**
  There are a limited number of exemptions which would allow a public agency to close a meeting. These include, but are not limited to, certain discussions with the board’s attorney over pending litigation and portions of collective bargaining sessions. In addition, specific portions of meetings of some agencies (usually state agencies) may be closed when those agencies are making probable cause determinations or considering confidential records.

- **Can a citizen’s right to speak at a meeting be restricted?**
  Public agencies are allowed to adopt reasonable rules and regulations which ensure the orderly conduct of a public meeting and which require orderly behavior on the part of the public attending. This includes limiting the amount of time an individual can speak and, when a large number of people attend and wish to speak, requesting that a representative of each side of the issue speak rather than everyone present.

- **Can a private citizen videotape a public meeting?**
  A public board may not prohibit a citizen from videotaping a public meeting through the use of nondisruptive video recording devices.

- **Can a board vote by secret ballot?**
  No. The Sunshine law requires that meetings of public boards or commissions be “open to the public at all times.” Thus, use of preassigned numbers, codes or secret ballots would violate the law.

- **Can two members of a public board attend social or professional functions together?**
  Members of a public board are not prohibited under the Sunshine law from meeting together socially or attending the same functions, provided that those members do not discuss with each other any matters that may come before their public board.

- **Can members of a public board communicate with each other via proxy about board business?**
  No, members of a public board cannot communicate with each other in any way about a matter that is, or may come before, their board. This includes communication through intermediaries.

- **What is a public record?**
  The Florida Supreme Court has determined that public records are all materials made or received by an agency in connection with official business which are used to perpetuate, communicate or formalize knowledge. They are not limited to traditional written documents. Tapes, photographs, films and sound recordings are also considered public records subject to inspection unless a statutory exemption exists.

- **Does an agency have to explain why it denies access to public records?**
  A custodian of a public record who contends that the record or part of a record is exempt from inspection must state the basis for that exemption, including the statutory citation. Additionally, when asked, the custodian must state in writing the reasons for concluding the record is exempt.
• **When does a document sent to a public agency become a public document?**
  As soon as a document is received by a public agency, it becomes a public record, unless there is a legislatively created exemption which makes it confidential and not subject to disclosure.

• **Can an agency refuse to allow public records to be inspected or copied if requested to do so by the maker or sender of the documents?**
  No. To allow the maker or sender of documents to dictate the circumstances under which documents are deemed confidential would permit private parties instead of the Legislature to determine which public records are public and which are not.

• **Is an agency required to give out information from public records or produce public records in a particular form as requested by an individual?**
  The Sunshine Law provides for a right of access to inspect and copy existing public records. It does not mandate that the custodian give out information from the records nor does it mandate that an agency create new records to accommodate a request for information.

*Source: Florida Attorney General’s Office*

(http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/321B47083D80C4CD8525791B006A54E3)
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Robert's Rules of Order

**Presenter**
Hank Ennis, Chief Administrative Counsel

**Summary**
MPO committees expressed interest in making sure Robert’s Rules of Order were being followed, particularly when taking action on agenda items. MPO staff will discuss basic rules on Parliamentary Procedure, and also distribute a handy guide to the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

MPO staff will share highlights pertinent to activities of the MPO Committees.

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

**Prepared By**
Cheryl Wilkening, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
None.
The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting and Public Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 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
Steve Cona, Hillsborough County School Board
Theodore Trent Green, Planning Commission (PC) Councilman, Tampa City Council
Pat Kemp, Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Janet Scherberger for Joe Lopano, CEO, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Rick Lott (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Guido Maniscalco
David Mechanik
Kimberly Overman
Mariella Smith
Luis Viera (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)
Joseph Waggoner (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

The following members were absent:

Ken Hagan, Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Mel Jurado, Mayor, City of Temple Terrace

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

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and gave the invocation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND OCTOBER 9, 2019, WORKSHOP

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Maniscalco so moved, seconded by Mr. Cona, and carried twelve to zero. (Members Scherberger and Viera had not arrived; Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)
III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Appointments

Letter requested by Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee regarding U.S. Highway 41 CSX Grade Separation

Chairman Miller sought a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Smith moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Kemp, and carried twelve to zero. (Members Scherberger and Viera had not arrived; Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)

V. ACTION ITEMS

Letter of Comment on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Work Program

Ms. Sarah McKinley, MPO, delivered a presentation and asked the MPO to approve the letter to be forwarded to FDOT for comments. Chairman Miller sought a motion. Mr. Cona motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kemp, and carried twelve to zero. (Members Scherberger and Viera had not arrived; Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

Summary of Comments Received During 30-Day Public Comment Period

Ms. Lisa Silva, PC, relayed the summary of public comments.

Ms. Linda Martin left a voicemail in support of improving County roads.

The following individuals made various electronic statements in opposition of the item: Attorney Ricardo Fernandez, Mr. Shane Ragiel, Ms. Helen Anne Travis, Mr. Gregory Gall, and Ms. Lauren O’Neill.

Letters were shared by Tampa Downtown Partnership and The WestShore Alliance Incorporated in support for the 2045 LRTP. Ms. Sharon Calvert wrote questions to MPO staff involving the cost assessments and how the revenues were allocated.
Overview of 2045 Plan and Revisions to the Comment Period Draft

Mr. Todd Brauer, MPO Consultant, presented the item.

Public Comments

Mr. Nicholas Glover, Vice President, Advocacy, for Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Incorporated (Chamber), reiterated the Chamber’s backing for the 2045 LRTP.

Mr. James Davidson spoke against the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Ann Kulig, The WestShore Alliance Incorporated, requested the MPO Board support the 2045 LRTP.

Mr. Adam Metz asked the MPO Board to remove the toll lanes from West Tampa and strike the Quick Fix.

Mr. Richard Homans, CEO, Tampa Bay Partnership Incorporated, favored multimodel improvements.

Mr. Connor MacDonald asked for the removal of Line Items S-3, S-27, S-28, and S-29 from the 2045 LRTP.

Attorney Ronald Weaver plead to the MPO Board to not remove “Malfunction Junction” from the Quick Fix of the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Michelle Cookson supported prioritizing transportation and putting the people first.

Mr. Joshua Frank implored the MPO Board to work towards removing cars from the road.

Ms. Trinity Miller, Vice President, Student Advocates for Progressive Planning at University of South Florida (USF), called on the MPO Board to remove S-3, S-27, S-28, and S-29 from the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Lynda Remund, president/CEO, Tampa Downtown Partnership Incorporated, was in favor of the 2045 LRTP.

Mr. Tyler DeMond, Student Advocates for Progressive Planning, USF, urged the removal of S-3, S-27, S-28, and S-29 from the 2045 LRTP.
Mr. Christopher Vela and Ms. Laurel Urena opposed the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Kelly Grimsdale asked the MPO Board to keep in mind the rich historic atmosphere of Ybor City.

Board Discussions and Action

Following observations, Commissioner Overman moved to remove 27, 28, and 29 from the LRTP, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioners Kemp and Smith favored the motion. Mayor Lott opposed to the motion due to the need of widening State Road 60. The motion carried twelve to two; Mayor Lott and Mr. Waggoner voted no. (Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)

Upon comments, Commissioner Overman moved the MPO formally request State and federal support for HART’s plan negotiation with CSX to begin with the competitive process for the New Starts transit program and add that to the local MPO’s recommendation as a top priority for the Tampa Bay region. After remarking on being able to accomplish the Westshore interchange as a top priority and believing it was critical to add that a New Starts project in Hillsborough County lead the way towards a regional and transit system that included discussions with CSX in terms of right of way, rail, or usage, Commissioner Overman wanted to add the request/item to the LRTP, seconded by Councilman Viera. Subsequent to appreciative remarks, the motion carried fourteen to zero. (Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)

Mr. Mechanik moved to approve the LRTP as recommended, with the two amendments that were just previously approved by the MPO Board, seconded by Mr. Cona. Regarding the toll express lanes from the 2045 LRTP, Commissioner Smith made an amendment to have them described in the LRTP only as express lanes. After comments, Commissioner Smith restated the motion was to amend the adoption of the LRTP by making all eight of those items refer only to express lanes, they could be HART lanes, they could be express lanes, they could be anything, but not toll lanes, seconded by Commissioner Kemp. Councilman Viera questioned the motion in relation to the amount funded by the MPO, which District Secretary David Gwynn, FDOT, addressed.

Mr. Mechanik inquired if the amendment precluded toll lanes. Commissioner Smith reiterated the amendment. Ms. Scherberger sought further clarification S-1 and S-2 were the Westshore Interchange, which Commissioner Smith addressed. Mr. Edward McKinney, FDOT, touched on concerns involving express toll lanes. Dialogue ensued on toll/express lanes in the 2045 LRTP.
Mr. Cona stressed the importance of accomplishing the 2045 LRTP and opposed the motion. Councilman Viera shared concerns over unintended consequences.

Commissioner Kemp requested clarification on the segments involved with the Westshore interchange project, which Mr. McKinney and Commissioner Smith responded. The amendment to the motion failed three to eleven; Chairman Miller and Members Klug, Cona, Green, Scherberger, Lott, Maniscalco, Mechanik, Overman, Viera, and Waggoner voted no. (Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.) Commissioner Kemp suggested an amendment that simply described the segments that the MPO Board just spoke about that would not affect any future funding now as would special use lanes be appropriate or simply express lanes for those lanes for that time. Following comments, Ms. Alden clarified the lanes involved were S-12, S-13, S-17, S-18, and S-19.

Commissioner Kemp made an amendment to look at those as express lanes, seconded by Mr. Waggoner, and carried fourteen to zero. (Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.) Upon roll call vote, the main motion carried thirteen to one; Commissioner Smith voted no. (Members Hagan and Jurado were absent.)

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit - November 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

Temporary relocation of Plan Hillsborough Staff, starting November 18, 2019, to 700 East Twiggs Street, Sixth Floor, no change to phone numbers

Board officer elections at next meeting: December 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., 26th Floor

Ms. Alden delivered the report.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Kemp asked the MPO Board to start to generate/look at how the MPO Board could generate categories of measurement, included equity as the MPO Board move forward and include reducing single occupancy vehicle use and a climate resiliency mechanism of measurement as well, and perhaps an environmental air quality, also, as well.

Commissioner Overman requested the MPO consider putting together a Vision Zero plan developing specific specs for the County.
IX. ADDENDUM

A. Announcements

Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit, November 14, 2019

U.S. Highway 41 (50th Street) CSX Overpass Public Workshop, November 19, 2019

Survey for FDOT’s Florida Transportation Plan

Survey for Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Regional Transit Development Plan

B. Project Fact Sheets and Updates

FDOT Interstate (I) 4 Weigh Station Access Improvements

FDOT I-75 Ramp Reconfiguration and Interchange Modification from south of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to I-4

Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC) Legislative News, October 19, 2019

Florida MPOAC Legislative News, October 26, 2019

C. Correspondence

To FDOT Secretary Gwynn regarding: Tampa Interstate Study, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

To Center for Urban Transportation (CUTR) regarding: C-TEDD Grant Match from Hillsborough MPO

To Center for Transportation, Equity, Decisions, and Dollars (C-TEDD) supporting CUTR Proposal, “Protecting the Most Vulnerable in the Face of Disaster: Investigating Evacuation Dynamics and Its Implications for Planning

To South Atlantic Regional Research Competition supporting University of Florida’s Regional Sea Grant application

From FDOT Secretary Gwynn on Traffic Fatalities September 9 through 22, 2019

From FDOT Secretary Gwynn on Traffic Fatalities September 25, 2019, through October 7, 2019

D. Articles Relating to MPO Work
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED: ______________________________

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: _______________________
    Deputy Clerk
    ms
Committee Reports

Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on October 16

Two citizens offered public comments, one speaking in favor of the boulevard study and promoting safer, walkable and bikeable communities, the other speaking in support of FDOT’s preferred alternative (the “quick fix”) for the downtown interchange.

Under Action items, the CAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- The DRAFT 2045 Plan by a vote of 8 to 6 with the following amendments:
  - By a vote of 9 to 7, recommending striking projects S-27, S-28 and S-29 (widening SR 60 from Dover Rd to Polk County) due to their potential to encourage sprawl; and
  - By a vote of 8 to 6, recommending striking project S-3 (adding toll lanes on I-275 between Himes Ave and the Hillsborough River) because the SEIS has not concluded and therefore the project has not been fully vetted.

The CAC also heard a report on the FDOT Tentative Work Program. Members asked several questions touching on crosswalks, signals, elevated lanes and the allocation of funding between transit and highway projects but did not pass a motion regarding their comments.

Lastly, on November 13, the CAC will have a tour of the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority Traffic Management Center preceding their regular monthly meeting.

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

The TAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- DRAFT 2045 Cost Feasible Plan
- FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment & Open House
  - The committee passed a motion to advance the deferred SR 60 projects west of Dover Road if the funding is to become available.

The TAC heard status reports on: Gandy Bridge PD & E
Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on October 16

The BPAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- DRAFT 2045 Cost Feasible Plan
- FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment & Open House

The BPAC heard status reports on:

The CSX/US41 Grade Separation Study – The BPAC asked to send a letter to FDOT regarding preferred facilities and requested a side path with separation from the roadway as the Committee's preferred facility.

The committee also reviewed draft messaging for Vision Zero and provided comments to staff.

Meeting of the Livable Roadways Advisory Committee (LRC) on October 23

The LRC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- The committee approved a motion: To approve the 2045 LRTP and by the next update, incorporate bold performance measures to commit to reducing vehicle delay, greenhouse gases and improve safety.
- FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment & Open House

The LRC heard status reports on: Gandy Bridge PD&E

Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) on October 25

The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board offers the following motions to the MPO for their consideration:

For the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):

- MOTION: The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board fully endorses the LRTP’s focus on addressing the needs of Hillsborough County’s TD community including the planned increase in transit service, filling sidewalk gaps and complete street treatments. The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommends approval of the LRTP.

For the FDOT Tentative Work Program Letter of Comment: The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board requests the MPO include the following motions in its letter to FDOT:
• MOTION: The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board supports the FDOT’s specific focus and continued concentration on fulfilling the needs of the Hillsborough County’s TD community in the specific areas of funding transit capital and operations, bike ped improvements and complete street programming.

• MOTION: The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board requests that the FDOT standardizes addressing the needs of the visually impaired community at crosswalks in downtowns, shopping areas and other areas of activity.

Meeting of the Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (ITS) on October 10

The ITS approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

• DRAFT 2045 Cost Feasible Plan
• FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment & Open House
• The committee passed a motion to convey to DOT that they would like greater consideration of ITS project in the Work Program

The ITS heard status reports on:

FDOT District 7 Traffic Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Strategic Plan

Meeting of the Policy Committee on October 22

The Policy Committee discussed two items and referred them to the MPO Board for discussion and action. The items were:

• FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment – members requested maps of the different types of projects, asked what is included in Urban Corridor Improvement projects and Resurfacing projects, heard the comments from the other committees, and directed staff to schedule a short presentation about the proposed Letter of Comment at the November 5 MPO Board Meeting and Public Hearing.

• Process for Updating TIP Priorities – members asked staff to schedule a discussion at a future board meeting, and to prepare a letter to the local jurisdictions and agencies asking them to confirm that their legislative bodies approved their project priority requests or affirmatively delegated the submittal of requests to their staff. The committee also discussed creating a separate priority list for Major Investment Projects – separate from the “bucket” investment programs – to highlight the importance of the major projects.

The committee also was briefed on the implementation of the Plan Hillsborough Strategic Plan and had a conversation with Executive Director Melissa Zornitta about further steps to coordinate transportation and land use.