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Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB)  
**Friday, December 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Rooms A&B**



- I. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - A. **SPECIAL EVENT: 2019 BOARD MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**
- II. **Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please**
  - A. **Approval of Minutes – August 23, 2019 and October 25, 2019**
- III. **Action Items**
  - A. **Community Transportation Coordinator Coordination Contract Renewals (Karen Smith, Sunshine Line staff)**
  - B. **Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Message for 2020 (Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff)**
  - C. **Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2020 (Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff)**
- IV. **Status Reports**
  - A. **Summer Jobs Connection 2020 Program (Jennifer Wilson, Career Source)**
  - B. **Transportation Equity Score Card (Tia Boyd, CUTR)**
  - C. **Sunshine Line update (Scott Clark)**
  - D. **Next Meeting: February 21, 2020**
- V. **Adjournment**
- VI. **Addendum**
  - A. **MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report**

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
COUNTY CENTER BUILDING  
601 E. KENNEDY BLVD.  
MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2019  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman, Councilman Luis Viera, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Plan Hillsborough Room on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County Center.

**Members present:** Luis Viera, Gloria Mills, Glenn Brown, Craig Forsell, David Newell, Penelope Barnard, Kristina Melling, Angel Williams, Mark Harshbarger, Michelle Correll, Dr. Leslene Gordon, John Melendez, Jody Toner, and Scott Clark.

*A quorum was present.*

**Members Absent:** Nancy Castellano, Cathy Rodgers, Nancy Pacifico, Artie Fryer and Debra Noel.

**Others present:** Michele Ogilvie and Cheryl Wilkening– MPO Staff; Sara Hendricks-CUTR; Christine Long-Metropolitan Ministries; Ayesha Johnson-FL Dept of Health Hillsborough

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Danielle McGill is from South Florida in Broward county and is a transportation disadvantage rider. She is presenting the Ride Away Program. The mission of the Ride Away Program is simple it is to help individuals with disabilities to use different modes of transportation like Uber, Lyft, community bus, tri-rail, water taxis and fixed routes within their county so they can become independent and do this in a safe and easy way to understand. She teaches individuals on how to navigate the different systems. This includes how to plan a trip, find the routes, locate their landmarks so they don't feel unsafe and to prepare the unexpected such as missing their ride or bus. She created the Ride Away Guide that shows the individuals on how to use the different modes in a step by step manner and would like to bring this to Hillsborough County. Her goal is to expand the Ride Away Program throughout all regions in the State of Florida.

Gloria Mills commented that this is a great idea and would like a copy of the guide. She said we need someone in every county involved in this program. Ms. McGill agreed and stated that the transportation disadvantage population needs to be involved. This program will teach them how to get around using the different modes of transportation and it will employ these individuals to create guides and teach others.

John Melendez with HART agreed this sounds incredible. Ms. McGill said this program is peer to peer and first of its kind. This program is funded by FDOT District 4 and the grant is up in December 2020. John Melendez offered to be an advocate to connect with other groups and counties and offered a grant if this would help. Michele Ogilvie thought that Dave Newell, FDOT would be a good source for this program.

Ms. McGill asked for a letter of support. Councilman Viera will get this from city council District 7. Ms. Ogilvie requested a motion from the board to take this program to the MPO Board for their support and funding in September.

**Gloria Mills made the motion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Mark Harshberger shared the dynamics of a large county like Hillsborough County and everyone on the TDCB committee are representatives of different agencies. This board is genuine.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**John Melendez made a motion to approve minutes for June 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gloria Mills and passed unanimously. Motion carries.**

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **A. Sunshine Line Co-Pay Collection – Michele Ogilvie**

Mrs. Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff, stated that transportation disadvantage is reflective of people with physical and mental disabilities, income, age or any other reason unable to transport themselves and dependent on others to help get access to healthcare, employment, education and shopping in existence since 1990. This request has come forward from the Sunshine Line and Hillsborough County. We need to reflect why we have a co-pay in the system. Since 1998 we have established in the transportation disadvantage service plan a copay determined by this body called the Transportation Disadvantage Coordinating Board. It is between \$2.00 or \$5.00 based on the income of the individual or the family. There were 3,400 trips last fiscal year and the co-pay was waived for a tenth of those people and the co-pay brings in \$58,404 in revenue. Hillsborough County did an audit and the expenses were \$82,443 therefore our losses are \$24,039. Hillsborough County Enterprise Solutions and Quality Assurance Department has asked us to take a look at this and dismiss the co-pay in the Transportation Disadvantage Service Plan as it is costing more than it collects. Ms. Ogilvie recommends a Motion to remove the co-pay from the eligibility section of the Transportation Disadvantage Service Plan and forward this recommendation to the board of County Commission should that be appropriate.

Dr. Leslene Gordon wanted to know for clarification what are some of the things that lead to these expenses. Ms. Ogilvie stated they are in the report that is an attachment in the agenda. A large portion is the salary expense of \$65,000.00. Ms. Mills stated they voted for this in 1998 because they thought it would contribute to the funds for the transportation disadvantage. One problem is the Hillsborough County government has grown so it's not only the salaries but collecting the money, taking it to the bank and the responsibility that it is going to the right place.

**Gloria Mills made a Motion to relieve us of the co-pays. The motion was seconded by Craig Forsell and passed unanimously. Motion carries.**

Mark Harshbarger stated that co-pays can be valuable and economical aspects. However, in this case the disparity is significant. Our consumers have an emotional component to the services they receive and a level of gratitude. He applauds the committee for this motion and for recognizing these consumers have a high level of gratitude for these services.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. Metropolitan Ministries Coordination**

Christine Long, Chief Program Officer, from Metropolitan Ministries shared the story and scope of services they provide. They have helped this community for almost 50 years and mission focused. These are alleviating suffering, promoting dignity, and instilling self-sufficiency. They have a powerful vision statement and one component is Americas most effective care giver. Beginning with alleviating suffering they do a lot of their work through the family support center. They provide services to almost 26,000 households annually. There is a hunger program that has served 1.7 million people each year with 40 meal site locations. They have a safe shelter for families that are homeless. Holiday assistance is a big part of Metropolitan Ministries and they plan to serve 30,000 households this year. There is a brand new program called Brigade which is a mobile outreach that goes out to individuals in the community that cannot get to them. Next, they promote dignity by addressing trauma with folks in need and struggling with homelessness or at risk with becoming homeless. Long term self sufficiency is very important and they do this by adult education and job placement are key components along with affordable housing. They have logged over 22,000 volunteer hours this year to prosper over the last 50 years. Metropolitan Ministries has found creative ways to provide transportation for the needs of the people they serve. They are focusing now on mobile services so people don't have to go to them. They have their brigade, mobile outreach, first hug program and safe and convenient bus stops, DOT supportive vans, bus passes, ride share options such as uber health and wheels for success. Transportation is the key to long term self-sufficiency. They encourage availability and accessibility and responsiveness of their transportation systems for people in need in our community. Metropolitan Ministries would like to work alongside the TDCB to come up with solutions and partner with the community.

Ms. Ogilvie wanted to let the board know that Metropolitan Ministries came to us when we first community transportation for the contractors. They had just received a grant from DOT and are new to our system and have been so responsive. They were involved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> outreach with the contractors and have been very supportive. Glenn Brown wanted to know what can be done or identified to help in this brigade process. Ms. Long stated they are nine months into the brigade mapping system and would share this with anyone who is interested. There are pockets of need for transportation. John Melendez stated HART can utilize the data to make decisions and make a plan to help.

### **B. Community Health Assessment**

Ayesha Johnson with the Florida Department of Health Hillsborough County presented the Community Health Assessment. Every 3-5 years the FDOHs conduct a comprehensive assessment of their communities. The results are used to develop a community health improvement plan (CHIP). It provides direction for many of the DOH's efforts during the 3-5 year cycle. They have been using the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) model. There are 6 phases which include engaging partners, visioning, the four assessments, identifying strategic issues, formulating goals and strategies and action cycle. They collected 5394 surveys for the community health assessment and this was from February to June 2019 involving 4 focus groups and 25 key informants interviewed to find out what is happening in their community. After they collected this data they prioritized and then held a meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> with 150 stakeholders attending and presented the survey results. They data showed the age

group that took the most surveys were 25-34 years old and 46 percent of the people that took the survey were white. The survey showed 43 percent of the household income was under \$50,000. The highest need zip codes were more Sulphur Springs, University Area, Temple Terrace, Palm River, East Tampa, Forest Hills and Egypt Lake all have less than \$50,000 or less annual income. In the high needs zip codes they looked at their perspective on transportation and that was how easy is transportation to get if I need it, walking safely on good sidewalks and food insecurity. Other data sources are to live comfortably in Hillsborough County would be to earn at \$58,044 a year, 87 percent of survey respondents live in a household with a vehicle and 80 percent travel to work along and the mean travel time is 27 minutes. The 150 participants voted on priorities based on severity and ability to impact. The top 10 health problems are behavioral, access to health services, exercise, nutrition and weight, diabetes, maternal, fetal and infant health, heart disease and stroke, immunization and infectious disease, cancer, oral health and respiratory disease. Glenn Brown commented on the zip codes used are rich in resources and wanted to know why there is a disconnect. Ms. Johnson agreed and they are looking into an action plans to address this problem. She provided the survey for the committee board members to complete.

### **C. Transportation Demand Management Plans**

Sara Hendricks is with colleague Phil Winters and they are with USF the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). They are working on a research project and it is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation District 7 and it is the Tampa Bay Commuter Assistance Program Regional Development Plan. Their working partners include TBARTA who provide commuter assistance which includes ride matching and van pooling programs. They also partner with Transportation Management Organizations that are located in high traffic areas. There is a need for longer range commuter plans. The Transportation Demand Management Plan is an alternative approach by looking at the existing system to figure out how to make this system work more efficiently. It helps people use the transportation system and focuses on mobility choices. TDM is a set of strategies, programs, services and pricing to include products and education to remove barriers from using public transit, carpooling, van pooling, walking and biking. TDM effects the decisions on the way we travel. It provides substitutes on travel like telecommute and influences our decisions on the routes we choose and where we live. There is a big opportunity for partnership through employers. The MPO has identified through a series of surveys the regional priorities which include reducing congestion, using technology to improve transportation efficiency, transit- oriented development, bus and rapid transit. TDM can be applied to these regional priorities and done at a low cost. The MPO is interested in developing a multi modal system. TDM wants to emphasize in the regional commuter assistance plan and specifically looking at van pooling. Van pooling is heavily subsidized and there is potential on expanding van pool program. TDM will monitoring and evaluating the performance on all programs. They're interested in the TDCB input and the programs that they think are important. They would like to partner with Transportation Disadvantage community. John Melendez noticed traffic changed when school started so his questions was to what extent do you factor or coordinate with other agencies with the education and school children. TBARTA has a school pool program which allows parents to meet up with each other and form car pools for students. Another program is safe routes to school which provides education, training and encouragement to help public schools particularly elementary and middle schools. Schools have put together walking school buses so groups of children can walk together or bicycle trains both with chaperones. Mr. Melendez about staggered school start times. Ms. Hendricks responded starting school during non-peak hours is a great idea. Glenn Brown inquired about TDM studies in our area. Ms. Hendricks stated there is a strong TDB presence in cities like Jacksonville and Orlando. They work with land developers where public transit is already provides service and land development that provides amenities for walking, biking and parking at the site.

#### **D. HART Plus update**

They were not present for the update.

#### **E. Sunshine Line update**

Scott Clark with Sunshine Line provided the update. They have had difficulty recruiting drivers in the past but today they only have two vacancies. They have put a lot of effort into recruiting and simultaneous classes that are one week apart. They have been focusing on driver's safety. In the future, the drivers will attend a driver assault prevention class. Next year's focus will be see something and say something which focusses on assault prevention, terrorism and human trafficking prevention. The Sunshine Line trips are steady and more new ridership. The received 8 new vehicles and ordering 4 more in 2020. They will request 4 additional buses in the 2020 budget along with 8 new drivers if the budget is approved. They applied for the transportation disadvantage innovation grant to get 4 more drivers. One success is they received a letter from new life village for the Sunshine Line program that was started there. This is an intentional community that provide affordable housing and support services for grandparents who are fostering their grandchildren or other fostering situations. They were able to provide field trips and activities along with community service. They are going to continue their partnership with them. They will partnering up with DACCO who provide services to the homeless. They are also working with the reach out program and a program working with high risk moms to get to their prenatal appointments. Project return had a crisis where the housing apartment was sold so Sunshine line assisted the residents by taking them to new housing. John Melendez commented on the HART bus accident and now they have implemented a Safety Operations Committee and the next meeting is August 26, 2019.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. TRI COUNTY CROSS COUNTY TRIP PILOT PROJECT -August 29, 2019**

Ms. Michele Ogilvie stated there was 5200 survey responses to the Long Range Transportation Plan survey. Transit is a high priority downtown to USF, I 275 limited access and Dale Mabry. She sent out an agenda for the Tri County Cross County trip pilot project meeting which is next Thursday at 2:00.

B. NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2019

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
COUNTY CENTER BUILDING  
601 E. KENNEDY BLVD.  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2019  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chairman, Gloria Mills called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Plan Hillsborough Room on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County Center.

**Members Present:** Gloria Mills, Glenn Brown, David Newell, Penelope Barnard, Kevin Gilds, Angel Williams, Mark Harshbarger, Michelle Correll, Dr. Leslene Gordon, Nancy Castellano, Artie Fryer, Mike Lacey, Cathy Rodgers, Nancy Pacifico and Scott Clark.

*A quorum was present.*

**Members Absent:** Councilman Luis Viera, Craig Forsell, John Melendez, Jody Toner

**Others Present:** Michele Ogilvie, Cheryl Wilkening, Rich Clarendon– MPO Staff; Karen Smith-Sunshine Line; Alex Henry-FDOT

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Nancy Castellano made a motion to approve minutes for August 23, 2019. The motion was seconded by Glenn Brown and passed unanimously. Motion carries.**

**MEETING CALENDAR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**Nancy Castellano made a motion to approve the calendar. The motion was seconded by Artie Fryer and passed unanimously. Motion carries.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Annual Operating Report**

Karen Smith, Sunshine Line, presented the Annual Operating Review (AOR) which is an annual requirement of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) to provide to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for its review, and then to submit the AOR to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. This for the period July thru June including the trips the Sunshine Line provides, trips from Children Services and Head Start, HART Paratransit and the 13 coordination contractors. Medicaid transportation is done separately. The AOR is used for a Statewide report that compiles the county by county statistics that the Commission for the

transportation disadvantage submits to the Legislature that they use for planning. Some of numbers in the report are used in the formula that determines what each county gets for the TD grant and used in the CTC evaluation. Last year in Hillsborough county there were 26,415 TD persons were transported. There were 587,000 door-to-door trips and 17.6 thousand bus passes issued. AOR calculated this to be about 143,000 trips. There were 309 vehicles for door-to-door trips and traveled 4 million miles in Hillsborough County with 800 drivers. The resources to provide the services is about 19 million dollars. 8 million is local funding. The average cost per trip is \$26.12. The HART paratransit trips were under counted so the final report will have slightly higher trip numbers. There will be a revised report with the updated numbers. The updated report will be posted on the MPO Transportation Disadvantage site.

Vice Chair Gloria Mills sought a motion requesting that the TDCB certify that the TDCB has reviewed the report. Artie Fryer so moved, seconded by Dave Newell, and carried unanimously.

## **B. Community Transportation Coordinator Coordination Contract Renewals**

Karen Smith explained Sunshine Line has Coordination Contracts with 13 agencies. They are all recipients of 5310 funding which requires them to have a coordination contract with the county. Five of the contracts are expiring. They are asking the board to give approval to enter into new contracts with them. The five contracts are as follows: Metropolitan Ministries, McDonald Training Center, Angels Unaware, Human Development Center and Grace Point.

Michele Ogilvie explained the transportation disadvantage receives the contract for review so they have the opportunity to look at the cost of the trip as well as ask relevant questions in terms of how the contractors are cooperating with FDOT. Nancy Pacifico pointed out that the cost per ride varies a great deal. Artie Fryer would like to consider having a representative from these groups to speak to us about their services. Glenn Brown asked about the different contract dates and how are complaints handled.

Vice Chair Gloria Mills sought a motion approving the contract renewals. Nancy Castellano so moved, seconded by Artie Fryer, and carried unanimously.

## **C. Draft 2045 Cost Feasible Plan**

Rich Clarendon, MPO Staff, presented the Draft 2045 Cost Feasible Plan major investment projects. The Long-Range Transportation Plan is one of our key documents. It directs priorities and where State and Federal Funding should go in our county. There is \$32.19 billion dollars with surtax and the plan is flexible. The MPO roles are too develop shared vision across jurisdictions and modes of transportation, prioritize projects for all partners to consider funding and forum for identifying shared issues and collaborative strategies. There were two survey's given to find out what was important to the public. Proposed allocation of future funding included state of Good repair and resiliency, vision zero, smart cities, real choices when not driving and major investments for economic development. The plan shows performance-based outcomes for the projects. Fixed guideway transit was a top priority from the public so they looked at freight rail lines, a new rapid transit corridor from Downtown to Westshore, extending and modernizing the streetcar, and water transit. The real choices when not driving category is important to the transportation disadvantage committee because it effects their clients. The plan will expand the bus service approximately 800 miles of road with frequent or better service and provide regular bus service to 34% of isolated door-to-door passengers. After we adopt this plan, HART will have discussions on CSX and other fixed guideway options, the expressway authority and the county

will be responsible for which of their roads will be expanded and MPO staff will continue to work with jurisdictional partners and the expressway authority about implementing projects.

Glenn Brown questioned the representation from the South Shore area and if the responses are weighted and how much will be local labor for these projects. Scott Clark inquired what is in the is plan for the transportation disadvantage community

**Artie Fryer sought a Motion stating 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. It was seconded by Nancy Castellano, and carried unanimously.**

#### **D. FDOT Tentative Work Program: Letter of Comment and Open House**

Alex Henry, FDOT District Seven Planning Staff, presented the brief highlights of FDOT Tentative Work Program and projects in Hillsborough County for the annual tentative five-year work program for fiscal years 2021 – 2025. The tentative work program for fiscal year 2021 – 2025 covers project phases and activities scheduled from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025. Year one is included in the states proposed budget pending the legislative session and the Governors approval. This year is an accelerated legislative session which will be starting in January and the March time period. At that point the projects will be presented to the Governor for review and signature. Years 2-5 are commitments for production and financial planning purposes. Included in the FDOT managed projects and locally managed projects with FDOT involvement. The presented a slide showing how the five-year work program works. The five-year plan includes the following: public transit, seaport, the airports and rail projects, transportation planning, intelligence transportation, highway design, right away, acquisition and construction activities. Every year on June 30<sup>th</sup> the current year the work program ends and on July 1<sup>st</sup> year two moves up to become the current year. At that time a new 5<sup>th</sup> year is added to the program and funding is allocated to the next phase of projects, program and the four prior years. New projects are added into the new fifth year based on the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) goals, statewide programs and local priorities. After the Governor signs the work program, the first year is then included in the state budget and the work program is then considered adopted. Some of the program developed process also include preserving existing programs, delivering on funding phases, cost estimate updates and adding new projects. Some projects being presented are safety and security, system preservation, multimodal enhancements, operational improvements and capacity improvements. These are based on the MPO priorities, committees and board, regional priorities, SEIS and FDOT priorities. New projects that have not been previously included in the work program and new phases of existing projects are project development and environment (PD&E), preliminary engineering and design (PE), right of way (ROW), construction (CST), design build (DSB), grants (CAP) and select projects and interest. Mr. Henry presented the projects and totals for funding. October 28 – November 1 there is an online public hearing. There is an open house on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Public comments are due on November 11<sup>th</sup>. November 18<sup>th</sup> MPO rejections are due. January 2020 is the review of the legislature and the Florida transportation commission will start to review all the projects are around the state. July 1<sup>st</sup> starts the new fiscal year and beginning the adoption of the work program.

**Artie Fryer made a Motion requesting the MPO to include the following two 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.

**The Motion was seconded by Cathy Rodgers and passed unanimously. Motions carries.**

## STATUS REPORTS

### **A. Legislative Message for 2020**

Michele Ogilvie will be sending out an email for participants for a committee for legislative messages. Ms. Ogilvie would like the Transportation Disadvantage Committee to advocate for issues concerning the TD community. A campaign like audible crosswalks is a great example.

### **B. Tri County Cross County Trips update**

Michele Ogilvie gave an update that Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough MPO staff addressed TBARTA on September 27, 2019. They let them know of the TD needs, concerns and history.

### **C. Transportation Disadvantaged Annual Training Workshop summary**

Michele Ogilvie attended an annual training workshop in September. The Commission for Transportation Disadvantage will be rolling out several new programs and approaches to the work program. There will be more changes in the Transportation Disadvantage service plan.

Gloria Mills, Vice Chair, was recognized at the first Breaking Barriers Award. This is a brand new and annual award named after our former member at large Ms. Becki Forsell.

### **D. Sunshine Line update**

Scott Clark, Sunshine Line, requested that the presentations be streamlined so that Transportation Disadvantage Committee only hears what pertains to them. Mr. Clark shared comments from the community thanking Sunshine Line for their service. New trips are up 7 – 10 percent, average 223 new clients per month and one outreach per month. Operation outreach for Veterans is coming up., homeless crisis intervention program is working great and weekend service starts November 2 on Saturday only for now. New partners are Reach Up, Human trafficking agencies, Healing Roots, Hillsborough Healthcare and Intensive Care Service.

E. Next Meeting: Friday, December 13, 2019

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



# Hillsborough MPO

## Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

### Board & Committee Agenda Item

#### Agenda Item

CTC Coordinating Contract Renewals: McClain, Northside and Quality of Life

#### Presenter

Karen Smith, Sunshine Line staff

#### Summary

**McClain** currently has a Coordination Contract with Hillsborough County that is expiring. This new contract would replace the expired contract. This agency is a recipient of 5310 funding through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); FDOT requires all recipients to have a Coordination Contract with the local CTC.

McClain provides all transportation for the intellectually and developmentally disabled adults who live in their group homes. Last year McClain provided 22,216 one-way passenger trips for 21 unduplicated clients with 4 vehicles at an average cost of \$2.53 per trip.

The CTC is requesting approval to enter into a new Coordination Contract with McClain.

**Northside Behavioral Health Center** currently has a Coordination Contract with Hillsborough County that is expiring. This new contract would replace the expired contract. This agency is a recipient of 5310 funding through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); FDOT requires all recipients to have a Coordination Contract with the local CTC.

Northside Behavioral Health Center provides transportation for mental health services for their clients. Last year Northside Behavioral Health Center provided 4,906 one-way passenger trips for 500 unduplicated clients with 15 vehicles at an average cost of \$22.33 per trip.

The CTC is requesting approval to enter into a new Coordination Contract with Northside Behavioral Health Center

**Quality of Life** currently has a Coordination Contract with Hillsborough County that is expiring. This new contract would replace the expired contract. This agency is a recipient of 5310 funding through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); FDOT requires all recipients to have a Coordination Contract with the local CTC.



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Quality of Life provides transportation for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults who live in their group homes.

Last year Quality of Life provided 2,927 one-way passenger trips for 187 unduplicated clients with 7 vehicles at an average cost of \$71.88 per trip.

The CTC is requesting approval to enter into a new Coordination Contract with Quality of Life.

**Recommended Action**

Review and Approval of Coordination Contracts

**Prepared By**

Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff

**Attachments**

None.



# Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Legislative Message for Transportation Disadvantaged Day 2020

### Presenter

Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff

### Summary

Annually, the Florida Association of Coordinated Transportation Systems hosts a Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Day in the Capital courtyard in Tallahassee. Members of the Transportation Disadvantaged community are encouraged to participate, to highlight the abilities of persons with disabilities, and to meet and thank legislators for their support.

The Hillsborough MPO's Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board has participated in this event for more than a decade. Annually, the TDCB prepares a flyer highlighting achievements and needs of our coordinated transportation system within Hillsborough County and the tri-county urbanized area. The message also informs the reader of several positions of the TDCB.

Transportation Disadvantaged Day is scheduled for February 11, 2020 in Tallahassee.

### Recommended Action

Support the TDCB Legislative Message

### Prepared By

Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff

### Attachments

TDCB Legislative Message



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# TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Annual Legislative Day

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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The Hillsborough County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board [asks for your support](#):

**MAINTAINING**- the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund

**MAINTAINING**- the level of funding provided by the state or passed through the state by the federal government for paratransit services and public transit at a level consistent with future population growth.

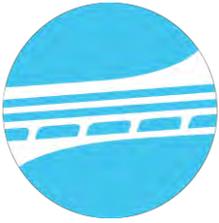
**FUNDING**- Transportation Disadvantaged paratransit service and transit systems because they support life sustaining trips for seniors, persons with disabilities and children at risk and it is a good investment.

**FUNDING**- Programs that support and enhance **cross county mobility** for the Transportation Disadvantaged as well as programs that provide travel experience training such as the **Ride Away Program**.

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# Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

#### **TDCB Election of Officers**

#### Presenter

Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff

#### Summary

The MPO By-Laws requires annual election of officers. The By-Laws also state that the Chairperson will be appointed by the MPO. Chairman Luis Viera has been appointed.

The Vice-Chairperson and Member-at-Large shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board present. The Vice-Chairperson and Member-at-Large shall serve a term of one year starting with the next meeting.

The Member-at-Large shall, during the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman or their inability to act, have and exercise all the duties and powers of the Chairman, and shall perform other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Chairman.

Currently, the position of Vice Chairperson is held by-Gloria Mills, and the position of Member-at-Large is held by Craig Forsell.

The TDCB is also required to provide a member for the **Citizens Advisory Committee**. The CAC shall be responsible for providing information and overall community values and needs into the transportation planning program of the MPO; evaluating and proposing solutions from a citizen's perspective.

#### Recommended Action

Election of a Vice Chair and Member at Large and a CAC representative

#### Prepared By

Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff

#### Attachments

None





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### Agenda Item

Summer Jobs Connection 2020 Program

### Presenter

Jennifer Wilson, Career Source

### Summary

CareerSource Tampa Bay's Summer Job Connection program provides a part-time work paid experience to youth, ages 16 to 24 that meet eligibility requirements. Youth will earn a six-week paid work experience opportunity in a targeted industry within Hillsborough County. Participants in the program are paid \$11.00 per hour and work 24-hours per week.

The Summer Job Connection Program assists with career exploration, exposure to the world of work and provides extensive essential skills training through online and specialized workshops. The program offers youth an opportunity to participate in activities that are age appropriate, encourages them to take responsibility for their learning, become oriented to the workforce, and learn about new job experiences.

As an organization in Hillsborough County, finding quality summer interns has never been easier. The Summer Job Connection allows worksites to write the job descriptions, while we handle the payroll, and facilitate the connection for you to select the best candidates at no cost to you. Youth (ages 16-24) are receiving a 24 hour per week work experience that will provide the opportunity for career exploration, on the job training, and mentoring to develop their soft skills, all while earning a wage of \$11/hour to support their family and stimulate our local economy. Together, we can help the talented youth of Tampa Bay meet great opportunities this summer.

### Recommended Action

Review and Comment as needed

### Prepared By

Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff

### Attachments

None



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# Hillsborough MPO Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Transportation Equity Score Card

### Presenter

Kristine Williams and Tia Boyd, CUTR

### Summary

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) use a variety of methods to ensure that regional transportation plans and projects meet regional transportation needs. Increasingly, MPOs are also evaluating proposed projects from an equity perspective. Equity is a representation of fairness and requires the equitable distribution of benefits and burdens. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) describes equity in transportation as follows (FHWA, 2019):

“Equity in transportation seeks fairness in mobility and accessibility to meet the needs of all community members. A central goal of transportation equity is to facilitate social and economic opportunities by providing equitable levels of access to affordable and reliable transportation options based on the needs of the populations being served, particularly populations that are traditionally underserved... An equitable transportation plan considers the circumstances impacting a community's mobility and connectivity needs and this information is used to determine the measures needed to develop an equitable transportation network.”



MPOs examine projects for equity impacts in the context of issues such as access to opportunity, safety, mobility, affordability, health, and the environment. Some MPOs are moving beyond traditional project prioritization and are using equity measures to identify projects of benefit to transportation disadvantaged populations, referred to here as communities of concern (COCs). COCs may include any persons who may be considered transportation disadvantaged, including low-income, minority, elderly, young, disabled, zero-vehicle, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), single-parents, and rent-burdened households. The term “equity areas”, as used in this report, refers to locations with a high proportion of COCs or areas having special needs that could be partly addressed through transportation investments, such as areas with high instances of asthma, obesity, diabetes, or other health concerns.

Methods used by MPOs to identify and prioritize projects of benefit to COCs vary in scope and effectiveness. Therefore, MPOs can benefit from a project screening and prioritization tool focused on equity that builds upon national best practices. This technical memorandum summarizes important factors for such a project evaluation tool. The factors are grouped into categories of importance to equity assessments,

including access to opportunity, health and environment, safety and security, affordability, mobility, and other important impacts. An additional category, burdens, measures potential adverse impacts on COCs, including cumulative or disproportionate impacts, barrier effects, and noise or emissions. These categories form the basis for a project equity scorecard, to be developed in subsequent tasks.

The scoring system for this tool is based on the concentration of COCs.

**Recommended Action**

Review and Comment as needed

**Prepared By**

Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff

**Attachments**

None

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

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)
Pat Kemp	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Janet Scherberger for Joe Lopano (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)	CEO, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Rick Lott (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Plant City
Guido Maniscalco	Councilman, Tampa City Council
David Mechanik	HART
Kimberly Overman	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Mariella Smith	Commissioner, Hillsborough County
Luis Viera (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)	Councilman, Tampa City Council
Joseph Waggoner (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)	Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority

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.)

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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 Ragiell, 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.

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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 multimodal 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.

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- ▶ 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.

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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

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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

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# Hillsborough MPO

## Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

## 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.



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## Committee Reports

### **Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on November 13**

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

- ✓ Amendment to Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program
- ✓ 2020 Meeting Calendar

The CAC heard a status report on:

- HART Flamingo Fare and One Bus Away Apps

### **Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on November 18**

The TAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- ✓ Amendment to Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program
- ✓ 2020 Meeting Calendar

The TAC heard status reports on:

- Vision Zero Speed Management Study
- HART Flamingo Fare and One Bus Away Apps

### **Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on November 13**

The BPAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- ✓ Tampa Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Plan Update –Map Cleanup
- ✓ 2020 Calendar

The BPAC heard status reports on:

- Vision Zero Speed Management Study Update

### **Meeting of the Livable Roadways Advisory Committee (LRC) on November 20**

The LRC hosted Leah Shahum, Vision Zero Network as a special guest speaker.

The LRC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- ✓ 2020 Meeting Calendar

The LRC heard status reports on:

- Hillsborough County Public Works Performance-Based Landscaping Maintenance
- Vision Zero Speed Management Study

### **Meeting of the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group on November 8**

A video of this meeting can be viewed [on YouTube](#). The group undertook a lengthy discussion of transportation priorities

- The priority list is typically taken up for discussion in February, but due to the Chairs Coordinating Committee adopting its priorities in December, the list was put on the agenda earlier this year
- Because the Westshore interchange had received \$1.4B from the governor, it was removed from the priority list and placed on the funded list
- Remaining on the top regional unfunded priority list were I-75 at Gibsonton, I-75 at Overpass, Central Avenue BRT, and I-275 Operational Improvements north of downtown Tampa
- Hillsborough County Commissioner Pat Kemp asked to add an item to the list: support for HART as it begins to explore and negotiate with CSX for joint use or purchase of the rail lines from downtown Tampa to USF for passenger service
- The other Hillsborough representatives in attendance, Commissioner Kim Overman and Tampa Councilmember Luis Viera, were supportive of the ask, as was Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano
- The Hillsborough MPO board had unanimously agreed to support HART's negotiations with CSX at its meeting that week
- Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers, as well as St. Petersburg Councilmember Darden Rice, expressed concern that the project was not well-defined enough to receive FDOT funding in the near future
- Additionally, they expressed surprise at the last-minute nature of the request and wanted to seek additional input from the full Forward Pinellas Board
- FDOT Modal Development Administrator Ming Gao said he felt HART was in a poor position to negotiate without a clearly defined project for the CSX tracks
- Hillsborough MPO Executive Director Beth Alden said Hillsborough has several studies on the CSX corridor, including a completed Environmental Impact Statement, and that the issue in the past had not been studies, but funding
- Now, with the Hillsborough sales tax for transportation, that funding is close to being available
- She also said that she felt if the priority list discussion was delayed until the next TMA meeting in March, it would be a missed opportunity to ask for legislative and FDOT assistance with the negotiations

- Alden reiterated that the ask was for moral support as a region to begin the process of negotiating, which can take several years before reaching agreement
- **Councilmember Rice made a substitute motion to add both the HART ask and support for the 41-mile TBARTA Regional Rapid Transit project to the priority list, saying that it would be counterintuitive to speak to legislators about the CSX lines and not the RRT project**
- While also not yet a fully defined project, Rice noted the RRT project has been in discussions for years, with legislative funding for the PD&E study currently underway and would be confusing if not included
- **This motion passed unanimously**

Scott Pringle of WSP consulting gave an update on the TBARTA RRT study

- TBARTA is studying the 41-mile rapid transit on I-275, targeting summer 2021 for FTA submittal
- Of 21 original proposed station locations, the study group decided to keep seven, remove five, and prioritize nine
- The seven must-have stations were:
  - In Pinellas:
    - 4th Street in St. Petersburg
    - Tropicana Field
    - Gateway/Carillon
  - In Hillsborough:
    - Westshore
    - Downtown Tampa
    - USF Area
  - In Pasco:
    - SR 56
- Going forward, the study team will recommend five alternatives to enter the 10% design phase
- Commissioner Kemp, who had previously been critical of the study, said fewer stations was a move in the right direction and reiterated her opposition to creating more parking in service to the project
- HART and the study team have already scheduled meetings to discuss how current service intersects with the proposed service

FDOT District Seven staff gave an update on TBNext projects

- Transportation Development Director Richard Moss lauded the group's prioritization of the Westshore Interchange, noting that a \$1.4B funding lump sum is unheard of
- The Tampa Bay next projects that are already at least partially funded in the work program - the Gateway Expressway, Howard Frankland Bridge, I-275 North Corridor, the Westshore Interchange, and I-275 in Pinellas - amount to \$3.2B in funding
- Construction on the Westshore Interchange will begin in late 2023
- Still awaiting funding:
- I-275 north of Hanna Avenue
- The I-275/I-4 Interchange
- Sections of I-75 and I-4

Staff members provided an overview of proposed changes to TMA and Chairs Coordinating Committee Operating Procedures

- Procedure changes include:
- MPOs now providing staff support to the CCC, with responsibility rotating quarterly with a different MPO "chair"
- The TMA being incorporated as a subcommittee of the Chairs Coordinating Committee
- A yearly elected chair and vice chair of the TMA
- Several staff teams under the CCC, including a multi-use trails team, Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Team, and Regional Big Data Working Group
- **Group members did not have comments, and each MPO in the CCC will receive the procedure changes on its board meeting agenda for approval**
- **The TMA Leadership Group will select a chair and vice chair at its first meeting in 2020**

HART staff discussed plans for its investments with the All for Transportation Surtax, which is currently being collected but has spending on hold due to legal battles

- HART has three buckets of projects that will be funded by the surtax:
- 45% goes to enhancing bus service
- This will focus on restoring service from previous cuts, improving weekend frequency, and improving weekday frequency
- 35% goes to expanding fixed-guideway public transit options
- This will focus on corridor assessments, future streetcar extensions, CSX evaluation, InVision Tampa Streetcar, and Marion Transitway corridor assessment

- 20% to remaining funds
- Highlights of planned investments in 2020:
  - \$32M to frequency improvement and service expansion, including 86+ route miles of restored service
  - \$5.9M in amenity improvements for customers
  - \$6.6M to a regional electronic payment system
  - \$46M to buying vehicles