Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee
Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
County Center, 26th floor Conference Rooms A & B

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please

III. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2019

IV. Action Items

A. Tampa Hillsborough Greenways and Trail Plan Update (Map Cleanup) (Wade Reynolds, MPO)

V. Status Reports

A. Smart Cities Update (Vik Bhide, City of Tampa)
B. Fletcher Avenue Complete Street-Before & After (Sara Beresheim/Julie Bond, CUTR)
C. Overview of Agency Project Plans for 2020 for Transportation Surtax (Johnny Wong, MPO Staff)
D. Government in the Sunshine State and Public Records Refresher (Cameron Clark, Hillsborough County Attorney’s Office)

VI. Old Business & New Business

A. UPDATED 2020 Calendar

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Addendum

A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hey called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance took place. The meeting was held in the Hillsborough Room on the 15th Floor of the County Center Building. A quorum was present at the start of the meeting.

Members Present: Karen Cashon, Catherine Coyle, Sara Hendricks, David Hey, Emily Hinsdale, Mark Hudson, Gus Ignas, Jason Jackman, Danni Jorgenson, Larry Josephson, Karen Kress, Matt Lewis, Michael Maurino, Roger Menendez, Anna Quinones, and Justin Willits

Others Present: Beth Alden, Johnny Wong and Lisa Silva – MPO; Melissa Zornitta and Sharon Snyder – Planning Commission; Allen Howell – Hillsborough County Public Works; Leah Shahum – Vision Zero Network; Paula Flores – GPI; David Aylesworth – CEVE; Chris Fellerhoff – Landis, Evans & Partners; and Christine Acosta – Pedal Power Promotions

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With one correction (change Ms. Menendez to Mr. Menendez) approval of the October 23, 2019 minutes (Maurino - Menendez). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve 2020 Calendar (Lisa Silva, MPO)

Due to a scheduling conflict, the January meeting on the current calendar is being changed from the 15th to the 22nd.

Motion: Review and approve the 2020 Committee meeting calendar (Kress – Maurino). The motion passed unanimously.

V. STATUS REPORT

A. Vision Zero Network Guest Speaker (Leah Shahum, founder and director)

Ms. Shahum is the founder and director of the Vision Zero Network, a national campaign supporting cities working toward Vision Zero – zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries. The Network helps communities develop and share best practices for safe mobility for all road users.

Discussions were held until after the Speed Management Study Update.

B. Vision Zero Speed Management Study Update (Paula Flores, GPI)
Ms. Flores presented the Vision Zero Speed Management Study update. The long-term action plan of the Study is to develop context classification and target speeds within Vision Zero corridors, consistent with FDOT Complete Street guidelines. 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.

Mr. Willits suggested design speed should be included when re-evaluating to achieve reasonable speed limits, not just posted speed. Ms. Flores stated they are working towards “target speed”. Mr. Josephson stated Hillsborough County is currently working on a study to lower speed limits. The County is no longer looking at design or posted speed, they are looking at target speed. There will no longer be a design speed 5-10 miles over the posted speed; the posted speed will be the target speed. Mr. Willits recommended the educational piece explain this to non-planning people, so they understand what the problem has always been.

Even with all of the safety improvements on the roadways, Mr. Josephson feels one of the most important things is driver behavior, especially distracted drivers. He asked Ms. Shahum if they have contacted the insurance industry to discuss reducing rates for good drivers. She stated she has made some contacts but not much. She would like to team up with agencies such as the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Ms. Shahum has also been told some insurance companies are offering discounts if their drivers take safety trainings and she would like to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles towards better training. Ms. Flores feels traffic cameras and other technologies would also help influence good driver behavior. She cautioned that encouraging penalties for bad behavior increases the need for better multi-modal transportation. It is even more important that safe walking and bicycling facilities be offered in our community. As professionals, this Committee can influence the design of safer roadways. She encouraged the Committee to tackled what they can do now and work on the other items over time. Mr. Josephson stated Vision Zero has recently kicked in for the engineering industry and over the last couple of years, the entire philosophy of roadway design has changed.

Mr. Menendez suggested contacting AARP as they are advocates for Vision Zero and they work with insurance companies to get their drivers to take refresher trainings. Ms. Shahum stated AARP has been a great partner.

Mr. Maurino asked what the public’s opinion on this Speed Management study is? He has talked to roughly 150 people about the referendum and the majority are more focused on safety than transit. Mr. Maurino also stated Secretary Gwynn recently discussed getting rid of bicycle lanes and adding 10 - 12’ side paths instead. He stated a father was recently riding in the bicycle lane along Highway 301 and was hit and killed. Secretary Gwynn commented if the roads were built with sidepaths instead, that bicyclist would be alive today. Mr. Maurino asked how many corridors have properly designed streets but actually need to get rid of the bike lanes and have a 12’ path instead? Ms. Flores stated we have a significant amount of bicycle lanes in Florida that aren’t separated or protected along streets with speed limits of 40 MPH or higher. Most national best practices for bicycle facilities don’t allow this. We need to reduce the speed or separate the bicycle lanes. Roadways need to be context specific, as they are currently designed for cars but with the minimum conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Coyle shared a roadway experience that happened to her the previous evening and feels the Committee needs to advocate for education. Ms. Flores stated, in addition to education, drivers and bicyclists/pedestrians need to have respect for each other. Mr. Menendez feels drivers need to have personal responsibility, too. Ms. Flores stressed we need to be cautious to blame people when we don’t know their situation.
In addition to working on reducing speeds, Mr. Josephson stated Hillsborough County is developing typical sections, removing bike lanes and adding pathways on future roads which will be presented in the next 6 – 8 months. Current roadways can’t be retrofit. Ms. Silva expressed concern that roads are being designed for speed limits of 45 MPH or higher, with large right-of-ways. Mr. Josephson stated the right-of-ways are 14’ wide to allow for two bike paths, a walk path and an area for shade trees.

Ms. Flores commented there are several roadways in Hillsborough County, such as Brandon Blvd., that have too many lanes for the volume and there needs to be road diet discussions.

Ms. Kress feels signal timing would also help. Ms. Flores commented there are ways to use signals to designate a target speed. Ms. Shahum would like drivers to be educated about signal timing. Ms. Jorgenson stated there are signs alerting drivers of the signal timing downtown. Ms. Shahum asked if the impact of these signs can be measured. Ms. Jorgenson said the City is planning to do that.

Ms. Hinsdale feels when people talk about personal responsibility, they are referring to someone else’s personal responsibility, not their own. She feels it is important to move away from personal responsibility aspect and provide better options. Ms. Shahum feels there is a culture shift as systems and regulations change.

Ms. Acosta asked about the health aspects and if the speed management study provides overlays to indicate health ratings for percentage of asthma, etc. to illuminate the health concern spots. Ms. Flores replied the study does not have these ratings but the MPO already has a health atlas. Ms. Shahum emphasized again how critical it is for public health officials to be involved.

C. Hillsborough County Public Works Performance-based Landscape Maintenance Results (Allen Howell, Hillsborough County)

Mr. Howell provided an update on the Bruce B. Downs (BBD) Property Maintenance contract results. This is the second year of a pilot program to utilize a single contractor for various landscape maintenance tasks. The goal is to provide a safer, healthier and more aesthetic roadway. Some of the best management practices are to remove the mulch from the tree trunk down to the root flare, maintain bicycle and pedestrian clearance, provide clean streets and sidewalks, and removal of Spanish moss and suckers. This has been a very successful contract. Public Works is currently developing additional contracts that utilize one contractor to provide all non-structural maintenance services for other landscaped roads and roads recently returned to the County from the City of Tampa.

Mr. Howell also presented the Environmental Restoration Fund Initiative which is to provide an alternative to the onsite restoration of trees or other vegetation which have been removed from a site. It is utilized for acquiring, planting, protecting and maintaining trees and other vegetation for public purposes within Hillsborough County. The purpose is to develop programs to replace tree canopy and provide an enhanced visual experience to County ponds and scenic roadway rights-of-way. Public Works identified locations to add native plantings to existing stormwater facilities and designed scenic roadways with medians to add plantings.

Discussions followed regarding if there is irrigation for the trees on BBD (no, the County doesn’t typically have irrigation in the right-of-ways); if the County will replace the trees if they die (there is a 90 day establishing period and a one year warranty on the trees); if a tree will be replaced if
it is hit by lightning (they have never had a tree get hit by lighting the medians); if there are plans to clean out and mow the overgrown ditches in the rural areas (ditches are mowed on a regular maintenance schedule but please report to Hillsborough County Public Works any areas that are of concern); and if there was a significant savings with the pilot program (it saved some but mainly increased the safety and aesthetics on the corridor). Ms. Silva asked if there are plans to replace some of the trees along the scenic roadways. Mr. Howell is working on five roadways and will send the list to Ms. Silva.

D. OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Silva reminded the Committee the December meeting will be on the 26th Floor in Conference Rooms A & B. Reminders will be sent out and the locations will be included on the agendas. Wade Reynolds, MPO, will substitute for Ms. Silva as staff liaison as she will be traveling.

Mr. Willits announced the first public meeting regarding the arterial BRT project from downtown to USF will be on December 9, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Seminole Heights Garden Center.

Ms. Hinsdale thanked Ms. Silva for her work on the Safe Routes to School Conference.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Tampa-Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Plan Map Update

**Presenter**
Wade Reynolds, MPO Staff

**Summary**
The Tampa-Hillsborough Greenways and Trails Master Plan underwent a major update to combine the Tampa and Hillsborough plans into a single document in 2016. The proposed map changes are to update the map with regard to funding status as projects have been moved forward and to correct alignments to reflect small changes to the trail routes.

**Recommended Action**
Recommend approval of map changes to the MPO Board

**Prepared By**
Wade Reynolds, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
Proposed map changes and overall map.
Harney Rd-US 301 Change

Existing

Old Fort King Trail/US 301

Proposed

planhillsborough.org
Hillsborough River State Park – Bypass Canal Change

Existing

Proposed

planhillsborough.org
US 41 at Alafia River Change

Existing

Proposed
US 301 – Manatee County Connection Change

Existing

Proposed
SR 674 Addition

Existing

Proposed
Van Dyke Road Addition

Existing

Proposed

Upper Tampa Bay Trail
Other Changes and Questions:
• South Coast Greenway Phase 1 Status Change – Funded
• Definition of Sidepaths
  • Greater than 10’ and along roads (Trails - 12’ and completely separated from roads)
• Representation of Trails vs. Sidepaths (example – US 301)
• Representation of unpaved trails
• Representation of equestrian trails
Notes and Definitions:

- Shared Use Path - Typically a widewalk, 10 or more feet wide
- Complete Street - 100% Sidewalk and Bike Lane/Sharrows on both sides of the street. Speed Limit of 45 mph or less
- Trail - Separated pathway, typically 12 or more feet wide

The following have been previously studied:
- Tampa Bypass Canal
- Green ARtery
- George Rd

Planned (Funded) - To be built within 5 years
Planned (Studied) - Studied, not yet funded
Conceptual - Neither studied nor funded

Green Spine - Buffered Bike Lane

Hillsborough County Trail Facilities
Existing, Studied and Conceptual

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Sources: Hillsborough County GIS, Polk County GIS, Pinellas County MPO, TBARTA, Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Geographic Data library

Date Saved: 10/14/2019

*Some trail categories have been altered to fit within the current Hillsborough County category symbology.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Smart Cities Initiatives: Tampa

**Presenter**
Vik Bhide, City of Tampa

**Summary**
In 2018, the City of Tampa was recognized as one of the “21 Smart Cities to Watch,” by the technology-oriented news site, statescoop. Over the past year, the City has proactively initiated a number of transportation technologies and pilot projects to solve problems ranging from flooding and parking to congestion and safety. Vik Bhide will present a high-level overview of the City of Tampa’s Smart Cities Initiatives.

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

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

**Attachments**
None.
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**
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**
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](planhillsborough.org)
# 2020 Schedule of Monthly Meetings

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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 CEO, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
(Rick Lott (arrived at 6:15 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.)
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

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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