**Virtual Meeting of the MPO Board**

Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00  Convene Business Meeting of the MPO Board

**Agenda**

I.  **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

II.  **Approval of Minutes** – March 3, 2020

III. **Public Comment** - 3 minutes per speaker, 30 minutes total; as needed, additional time may be provided later in the agenda.

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IV.  **Committee Reports & Online Comments** (Bill Roberts, CAC Chair and Wanda West, MPO Staff)
V. **Action Items** – *All actions at this virtual meeting will be by roll-call vote.*
   A. Committee Appointments (Cheryl Wilkening, MPO Staff)
   B. TIP Amendments for HART (Vishaka Rama, MPO Staff)
   C. General Planning Consultant Procurement (Meghan Betourney, Planning Commission Staff)

VI. **Status Reports**
   A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 21 & FY 22 Project Discussion (Allison Yeh, MPO Staff)

VII. **Executive Director’s Report**

VIII. **Old & New Business**
   • Status of Executive Director Annual Evaluation (Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney)
   • Other Old or New Business

IX. **Adjournment**

X. **Addendum**

A. **Announcements**
   • Plan Hillsborough suspends in-person meetings and events for 30 days

B. **Project Fact Sheets & Other Status Reports**
   • FL MPO Advisory Council Legislative News 3-14-20

C. **Correspondence**
   • To Secretary Elaine Chao re: Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority’s (HART’s) Application
   • From FDOT District Secretary on Traffic Fatalities Feb 16-29
   • From FDOT District Secretary on Traffic Fatalities Mar 1-29
   • From Representative Castor re: Transit Initiative

D. **Articles Relating to MPO Work**
   • Hillsborough County kicks back All for Transportation referendum to 2022 amid Coronavirus response | Florida Politics | 04.01.20
   • Coronavirus may cause ‘Plan B’ transportation surtax to miss key deadlines | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 03.18.20
   • Plan Hillsborough suspends in-person meetings and events for 30 days | Tampa Bay Newswire | 03.14.20
   • A wearable air purifier for your face just won Tampa Bay Lightning’s First Pitch Competition | Tampa Bay Inno | 03.11.2
   • Florida Supreme Court to decide on one-cent tax proposal | Florida Record | 03.09.20
   • Hillsborough leaders tour Orlando’s SunRail, hoping for a train of their own | Tampa Bay Times | 03.05.20
• **Hillsborough County commissioners continue discussion on 'All for Transportation' tax backup plan** | ABC Action News | 03.04.20

• **Hillsborough County could raise mobility fees for new home developers** | ABC Action News | 03.04.20

• **Backup levy would not double Hillsborough's transportation tax officials say** | Tampa Bay Times | 03.03.20

• **Public voices concerns for I-275 changes as officials attempt to find common ground** | Tampa Bay Business Journal | 02.25.20

• **Tampa unveils second painted crosswalk to help keep kids safe** | 10 News WTSP | 02.25.20

• **Intersection of I-275, I-4 among worst in the country** | WFLA News Channel 8 | 02.20.20

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MPO Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The MPO Chairman, Commissioner Les Miller, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. The regular monthly meeting was held at the County Center Building on the 26th Floor, Conference Rooms A & B.

The following members were present:

Commissioner Les Miller, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Commissioner Ken Hagan, Commissioner Mariella Smith, Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Councilman Citro, Councilman Luis Viera, Councilman Guido Maniscalco, Mayor Rick Lott, Cindy Stuart, Charles Klug, Michael Maurino, Joseph Waggoner

Also present: Attorney Clark and Beth Alden

The following members were absent: Mayor Mel Jurado, Adam Harden, Joe Lopano.

A quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12th, 2020

Chairman Miller requested a motion to approve the February 12th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Maniscalco so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Overman and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three speakers with public comments.

Chris Vela, Tampa, Florida 33605, stated he's upset about the approval of the sound walls, and that in October of 2019 the board also approved the operational improvements which he mentioned badly hurt his community. The concern is the anticipation of more cars coming off the 14th and 15th Street exits, including the future anticipation of the interstate being widened and additional sound walls put up in urban neighborhoods, more dense areas. Mr. Vela went on to read a quote from the Socioeconomic Impacts, "TBX is unlikely to affect children or older adults or the disabled, once it opens, if they do not use the interstate," stating right off the bat it's a discriminatory use of a federal facility. Mr. Vela opined how his community is impacted by these improvements, giving examples, and stated that local trips could be resolved with walkability, by pet plans, as well as with transit. Mr. Vela spoke to the Business Guild in Ybor City, which is against these exits, just like the YCDC is and just like the neighborhood association is. The Colombia Restaurant, he stated, remembered some opposition against the exits back in the 1980s. Mr. Vela asked the Board to oppose the 14th and 15th Streets on this plan.

Jim Davidson brought to the Board's attention that the LRTP has been submitted to the federal government, and the diagram shows the cost feasibility program was
all done in present-day costs when handed into the State, which has to be done in FY expenditure dollars, and the public saw this diagram. He urged the Board to read the 2045 LRTP Cost Feasibility Technical Memorandum. Mr. Davidson went over the inconsistencies in calculations, stated he read the Compliance document, and urged the Board to consult their lawyer because of mistakes.

Sharon Calvert also spoke on the 2045 LRTP. The MPO coincidentally changed their format and there are inconsistencies, the numbers don't match, and there's missing information. On November 5th, 2019, two appendices, one of which is the major investment costs, were blank. Ms. Calvert stated that she informed the Board that day and that it would be corrected. On February 20th, 2020, it was still blank, but has since been updated. The information provided in 2040, a table for the Cost Feasibility project, is nowhere to be found in the 2045 document, and the key piece is there's missing information the public did not have at the time of the public hearing. The document has been changed numerous times, and there's no version control from the public perspective. Speaking on the Fixed Guideway Transit Projects, when looking at the costs, comparing to the 2040 plan, she cannot make heads or tails of where the numbers came from.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, ONLINE COMMENTS

Bill Roberts, CAC Chair, presented an update on the CAC meeting in February of 2020. He reported the CAC voted to approve Terrance Trott for the At Large seat on the CAC, representing the African-American community, and they also welcomed two new members at that meeting -- Jeff Lucas and Christine Acosta. The CAC approved the Garden Steps Action Plan; the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to the I-75 northbound ramp from US 301 with recommendations. They asked that the signal timing be evaluated during and following the improvements at 301; secondly, they identified changes to minimize the spillback during the evening rush hour from southbound 301 traffic turning onto eastbound Bloomingdale, which blocks that intersection; and, finally, the CAC approved the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project. Other actions: The CAC heard a presentation and received research papers on induced travel demand; heard a report on the Streetcar Modernization and Extension Study being conducted by the City of Tampa; heard a presentation on the Tampa Interstate Study/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearings, with much discussion regarding the motion made by the Community Redevelopment Agency in support of prioritizing transit and opposing tolls on the interstate within the City of Tampa. The CAC debated a motion to oppose new variable express tolls within the City limits, mirroring the action of the City of Tampa's CRA. That motion failed by a vote of 6 to 8, with many questions about express lanes, tolled or otherwise, which the CAC expects to have a presentation on in the future to clarify language and what some of its intent is. The CAC, regarding the next Unified Planning Work Program, passed a motion asking the MPO to coordinate between the cities and county to adopt a uniform standard for buffered bike lanes.

Wanda West, MPO staff, relayed the other committees approved three items for action on the agenda: Technical Advisory Committee, making a slight modification to one of the items; the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project to accept the report and request implementing entities strongly consider mitigation strategies; and the Transportation Disadvantage Coordinating Board approved the annual evaluation of the community transportation coordinator. Other presentations made to the committee included Induced Demand, Transit Major Project Next Steps, HART - BRT Arterial Study, Tampa Streetcar Modernization and Extension Study, Vision Zero Speed Management Study update, update on Bicycle Friendly Business Program, the Tampa Interstate Study Supplemental Environmental
Impact Study, MPO's Unified Planning Work Program, Call for Projects. Regarding the UPWP Committee's request for consideration to add the following studies: Right Size Parking Calculator, Best Practices in Electric Vehicle Charging, Continue Audits for Remaining School Safety Study, looking at speed humps around parks, and best practices for street sweeping and bicycle lane maintenance.

Online comments: Gary Rector sent an e-mail expressing concerns about FDOT's February 27th public hearing on the Tampa Interstate Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Protection of the Hillsborough River, and both MPO and FDOT staff have responded. A records request was received from Sharon Calvert for the major investment projects and assessment and cost feasible plan supplemental tables from LRTP. Requested documents were provided, and a similar request was received from Mr. Jim Davidson. There was correspondence between County Administrator staff and Plan Hillsborough staff regarding use of the conference room on 26th floor. Mike Lamarca wrote regarding the FDOT maintenance workers in the Ruskin/Apollo Beach area who did not utilize laws regarding bicyclist safety, and FDOT thanked him and will follow up with staff.

No Facebook comments were received.

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Maniscalco so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and adopted.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Vishaka Raman, MPO staff, gave a brief summary that this amendment has been brought by the FDOT to add a new project to the current TIP for interchange improvement at U.S. 301 and I-75. It calls for the design and construction of roadway improvements and mainly adds an outside lane to the I-75 outbound ramp, from northbound U.S. 301 to northbound I-75. Other improvements include new concrete pavement, rehabilitation of existing pavement, signage, marking, and lighting, et cetera, and goes with other roadway improvements from north of Lake St. Charles Boulevard to north of Progress Boulevard. From the comparative report, as a new project, it's adding roughly $5 million in advanced construction funds to this project. This project has already gone through the CAC and LTAC, so he requested approval of the amendment.

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Waggoner so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp, followed by a discussion from Commissioner Smith on the question by the CAC, stating they would like to see a signal timing study added. Ms. Raman relayed that it was added to the recommendations for the study, along with identifying the changes during and after the construction from southbound U.S. 301 to eastbound Bloomingdale because it blocks traffic.

A standing motion moved by Mr. Waggoner, seconded by Ms. Kemp, with a roll call vote and adopted.

B. Garden Steps Action Plan

Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff, gave a brief overview that Garden Steps is a project for which MPO was awarded First Runner-Up in the APHA/Aetna Foundation Healthiest Cities competition, for work in establishing community gardens in areas identified as food deserts and evaluating and improving transportation around
conditions surrounding garden sites, thanks to their partners. They're looking at trends in which obesity has grown in the United States, and they discovered that health is 50 percent of public policy. They affirmed that transportation affects health in the areas of safety, walking, bicycling, and air quality, of which they had numerous conversations about in the last year, including connectivity to destinations so that they can build wealth and health and equity.

What they had missed in this project that they discovered was that food access and the food desert label became part of their daily speech and they created a county health atlas that helped to identify health, environment, transportation, food environment, all layered over the City of Tampa, which was the study area. As a result of all the successes of Garden Steps, they were named First Place winners and were awarded $50,000 and, evidence based and moving forward, Ms. Ogilvie requested that they use the $50,000 to complete new gardens for health and food access, for the purpose of community education, safe and health active transportation, and public policy.

Their request to the Board is to support the Garden Steps Action Plan in your packet, as they have the support indicated from City of Tampa. It was also stated they'll be working at the 22nd Street and Osborne corridor for the next three years and would like to recreate this garden and move forward. Commissioner Kemp and Commissioner Overman congratulated Ms. Ogilvie on the good work and inquired if they're working with County Extension, and they are. Chairman Miller also asked if they're putting one in East Tampa at Middleton High School. He was assured that they were.

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the support for the Garden Steps Action Plan. Commissioner Maniscalco so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and adopted.

C. Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Program

Allison Yeh, MPO Staff, described that Resilient Tampa Bay is a project that started a little over a year ago when they started the Long-Range Transportation update, and it's an effort between the three, MPOs, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and DOT. Ms. Yeh gave a brief description that the LRTP was mandated to look at resiliency and flooding strategies for this project. She described what went into the LRTP - a.) State of good repair and resilience; b.) Vision zero; c.) Smart cities; d.) Real choices when not driving; e.) Major projects, and this plan had stakeholder participation.

Karen Kiselewski, Technical Consultant, further explained the report has three components to it. It's a vulnerability assessment, has an adaptation toolbox in it, and it has cost information and some return on investment in it, and that all three of those kind of wrap up into identifying potential projects moving forward. She also quickly touched on the three components, showing diagrams of the potential impacts/changes. Ms. Kiselewski, as well, mentioned the Cost of Doing Nothing report.

The recommended action is the Board accept the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project Report and request that implementing entities strongly consider mitigation strategies for the highly critical, highly vulnerable road segments when doing maintenance or other work on those roads.

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project Report and request that implementing entities strongly consider mitigation strategies for the highly critical, highly
vulnerable road segments when doing maintenance or other work on those roads Garden Steps Action Plan. Commissioner Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Councilman Citro and adopted.

Discussion went forward by Commissioner Kemp, exclaiming this is a very compelling presentation. She asked about infrastructure issues with the Cat 3 plus sea level rise, and are we addressing that in the projects that are underway now? Her concern is that FDOT said they are now looking at the Howard Frankland Bridge, with a 1.5 foot sea level rise in the plans, but it appears that by 2045 they will be needing 4 feet.

Mr. Gwynn responded that if they raised the Howard Frankland Bridge 8 feet, you wouldn’t be able to get on it and that it would be higher than everything else. Currently, they're looking at the sea level rise, having to balance their options with the surrounding and abutting properties.

Commissioner Overman asked if by approving this report and sending it on for transmittal, does it set specs in order to avoid the additional cost, since we are planning for 2045. She stated they should have these specs in their plan design and questioned if they are required to be added to the design standards in order to mitigate this kind of resilience, because not only is it the economic cost of not doing it now, it is the volume of traffic that would be impeded. Her question was: By approving this report and putting it through, do we adopt or should we or can we adopt the design standards to address this mitigation? Ms. Yeh responded this is a planning level study, so when you get to, for example, the PD&E phase, there will be additional engineering required to do the design and she thinks they can adopt the concepts and the basic cost estimates. When it goes up to the Federal Highway Administration level, it's going as a final draft. They're going to massage it into a national guidebook, together with all of the other collective pilot projects. Ms. Yeh wanted to note that when they were working with the Department of Transportation, they understood there was quite an extensive study done for Highway 275.

Karen Kiselewski reiterated this was a planning level study, so the tools and strategies in here are at a planning level. She thinks the big takeaway is it helps identify those facilities that are vulnerable to be able to do more detailed studies going forward. So as local governments or DOT do maintenance projects on the facilities, they will look at it more closely in terms of vulnerability, as well, and consider additional strategies based on some of the suggestions in the report. They have found elsewhere if there’s not money set aside to do enhancements for resilience, they sometimes don’t occur. This is a way of trying to start that conversation. Ms. Overman exclaimed that that’s her point, and if they’re estimating the cost of building projects for 2045 now, these standards to address resiliency need to be included in the planning and the design so they can estimate what the costs are going to be at that time. That is why she asked the question and wants to know if they're even close to including this kind of resilience planning in their estimates for LRTP. Assuming that someone would put them there last-minute, which probably would not happen, she would like to make sure that whatever they, as an MPO need to do, that they reiterate planning for the resiliency that is discovered and studied now in the cost estimates needs to be included in the plan. Ms. Yeh stated stormwater and resurfacing costs are incorporated into one of the performance measures already. To answer Commissioner Overman's question, yes, at the planning level, but for the design level, they may have to defer to individual projects and the engineering because of tweaks, but that these are probably estimated lower since they're preliminary estimates, which is Commissioner Overman's concern.
Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Councilman Citro and adopted.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Cost of Doing Nothing Report

Randy Deshazo, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, gave an overview on how climate is changing the economy, how it has a cumulative effect over time, and that there are considerable risks to our national economy. Since there's not quite as many studies that relate to Florida or certainly to the Tampa Bay area, what the Council has done in recent years is to try to address the gap. The study done a few years ago looked at an increase of the sea level rise of 2.95 feet by 2060. They looked only at the sea level rise and only focused on impacts to property, both inundated residential properties and inundated commercial properties, to get a sense of what property value loss would be and how many coastal jobs would be lost as a result of sea level rise. This was a GIS-focused kind of study. Essentially, their findings were somewhere north of $10 billion in property damage as a result of inundation by 2060 and a cumulative loss of $160 billion from the economy. That is for the four-county area of Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas.

Mr. Deshazo further explained what they're going to be doing this coming year is updating that Sea Level Rise Study with funds provided by USEPA to help not only consider what the impacts of the sea level rise are but considerably look at impacts of heat and how that influences our economy and the entire Florida economy, as well. With that, they're taking the recommendation from the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel to update their sea level rise projections, that they're no longer looking at under 3 feet of sea level rise by 2060 but about 3.5 feet by that period, because what they're seeing is that the sea level rise appears to be more aggressive than what they thought it was four or five years ago, and presented more detail on the impacts of the cost of hotter days, heat impacts on coastal regions, with a consideration of the synthesis of a wide range of scientific research. The economic model was provided, and they'll continue to use this model throughout the study. The mortality rates of heat exposure and heat mortality impacts was charted and explained. It was noted that science does make assumptions, and this must be kept in mind. He relayed a brief overview on the Next Steps.

B. Plan Hillsborough Annual Report

Melissa Zornitta, Planning Commission, gave a brief presentation on the Plan Hillsborough Annual Report, reporting that the strategic plan the MPO was a part of creating a year and a half ago supports all three boards the agency works for -- the MPO, the Planning Commission, and Hillsborough River Board -- and went over the strategic plan background. The highlights of Linking Land Use and Transportation: Plant City mixed use gateway; proactive planning efforts; incorporating market insight into planning; FSU Department of Urban Planning shared mobility project. She further explained in terms of technology and innovation, their major focus in this area is trying to bring their website up to compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act. They also have a Transportation Improvement Project Viewer on their website to look at the specific projects in the TIP. Citizen Engagement included community presentations around the It's Time Hillsborough, as well as around Vision Zero.
They've been very active in the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee and participated in a summer camp held in Tampa Heights, as well as Palm River. In terms of planning partnerships, they saw a benefit partnering with the radio stations who helped get the word out about that survey, and they continue to participate in programs like MAPS and FLiP. They also, for the first time, participated in the Civilian Career Day. Enabling Transportation Choices' major focus was completing the LRTP. In addition, they did the Low Speed Electric Vehicle Study and Garden Steps. Opportunities for Regional Collaboration include the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Program, but a big success was hosting the Safe Routes to Schools National Conference and doing that in conjunction with Gulf Coast Safe Street Summit. Lastly, she went over the Internal Agency Enhancements in terms of focusing on succession planning, that they've had a number of retirements in-house, so they also are focusing a lot on cross-team collaboration to make sure the projects are looked at by all teams in the agency.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Beth Alden gave the Executive Director's Report. Regarding our next steps in looking at climate change, we are partnering with Hillsborough County and the Environmental Protection Commission on a grant application, hoping to use a portion of the Volkswagen Settlement Funds for electrical vehicle charging stations in HC, with a possible focus on evacuation routes.

Following up on the board discussion last month about how to make progress regarding safety on roadways, we've started putting together a concept for a leadership summit in the August/September time frame to talk about policies that don't necessarily cost a lot of money but that they can go ahead and get started with right no. That would require partnering with the Sheriff's Office and maybe with healthcare providers, getting data and drawing to our community members' attention to what steps they need to take to create safer streets.

Also following up on last month's discussion, Peter Hsu mentioned an upcoming event to celebrate the Fletcher Avenue Complete Streets Project, which will be Monday, the 16th of March, at 9:00 a.m., on Fletcher Avenue. They're to meet in the parking lot of the McDonald's near 22nd Street. One other follow-up item from last month's safety discussion involved the bill in the legislature that would remove the ability to use rapid flashing beacons to draw attention to pedestrian crosswalks. Ms. Alden was pleased to report that as a result of their letter and other outreach that happened through local communities, progress of that bill seems to have slowed in the Senate.

There are a couple of other bills they are monitoring that also affect their work, that include a bill that would extend the funding for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program that the Sunshine Line uses; a bill to focus some funding on cross-county trips. That bill is making progress, has passed the House, and has been referred to the Senate. They talked about changes in their regional planning with TBARTA, refocusing on transit only. There's a bill that would separate the MPO’s Chairs Coordinating Committee from TBARTA; it’s going to a full-floor vote in both the Senate and the House.

The TMA Leadership Group Meeting is coming up Friday, hosted in Pasco County, and the address is up on the website. Also, they're traveling with HART for a tour of the Sun Rail in Orlando on Thursday. If you need transportation, please let
Ms. Alden know. They're providing a van for board members and need to leave County Center at approximately 7:00 in morning.

Finally, Commissioner Miller was invited to draw a couple of names from the Smiley Face cup for two Lightning tickets for two citizens that came out to march in the Martin Luther King Day Parade as a part of the Zero Vision Coalition.

Commissioner Overman mentioned a concern that recently, when looking at their comprehensive plan for Hillsborough County and other planning that they do, she discovered that the fee structure calculation, cost structure calculation, assumed a Level of Service D as standard operating procedure, and that this is problematic if their priority is safety. And if C is what they get safety with, then they have a disconnect in their policy. She asked for an understanding of when they adopted the Level of Service D as their planning tool in their comprehensive plan and how it impacts their long-range goals of safety and design, because if they're designing for dangerous roads or a level of service that is not delivering what they need, she'd be very interested in finding out how they fix that problem.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Cindy Stuart proclaimed her concern with some planning that is happening or not happening both at the MPO level and at the Commission level that is starting to put the brakes on some of the projects that she is involved with. She started with the Balm Road Project. Currently, they have a school opening on Balm Road in August of 2020 that is on a two-lane road with one lane in and one lane out for the school. It's going to max out at capacity, at 3,000 students, on opening day. It's a middle school and high school combined for the first three years because they don't have the money to build the middle school. Ms. Stuart learned a few weeks ago that instead of having other funding sources to fix and repair and improve this road so the residents of this community aren't stuck in front of the high school for hours trying to get in and out of their community, comparing it to Fish Hawk, the request has been made to do a PD&E study from this agency which will take no less than three years to complete and then start improvements, which is a huge issue. She's anticipates getting suddenly slapped with major complaints from the community because of the similar traffic issues with Fish Hawk. She stated they're prohibited from doing traffic improvements or road improvements unless it's on their property. She wants to bring that out into the open as this body meets and as the Commission begins to meet and have these conversations. She continued that they're looking at the purchase of two schools and the roadblocks with that. Ms. Stuart said they have 38 schools, minimum, to build in the next 15 years, and that's at the utilization of 150 percent. That is minimum, with no plan in place for how they move to correct the issues that they have and continue to supply the community with the needs and things our residents deserve. She relayed that two weeks ago they had a rezoning hearing for three schools, and it was a nightmare. She can't build schools fast enough to fill the need, and South County is a problem. She asked the Chair if there is something that can be brought back to this Board to have a different conversation, and she doesn't know if perhaps a committee needs to be formed. She turned to the executive director to ask, "Where do I go now at this point since we have had the conversation at the surface level as elected officials and the decisions being made between the two buildings are not consistent with what the community needs?"
Beth Alden responded that transportation is one piece of the larger puzzle. As a first step, they do have a board workshop scheduled on the 24th of March. The Balm Road project is on their priority list. Ms. Alden stated that federal funding may be five or six years out for the first phase, which would be a PD&E phase, and that is a long way out, going through their process. Ms. Stuart responded that does not work, that she doesn't believe a five-year plan, with a two-lane road, with 3,000 students entering and exiting, works. Ms. Alden relayed there's a meeting on the 24th that would be an opportunity for a dialog with all the implementing agencies about what their community needs are and how to address those needs. Commissioner Kemp mentioned she's glad to have Ms. Stuart raise the point. This is one reason why she's been strong on raising impact fees that have not been raised since 2006 that is holding up the building of schools. They voted to create a two-mile safety zone around schools and spoke about the safety issues that have been occurring. Mayor Lott questioned the ranking of this issue, doesn't this have to be resolved by August, and how do we not fix this between now and August. Cindy Stuart stated that's not the goal. The goal of this agency is to do a PD&E study. That is the plan, and the best plan would be to correct the situation by August. Ms. Alden relayed it cannot be done with federal funds, and Cindy Stuart suggested what she'd like to do is set meetings with commissioners, because she's looking at an agenda item right now that specifically says, The Interlocal Agreement For Public School Facility Planning, Siting and School Consistency has been submitted. The County has responded to the consistency request with additional information and a more in-depth transportation study. This is for her to purchase property to build an elementary and middle school on Bishop Road, which none of that is required. But the on-site approval, which has to come to the commission, is being held up because additional traffic studies and transportation studies are being requested. She's not going to be able to stay on her timeline to build those schools, which ultimately is going to come back on everyone because the houses are there, the kids are there, the building is happening, and they presently can't keep up with it, and now it's going to be delayed. So, she'll schedule individual meetings with commissioners so she can share with the Board what is happening maybe behind the scenes that they are not aware of that staff is handling. Balm Road is one example. When that school opens, it is going to be a traffic nightmare. It's going to very quickly become another Fish Hawk.

Chairman Miller asked if there aren't two additional schools they are looking at on Bishop Road, and Cindy Stuart responded, yes, a $4 million purchase of property only. Chairman Miller said that Bishop Road is a very substandard road and stated there's been some conversations between her superintendent and their staff concerning that property and looking at possible property swaps because of the fact that building a school on Bishop Road will produce major, major traffic jams. Cindy Stuart assured the issue they're having is the price they can afford to purchase, which goes back to impact fees. Most of the roads in that part of the community are substandard and do not meet the level of transportation consistency that you are requiring or asking for. So, they are being handcuffed to do siting because of that problem and she doesn't see a plan in place for how they can move beyond that. She again related she had schedule some meetings with Chairman Miller so they can bring the right people into the room, like the Planning and Growth Department, and they can bring someone also, but she needs 38 schools in that part of the county in 15 years. Mayor Lott questioned if it’s South County and Cindy Stuart confirmed South County. Chairman Miller said to make her phone call.
Commissioner Kemp asked Ms. Alden about her legislature report, something that is actually moving in terms of the State paying on maybe a more permanent basis for transit in between jurisdictions, in between counties? Ms. Alden reiterated this is support for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program, the Sunshine Line.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.
Committee Reports

Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on March 11
Under Action items, the CAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ HART Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

The CAC heard status reports on Land Use & Transportation Coordination, HART’s Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Study, TBARTA’s Regional Rapid Transit Project Development & Environmental Study, and the MPO’s Transportation Equity Scorecard.

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on March 16 (virtual)
Under Action items, the TAC had no objections and forwarded to the MPO Board:
✓ HART Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

The TAC heard a status report on SR 60/Kennedy Blvd Access Management Study, and members requested:

- that the FDOT project managers reach out to the elected officials to be briefed on the project prior to implementation.

The TAC also heard status reports on TBARTA’s Regional Rapid Transit Project Development & Environmental Study, THEA’s Advance Notification of the Whiting St and Washington St Extensions, and MPO staff’s research on Induced Traffic Demand.

Workshop of the Policy Committee & Board on TIP Priorities, March 24 (virtual)
The Policy Committee and MPO Board heard status reports on:

- Earmarks in the State Budget – Earmarks do not generally bring additional money to FDOT District 7, but instead shift the available state dollars to projects that may not have been priorities in the past. Staff emphasized the need for earmark requests to be part of the MPO priority list, so that all agencies can speak with one voice about priorities. Committee members requested greater outreach to legislative representatives, such as by holding a legislative forum on priorities.

- 2020 Surtax Projects Overview

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Priorities FY 2022-26 – Staff presented the funding priority requests that have been received from the local governments, agencies, and FDOT, and committee members asked questions about the projects. Several agency representatives gave brief overviews of their project requests. There was debate about moving big-ticket items to the top of the MPO’s priority list, and staff pointed out that small
amounts of funding cannot be assigned to large projects, so when small amounts of funding become available, it is strategic to have lower-cost projects higher on the list. To communicate the importance of the big-ticket projects and seek support from legislators or potential grantors, staff has drafted a one-pager about these projects, for the board’s consideration at the TIP adoption hearing in June.

**Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on March 11**

There were no action items. The BPAC heard status reports on the following topics:

- **SR 60/Kennedy Blvd Access Management Study** – The committee made a motion to request that pedestrian crossings be evaluated at Manhattan Ave. and Grady Ave. Members recommended that one crossing should be between Westshore and Lois, and one between Lois and Dale Mabry, noting the distance between signalized crossings.

- **MPO Transportation Equity Scorecard** – The committee heard an update on this project and members were supportive of the tool.

The committee also voiced concerns regarding closure of sidewalks during construction. Committee members asked if a Right of Way permitting staff member could discuss with the committee what measures are considered during sidewalk closures. Staff will work to organize this discussion at a future meeting.

**Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) on March 25 (virtual)**

During Public Comment, Chris Vela spoke regarding his concerns about some of the projects included on the agenda, in particular the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority’s (THEA’s) Meridian Ave project.

The LRC heard status reports on the SR 60/Kennedy Blvd Access Management Plan, the Selmon Greenway Masterplan Update, THEA’s Advance Notification of the Whiting St and Washington St Extensions and other project updates, and MPO staff’s research on Induced Traffic Demand.
Summary for 03.06.2020 Meeting

Based on the importance and reach of the conversations that happen at the TMA Leadership Group, we are looking to keep our stakeholders aware of the outcomes of these meetings. The following is a summary of the most recent meeting highlights; you can find the full agenda online. A video of the meeting can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/CmSY7BYOHe4.

Public Comment:

Tom Nocera made a presentation to the group concerning SkyTran. He reported that on February 5th, SkyTran met with regional leaders, to discuss relocating their world headquarters from California to the Tampa Bay region. Nocera said SkyTran is currently in the process of building a demonstration track, with new technology, in San Antonio. Leaders from Skytran visited two sites, one in Hillsborough (MOSI site) and one in Pinellas, for future locations.

Rick Homans, CEO of the Tampa Bay Partnership, made a presentation in support of two regional transit projects. One is the 41-mile regional bus rapid transit which uses the I-275 corridor, linking St Pete/Tampa to Wesley Chapel, and which depends on two critical factors, a dedicated transit lane for the entire 41 miles, and second community-based stations that connect to county-based transit systems. The other is acquisition of the CSX rail corridor for passenger service linking USF to Downtown Tampa as the first phase of 100+ miles of rail connecting Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco and Hernando Counties. Both projects will expand regional transit. The Partnership sent letters of support to the MPOs, and Mr. Homans provided a generic copy of the letter.

Regional Interlocal Agreement Status: Beth Alden

Update: Formalizing the Leadership Group’s status, the interlocal agreement that creates the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee has now been to all three MPO boards for approval. The updated interlocal agreement now includes a standing committee establishing the status of the TMA Leadership Group as part of the regional framework. The agreement also calls for moving forward with electing a chair and vice chair, establishing leadership for the year.

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

The election of the chair and vice chair was administered by Whit Blanton, who noted that the Legislature has wanted a point person for regional transportation issues and having a chair and vice chair would help with communication efforts. There was a recommendation for one from each MPO, so that a three-person executive committee could be established.
Chair: Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers

- Nominated
- Motion passed unanimously

1st Vice Chair: Pasco Commissioner Jack Mariano

- Nominated
- Motion passed unanimously

2nd Vice Chair: Hillsborough Commissioner Kimberly Overman

- Nominated
- Motion passed unanimously

TB Next SEIS Update: Kirk Bogen, FDOT D7

The SEIS is a supplemental environmental impact study of I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to North of ML King Jr. Blvd, and of I-4 from the Downtown Interchange to 50th St. Public hearings and workshops are being held with communities, to provide results and take comments, and FDOT will go on to develop a final SEIS and hopefully receive a record of decision by the end of the year.

The Department of Transportation has recommended a locally preferred alternative to the Federal Highway Administration, in the draft SEIS document, and also presented it at the public hearings. The recommendation includes the complete reconstruction of the State Road 60 interchange in the Westshore Area, with the addition of two express lanes in each direction from the Howard Frankland Bridge, continuing east towards the river and including a direct connect ramp into Downtown. The recommendation also includes revised safety and operations in the downtown interchange. The state has funded the Westshore portion of the recommended project. All reports are on the website: http://tampainterstatestudy.com/

The project is widely supported, said Beth Alden, citing the Hillsborough MPO’s It’s TIME Hillsborough survey with more than 5000 responses. Ms. Alden asked for information on regional trails and Westshore access. Part of the Florida SUNtrail system, the Gulf Coast Trail corridor runs through this area; specifically, the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail connects to Cypress Point Park, and the next step is to figure out how to connect to Downtown, running generally alongside I-275.

Kirk gave the latest thinking. There will be bike/ped connections along Reo Street, and then along the south side of the interstate, using local streets. FDOT is working with the City of Tampa. There is a proposed bike/ped overpass at Dale Mabry Hwy, and the connection to Downtown may also use existing trails on the north side of the interstate.

Discussion followed regarding: coordination of several projects and timelines; funding; the need for educating our citizens on the huge investment. Leadership Group members asked the MPO staff directors to draft an op-ed letter and circulate it to the members for comment.
Tampa Streetcar Update: Milton Martinez, City of Tampa

Milton Martinez provided some history of the streetcar system. Tampa’s current Feasibility Study to modernize and extend the current system began in 2016 with a FDOT grant. The study is being conducted by HDR, in two phases: feasibility and project development. The streetcar is currently operating as a free fare system with extended hours of service, with the support of another FDOT grant.

Steve Shukraft, project manager at HDR, gave an overview of the project now, key decisions made and process coordination. The study is a joint project with the City of Tampa, FDOT and HART. The service supports the Downtown’s satellite parking opportunities and provides a connection to regional transit express routes at the Marion Transit Center. There has been an increase in the number of riders with the free fares grant. What we have seen is an increase of two to three times monthly ridership, and we have not seen that decline as if this were kind of a novelty factor with the new service. The preferred alternative route for extension has been defined, along with modernization improvements for the existing line. The project is now at the 30% design phase. All materials are on the website, including from several public workshops. The website is: https://www.tampagov.net/capital_projects/studies/streetcar_extension_study

Phasing of Regional Transit Projects: Sarah McKinley, Hillsborough MPO

To recap, the TMA’s Tri-county Vision plan was developed as part of the 2045 LRTP. The tri-county vision included several transit projects that connect with each other, including bus rapid transit on I-275, reuse of freight tracks, modernizing and extending the Tampa Downtown Streetcar so it connects to the regional system, and several other projects.

TBARTA, the City of Tampa, and HART are independently developing three separate transit projects, but ultimately they will all connect to each other, will serve different travel markets, and the planning for them is being coordinated. Over time, the TMA will consider moving the projects into the regional priority list. Timing and coordination are important for federal funding, so that projects in this region are not perceived to be competing with each other. The Tampa Streetcar project is likely to be the next project that is ready to compete for federal funding, coming after PSTA’s Central Ave BRT project. The TBARTA BRT project will need to compete for funding in the mid 2020s, when it comes closer to the time of construction of the express lanes on I-275.

The group discussed the importance of considering project readiness for moving into the federal grant process, rather than a pre-determined order. It was agreed by the group to revisit the regional transit phasing topic at two TMA Leadership Group meetings each year to ensure all partners were updated on the readiness of various projects and the potential timing of federal and state grant applications to avoid competition internal to the region.

Roundtable Discussion with Tri-County BPAC

Following the completion of the TMA Leadership Group’s main agenda, the chair invited members of the Tri-County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the table to have a
roundtable discussion of regional trail and supporting bicycle/pedestrian projects. The Tri-County BPAC is comprised of members of each MPO’s BPAC and meets periodically to coordinate inter-county trail projects and related activities.

Wade Reynolds, Hillsborough MPO, presented the most recent list of project priorities for creating a connected network of regional multiuse trails. Whit Blanton gave a presentation on state legislative efforts to turn the yellow Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) red, which would have the likely effect of removing many of those devices and the mid-block crosswalks they support. There was discussion of the regional Multi-Use Trails network and regional bike/ped priorities within each county. Representatives of the Tri-County BPAC expressed a desire to have an interactive on-line and printed map of the regional trail network for distribution. The existing map is maintained by Hillsborough MPO in support of the Chairs Coordinating Committee, and efforts are underway to create an updated map. The discussion also included safety considerations and tying the expanding regional and statewide trail network to regional tourism marketing and promotion.

At the end of the roundtable discussion there was general agreement among Tri-County BPAC members and the TMA Leadership Group members to continue meeting as a group once or twice per year.

Next TMA Leadership Group meeting: July 10th, 2020, Trinkle Center, Hillsborough Community College – Plant City

Other announcements: April 15th, Ribbon Cutting for Starkey Gap Grand Opening
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Committee Appointment

**Presenter**
Cheryl Wilkening, MPO staff

**Summary**
The purpose of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) is to assist the MPO in identifying local service needs and providing information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) on the coordination of services to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged pursuant to Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes. The following persons have been nominated to serve on the TDCB:

Councilmember Gil Schisler, Alternate for HART

**Recommended Action**
That the MPO confirm the above appointments

**Prepared By**
Cheryl Wilkening

**Attachments**
None
Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments for Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART)

Presenter
Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff

Summary
The following items are amendments to the Fiscal Year FY2019/20 – 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Amendment 12 - 447141-1 HART Human Trafficking Innovations in Transit Public Safety Grant is a grant awarded to HART for creating and implementing a Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign during the months leading up to Super Bowl in 2021. The overall campaign will raise awareness of human trafficking and its negative impacts across the Tampa Bay area by creating an educational and marketing campaign series. The goals of the campaign are to raise awareness and to educate customers and the employees on the signs of abuse through posters, interior bus cards, audio messages and social media. The grant was also awarded to Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).

Amendment 13 - 447142-1 HART's Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant is awarded to HART to replace approximately nine 40’ diesel buses with CNG buses.

Amendment 14 - 442424-1 HART CNG Duplex Compressor is an existing priority to upgrade the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Compressor by advancing $575,000 from HART’s current year bus replacements project; FHWA Surface Transportation Program.

Amendment 15 - 414963-2 HART - FHWA Surface Transportation Program is for bus replacements and system preservation. $575,000 has been advanced from this project to the first year of the HART CNG Duplex Compressor project.

Recommended Action
Approval of the above amendments to the FY2019/20 TIP.

Prepared By
Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff

Attachments
- Factsheet for HART Human Trafficking Innovations in Transit Public Safety Grant
- Comparative Reports for the HART TIP Amendments
Factsheet

Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative

Overview

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, with nearly 25 million victims worldwide, including in the United States. Traffickers use all modes of transportation to conduct their activities and often use public transit because it is low cost, offers greater anonymity in buying fare cards, and provides less direct interaction with government or transit officials.

FTA’s Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative is a public safety initiative that supports the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative through transit-focused industry engagement, education, public awareness and outreach, and research and technical assistance to combat human trafficking in transit. In addition, the program supports FTA’s operator assault and crime prevention efforts. The initiative aims to maximize the transit industry’s collective impact to address human trafficking and other public safety concerns.

Innovations in Transit Public Safety

The Innovations in Transit Public Safety projects are funded through the Public Transportation Innovation Program with the goal of developing innovative projects that assist transit agencies with identifying and adopting specific measures to address public safety in transit systems, including crime prevention, human trafficking, and operator assault.

Grant Awards

On January 28, 2020, Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced $5.4 million in grant selections as part of FTA’s Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative at an event at U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters. Twenty-four organizations will receive funding for projects to help prevent human trafficking and other crimes on public transportation.
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Comparative Report for HART - Amendments

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FY2019/20 through 2023/24
**FDOT 5 Year TIP**

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Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
General Planning Consultant Procurement

**Presenter**
Meghan Betourney, MPO Staff

**Summary**
The MPO has contracts with general planning consultants to conduct plans and planning studies. GPCs are an important resource for the MPO, furnishing technical expertise and augmenting staff capabilities. Because the current GPC contracts expire in September, staff began the process to procure a new set of GPCs in January.

The procurement process began by placing an advertisement in the *Florida Administrative Registrar* and on the MPO website, complemented by emails directly to the MPO’s contact lists, soliciting letters of response from qualified transportation consultants. Twenty firms responded.

An eleven-member selection committee comprising staff from the MPO, Hillsborough County, Temple Terrace, HART, City of Tampa, FDOT, and Planning Commission reviewed the letters of response and selected 16 for oral technical presentations. In March, these 16 firms made presentations of their qualifications and experience to the selection committee over a span of two days.

The panel used the attached evaluation criteria to score the firms, with the following top nine firms being recommended (in alphabetical order): AECOM, Atkins, Cambridge Systematics, Fehr & Peers, HDR, Kittelson, Tindale Oliver, Toole, VHB.

Contracts will be effective for two years, with one-year extensions for up to three additional years (5 years maximum). Tasks from the Unified Planning Work Program will be assigned to firms based on the expertise areas they have presented.

**Recommended Action**
Recommend the MPO authorize staff to negotiate a contract with each of the top-rated nine firms

**Prepared By**
Meghan Betourney, MPO Staff

**Attachments**
Score results and criteria used to evaluate oral technical presentations
Consultant: ________________________________________________________________

Instructions: This evaluation form will be completed for each firm’s oral presentation. Each firm’s scores will be totaled, and the reviewer’s name and date entered. This form will be used to summarize each reviewer’s scores onto a summary form.

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Prepared by: ____________________________ Date: ________________
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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY21 & FY22 Project Discussion

Presenter
Allison Yeh, MPO Staff

Summary
As the MPO approaches the adoption date of the FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 UPWP – scheduled for the May board meeting – today's meeting will be used to discuss potential planning studies that have been requested by the local jurisdictions and the MPO's advisory committees.

The MPO’s transportation planning functions are supported primarily by federal and state grants. The grant-funded planning activities must be identified in advance for two fiscal years. The UPWP also documents the use of federal funds for metropolitan transportation planning conducted by other agencies, including FDOT and HART, for the purpose of information and coordination.

The current draft UPWP for FY21 & FY22 is available on the MPO website. [http://www.planhillsborough.org/uni...](http://www.planhillsborough.org/uni...)

Recommended Action
For board member comment and guidance

Prepared By
Allison Yeh, AICP, LEED GA

Attachments
Presentation slides for today’s discussion will be posted at:


Coronavirus. Should we say anything more or just end the newsletter there? That would be the one-word summary of the last week and a word your retirement account hates right now. There is more to Florida than this though. The session is almost over, the budget is not passed (yet), that is expected to happen Wednesday or Thursday. Officially the session is extended until the 20th, one week. I suppose ending on Friday the 13th could have been ominous, but I think we got there anyway with coronavirus. The good news is that the plan now is to not use the full week. As was done last year, the extension is only for approving the budget and related implementing bills. An extended session had been suggested last week by legislative leaders and they deserve a compliment for keeping the extended session focused on only the budget. Obviously, the final details of the budget are not worked out yet but indications from both the House and Senate are that the two sides are close to a final deal. The hope is to have something for review tomorrow morning. The state response to coronavirus and the associated fiscal cost of that response is complicating efforts to finalize the state budget for next year. Reports are coming back that dipping into the funds to increase teacher pay and raises for state employees are off the table. The tax cuts hoped for by the legislature have been pared back to help deal with the anticipated costs of addressing coronavirus and the expected downturn in economic activity in Florida. The tax package passed yesterday reduces state revenues by $37 million, local taxes will be reduced by $11 million. The cuts would have been larger, but leaders expect they need $300 million to address coronavirus. Once a final budget is crafted and made available, there is a constitutionally required 3 day “cooling off” period. After 72 hours, the legislature can vote on the budget and put a wrap on the 2020 session.

The St. Pete Grand Prix has been cancelled, Disney shut down their parks and cruise operations, other cruise lines are shutting down, and the list goes on as many other social events are cancelled. I personally will very much miss the Chain of Parks Art Festival in Tallahassee. Schools are closed until March 30th, for now. That could be extended, we just don’t know. All state employee travel is suspended for 30 days. Think the coronavirus is not impacting the economy already? Shop for an airplane ticket today, look about 2 weeks out. Tickets have gotten cheap. We conducted that experiment last evening, a ticket on United Airlines from Jacksonville to Chicago was $67 roundtrip! The airlines are looking a little desperate for business. Restaurants are saying business is already slowing. What was described as an already fragile economy got sucker-punched by coronavirus. These closures and slowdown in economic activity will decrease state revenues derived from sales tax and the impact to businesses could be significant. The news each day seems to be announcing a new infection of at least one well known person after another that has contracted coronavirus, the POTUS has been exposed to coronavirus when he met with officials from Brazil. It seems no one is invincible. This virus is especially dangerous for our older residents and persons with existing health complications. Please, everyone be safe out there.
We are a transportation entity, and our focus is on transportation. This year there just isn’t that much to report. E-Bikes legislation passed the legislature and the bill protects local governments rights to regulate where E-Bikes can go. The mid-block crossing bill did not pass, the transportation bill worked by Representative Andrade did not pass. Senate Bill 7018 passed, it is titled “Essential State Infrastructure” and there are transportation elements in it. A part of this bill addresses electric vehicles in Florida, requiring a charging station infrastructure for electric vehicles so that range anxiety can become a thing of the past. Consider the trouble Florida could have during a hurricane evacuation if there was not a solid network of electric charging stations along the highway system. The bill calls for a study on how electric vehicles will impact/reduce state revenues into the transportation trust fund. The Florida DOT is required to conduct a study and then give the results of the study along with recommendations for legislative changes to the Senate President, Speaker of the House and Governor. SB 7018 also authorizes DOT to plan for staging areas on the turnpike system so the state can better address needs of Florida during an emergency.

The regular session began on January 14th, was scheduled to end on March 13th (now the 20th officially) and for these times in between these dates our capitol is a busy place. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of what is happening. Hopefully the next newsletter will be the last newsletter of the 2020 session and please expect that it will be a very short newsletter. It will simply let you know that the budget is adopted. An email update will go out at a later time with an overview of any Governor line-item vetoes.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

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**Important Dates for the 2020 Legislative Session**

- August 01, 2019 – Deadline for filing claim bills.
- November 22, 2019 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills.
- January 10, 2020 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills.
- January 14, 2020 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction.
- February 29, 2020 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day.
- March 03, 2020 – 50th day of Session. Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings.
- March 13, 2020 – 60th day - Last day of Regular Session.

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**Legislation of interest to the membership**

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of March 14, 2020. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

**HB 37: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco)** – Identical Bill SB 290 by Hooper. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable
by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee, YEAS 23 NAYS 0, next stop House Floor for a full vote. Passed on a House Floor vote; YEAS 118 NAYS 0. The Senate Version is set for a Senate Floor vote. Sent to Senate, referred to Committees, withdrawn from Committees, Sent to Senate Floor. Placed on Calendar, on 2nd Reading, Substituted for SB 290, Read 2nd time, Placed on 3rd reading, Passed full floor vote in Senate YEAS 39, NAYS 0. Ordered enrolled. Next stop is Governor’s signature.

 **SB 76: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book)** – Similar to HB 551 by Jenne. Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Did not pass.

 **SB 126: Sales and Use Tax – (Gruters; Co-Introducers: Hooper; Gainer; Baxley; Perry; Harrell; Albriton)** – Similar to HB 159 by Clemons. Revising the definition of the term “retail sale”; renaming the term “mail order sale” to “remote sale” and revising the definition; revising conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax levies and collection; providing that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, and remittance requirements for sales taxes, etc. This bill will require a sales tax to be collected on online purchases that are delivered to a Florida address and the bill requires that both a state sales tax and the local option surtaxes to be collected by online retailers. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Finance and Tax. Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Did not pass.

 **HB 133: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (McClain)** – Similar to SB 1332 by Hooper. Authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances that impose costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified form of payment; authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels & liability for attorney fees; authorizes court to award damages, attorney fees, & court costs in certain cases. Filed in the House. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 10/23/19, 9:00 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Business and Professions Subcommittee. Favorable by Business and Professions Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 16 NAYS 7. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Floor vote on 02/19/2020. CS passed as amended; YEAS 76 NAYS 41. The Senate version is on 2nd reading on the Senate Floor, preparing for a full floor vote in the Senate. House Bill passed as amended Yeas 76, Nays 41. Sent over to the Senate, referred to Community
Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Withdrawn from committee referrals. Was amended on the Senate floor after a failed vote, amended version passed Senate. Was sent back to the House who passed the amended version. Next stop is the Governor’s signature.

**SB 158: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry)**  – Identical Bill HB 533 by Beltran. Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6, NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. **Did not pass.**

**HB 159: Sales and Use Tax – (Clemons)**  – Similar to SB 126 by Gruters. Revises conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax; deletes exemption for certain dealers from collecting local option surtaxes; provides that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, & remittance requirements for sales taxes; requires marketplace providers to provide certification to marketplace sellers; specifies requirements for marketplace sellers; requires marketplace providers to allow DOR to audit books & records; provides that marketplace seller is liable for sales tax collection & remittance; authorizes marketplace providers & marketplace sellers to enter into agreements to recover certain taxes, interest, & penalties; grants DOR settlement & compromise authority for marketplace sales; deletes authority of DOR to negotiate collection allowance with certain dealers. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee; Appropriations Committee. **Did not pass.**

**SB 178: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez)**  – Identical to HB 579 by Aloupis. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. Favorable CS by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations Yeas 19, Zero Nays. Sent to Senate Floor, passed a full floor vote YEAS 38 NAYS 0. In Messages, being sent to the House. **Passed the House, next stop is the Governor’s signature.**

**HB 179: Safety Belt Usage – (Slosberg)**  – Requires each passenger in a motor vehicle or autocycle to be restrained by a safety belt or child restraint device. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. **Did not pass.**

**SB 216: Assistance for Micro Businesses – (Rodriguez)**  – Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation’s highway project business development program, etc. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations. **Did not pass.**
HB 249: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Slosberg) - Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises circumstances under which certain information may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

HB 279: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Smith, D.; Co-Introducers: Sabatini) - Similar to SB 504 by Perry. Requires local governing board to consider estimated costs of certain projects when making specified determination; requires local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of routine audits of local governments. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Business and Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 3. On Committee agenda-- Business and Professions Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Webster Hall. Passed Business and Professions Subcommittee; YEAS 8 NAYS 2. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee YEAS 21 NAYS Zero. Sent to the House Floor for a full House vote. Now on 3rd reading, set for a full vote. Passed the House, next stop is the Governor’s signature.

SB 290: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco) – Identical Bill HB 37 by Zika. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/12/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules; YEAS 16 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. This bill is on Second Reading in the Senate, a full floor vote appears imminent. The House version passed a full floor vote 118 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Laid on the table (set aside and the Senate version was taken up), substituted SB 37 and the House passed SB 37.

SB 308: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley) – Similar to HB 455 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Did not pass.

SB 368: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson) - Similar to HB 503 by Diamond. Authorizing certain mayors who are members of the governing board of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority to appoint a designee to attend a board meeting to act in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues; requiring the designee to be an elected official of the governing body of the mayor’s municipality, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00
Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Headed to a Floor Vote. Passed a full floor vote in the Senate YEAS 40 NAYS 0. Sent to the House and it is now on Special Order Calendar for 03/09/2020, this is the first step in setting up for a full House floor vote. Temporarily postponed on 03/09/2020, did not pass.

**HB 377: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Latvala)** - Identical to SB 478 by Perry. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 2. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 02/11/20, 9:30 am, Morris Hall. Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 6. Committee stop at State Affairs removed, sent to Commerce Committee. Did not pass.

**SB 378: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Lee)** – Similar to HB 771 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators, etc. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Banking and Insurance. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Did not pass.

**HB 395: Transportation – (Andrade)** - Similar to SB 1172 by Albritton. Revises requirements for determining salaries of secretary of DOT & assistant secretaries; revises time period during which sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by DOT are exempt from public records requirements; authorizes certain vehicles to show or display certain lights; requires certain contractors to be certified by DOT as qualified; revises financial statements required to accompany an application for certification; specifies conditions under which limitation on liability of DOT for personal injury, property damage, or death applies; authorizes Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation & override automatic reinstatement of tolls. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee YEAS 23 NAYS 0 – This bill was heavily amended. This bill is on the House floor and has been amended further, it is adopting language from other transportation related bills. It has been placed on 3rd reading which is the last step before a full House floor vote. Did not pass.
SB 452: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Rodriguez) - Identical to HB 943 by Daley. Similar to SB 7018 – Committee Bill. Requiring the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop and adopt by a specified date a master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on the state highway system, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations’. Did not pass.

HB 455: Traffic Offenses – (McClain) – Similar to SB 308 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requires person to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requires court to revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period; defines “vulnerable road user.” Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

HB 465: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Sirois) – Identical to SB 676 by Mayfield. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State. Did not pass.

SB 478: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) - Identical to HB 377 by Latvala. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 01/27/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology; YEAS 9 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 412 Knott Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Temporarily postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Temporarily Postponed. Did not pass.

HB 503: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Governing Board – (Diamond) – Similar to SB 368 by Rouson. Authorizes mayor's designated alternate to serve as member of board; provides membership requirements; specifies designated alternate's right to vote; authorizes members to attend meeting physically, telephonically, or electronically in order to constitute quorum; provides requirements for telephonic or electronic attendance. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by- State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Did not pass.
**SB 504: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Perry)** – Similar to HB 279 by Smith. Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. Favorable by Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability. Passed Governmental Oversight and Accountability; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability read 1st time. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 03/02/20, 12:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules YEAS 17 NAYS 0. On Senate Floor, on 2nd Reading. Headed to a full Senate Floor vote. Laid on Table, picked up HB 279 which passed and is headed to the Governor’s desk for his signature.

**HB 533: Child Restraint Requirements – (Beltran)** – Identical to SB 158 by Perry. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee. Did not pass.

**HB 551: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Jenne; Co-Introducer Eskamani)** – Similar to SB 76 by Book. Requires increase & support of programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires evaluation of multicity or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs; requires Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged to develop disability sensitivity training program & A Ride Away Program; provides program requirements; requires possession of certain identification issued by commission; requires motor vehicles used to provide transportation disadvantaged services to be equipped with cameras & GPS. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Removed reference to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Referred to State Affairs Committee. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 22 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0. Sent over to the Senate, Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Did not pass.

**HB 579: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Aloupis)** – Identical to SB 178 by Rodriguez. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, 12 HOB. Passed Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee, 02/18/20, 11:30 am, Webster Hall. Favorable by Appropriations Committee; YEAS 26 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee YEAS 22 NAYS 0. Sent to the House.
Floor for a full vote. Temporarily postponed on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} reading. Laid on Table, see SB 178 which is a similar bill. SB 178 passed and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

**HB 585: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Ausley)** – Identical to SB 1182 by Montford. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

**HB 657: Transportation Network Companies – (Plasencia)** – Authorizes person to establish TNC account & add authorized users to such account; provides requirements; requires TNC & TNC driver to send certain notifications to person requesting prearranged ride on behalf of authorized user; allows authorized user to view notifications; prohibits authorized user from changing certain information; requires TNC to provide human trafficking awareness training & education to employees; provides training & education requirements; limits liability of TNC in cases of human trafficking; authorizes DFS to seek court order to require TNC to comply with certain provisions; provides legislative intent & construction. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Withdrawn.

**SB 676: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Mayfield)** – Identical to HB 465 by Sirois. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Did not pass.

**HB 717: Space Florida Financing – (Sirois)** – Similar to SB 1070 by Wright. Specifies bonding provisions to which Space Florida is subject; revises powers of Space Florida regarding bond issuance; removes provisions regarding presentation of bond proposals to, & approval of bond issuance by, Governor & Cabinet; revises provisions relating to securing issuance of revenue bonds; repeals provisions relating to pledging assessments & other revenues & properties as additional security on bonds, issuance of bond anticipation notes, & short-term borrowing; revises provisions relating to lien of pledges; revises bond maturity date requirements; authorizes Space Florida to validate bonds pursuant to certain provisions. Referred to Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Ways and Means Committee. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 01/27/20, 3:30 pm, Morris Hall. Favorable by Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Passed YEAS 115 NAYS 0. Sent to Senate, referred to committees. Watch for this bill to be withdrawn from committees and head to the
Senate floor for a full Senate vote. Withdrawn from committee references, passed Senate and is now headed for the Governor’s desk for signature.

**HB 771: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall)** – Similar to SB 378 by Lee. Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network company drivers. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 8:00 am, Sumner Hall. Passed Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 1. On Committee agenda-- Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Mashburn Hall. Passed Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 8 NAYS 4. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee; YEAS 17 NAYS 7. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Did not pass.

**HB 829: Express Lanes – (Avila)** – Similar to SB 1090 by Diaz. Prohibits S.R. 826 from having any express lane or toll; requires express lanes that exist on such road to be immediately opened to public; requires tolls that exist on such road to be immediately removed; prohibits charges from being imposed for use of such road. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

**HB 915: Commercial Service Airports – (Avila)** – Similar to SB 1258 by Diaz. Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/22/20, 12:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 19 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Sent to House Floor and amended. Passed YEAS 112 NAYS 0. Sent to Senate where it was picked up and it replaced SB 1258, now on Senate Floor and on 3rd reading. Full Senate Floor vote should be coming soon. Passed Senate and is on its way to the Governor for signature.

**HB 943: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Daley)** – Identical to SB 452 by Rodriguez. Comparable to SB 7012 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Defines "master plan for electric vehicle charging stations" or "master plan"; requires DOT, in coordination with Office of Energy within DACS & Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop & adopt by specified date master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on state highway system; specifies goals & objectives of master plan; requires master plan to be updated annually.
by specified date. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. Passed Appropriations Committee; YEAS 25 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

**HB 951: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Beltran)** – Similar to SB 1416 by Perry. Requires public transit providers to post specified sign concerning assaulting transit operators; requires public transit providers to create & implement risk reduction program; revises reclassification of offense of assault on specified persons. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

**HB 969: Broadband Internet Service – (Drake – Co-Introducers: Ausley)** – Similar to SB 1166 by Albritton. Designates DEO as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; requires department to work collaboratively with certain entities; creates Florida Office of Broadband within DEO; provides purpose & duties of office. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Favorable by- Commerce Committee; YEAS 18 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Passed YEAS 114 NAYS 0. Sent to Senate where it was picked up and it replaced SB 1166. Passed Senate YEAS 37 NAYS 0. Next stop is Governor’s signature.

**HB 971: Electric Bicycles – (Grant, M)** – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Provides for rights & privileges of electric bicycles & operators; provides that electric bicycles are vehicles to same extent as bicycles; exempts electric bicycles & operators from specified provisions; requires certain labeling of electric bicycles; prohibits tampering with or modifying electric bicycles for certain purposes; requires electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions & operate in certain manner; authorizes operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed; authorizes municipalities, counties, & agencies to regulate operation of electric bicycles under certain conditions. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 21 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor Vote. On 3rd reading, full floor vote coming soon. Passed House, sent to Senate who picked this bill up and laid on the table SB 1148. Passed this bill and it is on its way to the Governor for signature.

**SB 1000: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry)** – Similar to HB 1371 by Fine. Requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; requiring, by a specified date, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway, street, or road with a
certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that the crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Did not pass.

**SB 1070: Space Florida – (Wright)** – Similar to HB 717 by Sirois. Clarifying that Space Florida is subject to a specified provision of law; revising Space Florida’s authorization to issue bonds; revising the revenue sources by which revenue bonds may be secured or repaid; reducing the term of years for which Space Florida may issue bonds, etc. Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs and Space, 01/22/20, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations, 03/03/20, 1:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Appropriations YEAS 21 NAYS 0. Sent to Senate Floor for a full floor vote, on 2nd reading. Laid on Table, HB 717 was picked up and passed the Senate. HB 717 is now headed for the Governor’s desk for signature.

**SB 1090: Express Lanes – (Diaz)** – Similar to HB 829 by Avila. Prohibiting express lanes and tolls on a specified state road; requiring the Department of Transportation to remove all existing express lanes and the imposition of tolls, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Did not pass.

**SB 1148: Electric Bicycles – (Brandes)** – Identical to HB 971 by Grant. Revising definitions relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; requiring the driver of a vehicle overtaking an electric bicycle to pass the electric bicycle at a certain distance; expanding exceptions to a prohibition on persons driving certain vehicles on sidewalks and bicycle paths; providing electric bicycle regulations; requiring electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions of law; authorizing operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/03/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building – Not Considered. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 03/02/20, 12:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules YEAS 16 NAYS 0. Sent to the Senate Floor for a full floor vote. On 2nd reading. Laid on the Table and HB 971 was picked up. HB 971 passed and is being sent to the Governor for signature.
SB 1166: Broadband Internet Service – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 969 (Drake). Authorizing certain funds within the State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors; designating the Department of Economic Opportunity, and not the Department of Management Services, as the lead state entity to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Division of Community Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations; YEAS 21 NAYS 0. On Senate Floor for full vote, on 2nd reading. Laid on table and the Senate took up the House companion bill HB 969. HB 969 Passed the Senate and is ready to be sent to the Governor for final approval.

SB 1172: Transportation – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 395 by Andrade. Revising requirements for determining the salaries of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and assistant secretaries; requiring certain contractors to be certified by the department as qualified; specifying conditions under which the limitation on liability of the department applies for personal injury, property damage, or death; authorizing the Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations. Did not pass.

SB 1182: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Montford) – Identical to HB 585 by Ausley. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Did not pass.

SB 1192: Tax on Aviation Fuel – (Gruters) – Comparable to HB 6061 by Roach, McClure. Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 4 NAYS 1. Now in Finance and Tax. Did not pass.

HB 1219: Electric Vehicles – (Toledo; Slosberg) – Similar to SB 1230 by Brandes. Requires DOT to establish Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; provides for distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; provides grant requirements; provides requirements for equipment installed; requires DOT to review emerging research, policies, & standards; authorizes DOT to develop model plan for local governments; requires DOT to develop master plan for charging stations; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.
SB 1230: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt rules; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in specified years; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Did not pass.

HB 1239: Electric Vehicle Charging State Infrastructure – (Diamond; Daley) – Requires PSC, in consultation with other agencies, to recommend to Governor and Legislature a plan for development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along State Highway System; provides goals & objectives of plan; requires PSC to file status report with Governor & Legislature by specified date. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Did not pass.

SB 1258: Commercial Service Airports – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 915 by Avila. Requiring the Auditor General to conduct specified audits of certain airports; requiring members of the governing body of a large-hub commercial service airport to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requiring the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district that operates a commercial service airport to establish and maintain a website; requiring commercial service airports to comply with certain contracting requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 1. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/17/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building – Not Considered. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 03/02/20, 12:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules YEAS 15 NAYS 2. Sent to Senate Floor for full floor vote. This bill was laid on the table and the House companion bill was picked in place of SB 1258. HB 915 is on 3rd reading in the Senate, a full floor vote should be coming soon. Laid on the Table, picked up HB 915 which passed the Senate and is being sent to the Governor for signature.

HB 1315: Transportation – (Fetterhoff) – Related Bill SB 7054 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Please see the 01/18/2020 edition of the MPOAC Legislative Newsletter for a write-up on this bill. Revises DOT organization & responsibilities; revises provisions relating to distribution of certain moneys; revises time period within which disclosure of beneficial interests must be submitted to state or certain local governmental units; revises provisions relating to notice delivery; removes scheduled repeal of certain provisions; requires vehicle operator to take certain actions when road & bridge maintenance or construction vehicle is on roadside; requires airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit final valid determination from FAA; revises date by which M.P.O. must submit list of project priorities to DOT district. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Did not pass.
**SB 1332: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (Hooper)** – Similar to HB 133 by Business and Professions Subcommittee. Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstances; prohibiting counties from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; authorizing certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges; deleting requirements regarding notices and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles or vessels, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee agenda--Community Affairs, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 301 Senate Building. Community Affairs; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/19/20, 10:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Rules; YEAS 15, NAYS 0. Bill is on 2nd reading in Senate, preparing for a full floor vote. The House version has passed the House 76 YEAS, 41 NAYS. Laid on the Table and picked up HB 133 which passed and is being sent to the Governor for signature.

**HB 1371: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine)** – Identical to SB 1000 by Perry. Requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; provides coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over public highway, street, or road with certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals; authorizes such entity to alternatively remove any such crosswalk. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Amendment filed which appears to lessen the financial impact, On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. This bill was amended on the House floor to make it much more acceptable to the MPO community, it will not have the large financial impact with the adopted amendment. The Senate version of this bill is stalled. Did not pass.

**SB 1416: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Perry)** – Similar to HB 951 by Beltran. Requiring public transit providers to post a specified sign concerning assaulting a transit operator; requiring public transit providers to create and implement a risk reduction program; revising the reclassification of the offense of assault on specified persons, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 02/04/20, 9:00 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Criminal Justice; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary; YEAS 6 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. Did not pass.

**HB 6061: Aviation Fuel Tax – (Roach; McClure)** – Comparable to SB 1192 by Gruters. Deletes aviation fuel tax & provisions related to administration of the tax program. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Appropriations Committee. Did not pass.
HB 6083: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Rodriguez, A.) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Appropriations Committee. Did not pass.

SB 7018: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Comparable to SB 452 by Rodriguez and Comparable to HB 943 by Daley. Requiring the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop and recommend, by a specified date, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System; requiring the plan to include recommendations for legislation; authorizing the plan to include other recommendations as determined by the commission, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations; YEAS 19 NAYS 0. This was amended on the Senate Floor and renamed Essential State Infrastructure. The amendment added a requirement to evaluate the impact to gas tax revenues of electric vehicles. Passed and is being sent to the Governor for his signature. Please see the opening section of this newsletter for additional information.

SB 7020: Emergency Staging Areas – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to select sites for such areas; requiring the department to give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in specified counties, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/29/20, 11:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 -SJ 216. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations; YEAS 18 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote, on 2nd reading. Passed Senate YEAS 40 NAYS 0. Sent to House. Did not pass.

SB 7054: Transportation – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Related Bill HB 1315 by Fetterhoff. Revising the organization of the Department of Transportation; revising uses for distributions made under the State Transportation Trust Fund in specified fiscal years; deleting the scheduled expiration of funding for the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; requiring airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit a final valid determination from the Federal Aviation Administration, etc. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic
Development, 02/25/20, 1:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Did not pass.
March 3, 2020

Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority’s (HART’s) Application for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Section 5339C- Low or No Emissions Program

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority’s (HART) grant application to purchase ten 40’ zero-emission battery-electric buses, as part of continuing efforts to transition HART’s fixed-route fleet to low-emission fuels.

HART has been actively working to replace its diesel engine buses as part of a greater effort to reduce NOx emissions and ground level ozone emissions in Tampa Bay. Hillsborough County ranks among the highest emitters of NOx and O3 in the State of Florida, and is the highest in the Tampa Bay region. Mobile sources, such as HART’s diesel fueled vehicles, are the primary source for these emissions.

Last year, the Hillsborough MPO adopted a Health in All Policies resolution, directing its staff to consider public health impacts in all transportation planning decisions. The health impacts of vehicle emissions fall most heavily on communities adjacent to heavily travelled roads, and in Hillsborough County those communities are more likely to be low-income and/or minority, according to the MPO’s State of the System Report.

With the assistance of this grant program, not only will HART make progress on converting its entire fleet to zero emissions, but also, these particular buses will run on three transit routes located in “Opportunity Zones” designated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. These zones have a poverty rate of at least 20 percent or a median income not exceeding 80 percent of the surrounding metro area. Designated routes include a route from Marion Transit Center to Hillsborough Community College; an east/west route on Cypress Street between Downtown and the Westshore Business District; and a route from Ybor City to Tampa General Hospital on Davis Island.

The MPO supports this project which will have beneficial effects on public health in some of the local communities that need it most.

Sincerely,

Beth Alden, AICP
MPO Executive Director
In the past two weeks, we had fourteen (14) fatalities on our roadways with only 2 vulnerable road users (2 pedestrians). (I use the word ‘only’ very cautiously, as even two is two too many.) We are encouraged as the number of vulnerable road user crashes this period is a historical low for District Seven. Unfortunately, we had a triple fatality involving teenagers, ages 14-17. Sadly, none of these teenagers were wearing seatbelts. In addition, another Hit and Run crash this period involving a 5 year old boy. Sadly, so many young lives needlessly lost before embracing the gift of life with family, friends and loved ones.

We seem to have a large number of “for unknown reasons loses control of vehicle” crashes. We speculate distraction and drowsiness can easily be attributing factors - especially with cell phones and long, tiring commutes. Please remember to always focus on the roadway when driving and pull off when you need to rest and refresh.

During the month of March be mindful that schools will be going on Spring Break at various times. This means more children will be out and about enjoying our wonderful Florida weather and attractions. It also means there could be more traffic at different times, so plan ahead and ensure that you leave early enough to allow yourself enough time to get where you need to go with time to spare. In addition, don’t forget Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 8th and you need to set your clock ahead one hour. Try to eat supper an hour early on Sunday to prepare for a productive and bright Monday 😊.

Thank you for all you do to help us improve safety throughout District 7!

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February 16, 2020

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A motorist was traveling on N. Dale Mabry Highway at a high rate of speed, when for unknown reasons the motorist lost control of their vehicle, departed the roadway and struck a large fixed sign. The motorist was taken to a local hospital, where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

February 18, 2020

Phillip Sparacino, 70, Inverness: Phillip was traveling eastbound on US 41 near East Highland Boulevard when he lost control of his vehicle, left the roadway and struck a utility pole. Phillip was taken to a local hospital where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Phillip is survived by his family and friends.

Jasmin Sioudi, 40, Tampa: Jasmin was traveling eastbound on SR 52 near Davis Lane when for unknown reasons her vehicle entered the westbound lanes and nearly collided head-on with another vehicle. Jasmin died at the scene of the crash. Jasmin was a compassionate person, she could connect with people instantly, and she had an impacting personality. Jasmin is survived by her husband, son, daughters, parents, family, and friends.

February 19, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A motorist was traveling northbound on Park Road when they failed to yield at a red light and collided with a vehicle traveling westbound near the exit ramp from I-4. The motorist died at the scene of the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

February 20, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A pedestrian was traveling northbound across Tarpon Avenue when they were struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound on Tarpon Avenue. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.
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February 21, 2020

Joyce Marie Lopez, 29, Riverview: Joyce was traveling eastbound on SR 60 west of Smith Royals Road when, for an unknown reason, she lost control of her vehicle and left the roadway. Joyce’s vehicle collided with a traffic sign, a curb, and became airborne before colliding with a utility pole and overturning. Joyce died at the scene of the crash. Joyce is survived by her family and friends.

February 22, 2020

Patrick Wallace Bilder, 43, Tampa: Patrick was traveling east on SR 60 when for unknown reasons he crossed the grass median and traveled east in the westbound lanes. Patrick’s vehicle then collided with a concrete barrier wall and another vehicle before going off the Tampa Bypass Canal Bridge and submerging in the canal. Patrick died at the scene of the crash. Patrick earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Vanderbilt University and spent most of his life doing academic research at Vanderbilt and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He enjoyed teaching forensics and chemistry as an assistant professor at Southeastern University in Lakeland. Patrick enjoyed fly fishing, photography, running, and Australian Rules Football. He played rugby with the St. Petersburg team which was reforming as the Tampa Bay Tiger Sharks. Patrick is survived by family and friends.

Name Withheld: "Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A pedestrian was traveling southbound across Nebraska Avenue near 15th Street when they were struck by a southbound vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.

Camilo E. Mustacchio, 17, Dover; Lexi R. Lapointe, 15, Seffner; Edgar A. Ortiz, 14, Plant City: Camilo was driving himself, Lexi, and Edgar westbound on US 92, west of Turkey Creek Road when, for an unknown reason, their vehicle crossed the centerline of the roadway. Their vehicle entered the path of a vehicle traveling eastbound and the two collided head-on. Camilo and Lexi died at the scene of the crash. Edgar was transported to Tampa General Hospital, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Camilo was a well-loved individual by his family and friends alike. Camilo is survived by his mother, stepfather, father, family, and friends. Lexi attended Strawberry Crest High School and enjoyed culinary and creative writing. Lexi had a captivating smile and brightened the room anywhere she went. Lexi is survived by her parents, sister, grandparents, family, and friends. Edgar attended Burnett Middle School and enjoyed baseball, riding scooters, and getting tattoos. Edgar adored his family most of all. Edgar is survived by parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, family, and friends.
February 26, 2020

April Ann Musgrove, 43, Ridge Manor; Donathan Paul Buck, II, 28, Dade City:
Donathan was traveling north on US 301 approaching Ashbrook Drive, when he drifted onto the outside shoulder of the road. Donathan over-corrected and crossed the median into the path of April who was traveling southbound on US 301. The two vehicles collided head-on. April died at the scene of the crash. Donathan was transported to Lakeland Regional Hospital, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. April attended Pasco High School and was active in the FFA. She worked at Tin Can Pams in Dade City and considered them her second family. She gave her heart to becoming a caregiver for her extended family and considered them her greatest love. She is survived by her family and friends. Donathan is survived by his daughter, son, parents, brother, sister, grandparents, family, and friends.

February 29, 2020

Elijah Rogers, 5, Plant City: Elijah was walking with his mother on Rogers Road when they were struck from behind by a vehicle. The Hit and Run driver fled the scene of the crash. Elijah was transported to Tampa General Hospital, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Elijah was bright boy, with beautiful blue eyes, and he had lots of energy. Elijah is survived by his mother, family, and friends. Law enforcement are still searching for the Hit and Run driver.
Good afternoon. I hope everyone is staying safe as we work through the corona virus situation. Most of you are still working although maybe differently than you are used to. We are getting closer to the end, even if we are not sure when that might be.

We typically average around 40 fatalities a month in District 7. Over the month of March we had a total of 17. Just looking at statistics that would seem to be promising, even though it is 17 too many. But we all know that the amount of traffic on the roads is low and that probably accounts for a lot of the reduction. However, 13 of the 17 were vulnerable road users, a much higher percentage than normal. We lost nine pedestrians, two bicyclists, one motorcyclist, and one person on a scooter.

With school out and many people staying at home (either teleworking or unfortunately for many unemployed), I believe more people are looking for ways to get some fresh air by either walking or biking. So there may be more pedestrian and bicycle activity in areas that don’t normally see as much. Also, with lower traffic volumes it appears that many people are driving faster than normal. We need to make sure that we keep an eye out for the vulnerable road users and also remember to keep our speeds down.

I know we are all waiting to get back to normal, but in the meantime please stay safe and watch out for vulnerable road users.

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March 2, 2020

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A pedestrian was traveling northbound across Sam Allen Road, west of Paul Buchman Highway, when they were struck by a vehicle traveling westbound. The pedestrian died at the scene of the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.

March 4, 2020

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A bicyclist was biking northbound on Gomez Avenue near the intersection of Gray Street. The bicyclist was struck by a hit and run driver and died at the scene of the crash. The driver returned to the scene and was arrested, and later charged with DUI. The bicyclist is survived by their family and friends.

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A motorist was a passenger in a vehicle traveling on Dale Mabry Highway south of Osborne Street when their vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The motorist was transported to a local hospital where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

March 6, 2020

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A motorist was near the intersection of Adamo Drive just west of Orient Road when they were struck by another motorist. The collision caused the vehicle to veer off the road and flip over. The motorist was taken to a local hospital where they later died from injuries sustained in the crash. The driver that caused the initial crash was arrested and charged with DUI manslaughter. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A pedestrian was traveling eastbound across George Road on a skateboard when they were struck by a vehicle traveling southbound. The pedestrian/skateboarder died at the scene of the crash. The man is survived by his family and friends.
March 10, 2020

Jayden Relyea, 14, New Port Richey: Jayden was bicycling eastbound on Slidell Road through the intersection at Moon Lake Road when he was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound. Jayden was transported to Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Jayden was a student at River Ridge High School. Jayden is survived by his family and friends.

Calvin Anthony Ertell, 17, Ruskin: Calvin was driving southbound on US 41 south of Saffold Park Drive when, for unknown reasons, he lost control of his vehicle, which exited the roadway and struck a guardrail, throwing Calvin from the motorcycle. Calvin died at the scene of the crash. Calvin was a fun-loving, kind, generous, fearless, outgoing, and loving son and brother. Calvin was a true social butterfly, loved by almost everyone he met. Calvin loved baseball, football, skateboarding, scootering, and fishing. Calvin is survived by his parents, sister, brother, family, and friends.

March 13, 2020

Name Withheld: "Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)": A pedestrian was crossing Belcher Road when he was struck by an oncoming vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The man is survived by his family and friends.
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**March 17, 2020**

William Lisdell, 56, Tarpon Springs: William was crossing the eastbound lanes of US 19 just north of Winding Creek Boulevard when he was struck by an oncoming vehicle. William was transported to Mease Countryside Hospital, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. William is survived by his family and friends.

**March 18, 2020**

Anna Dziadel, 60, Port Richey: Anna was crossing the westbound lanes of Ridge Road just west of Lemon Road when she was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Anna was transported to local hospital, where she later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Anna is survived by her family and friends.

**March 20, 2020**

Name Withheld: “Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)”: A pedestrian was crossing SR 574 near 10th Street when they were struck by an oncoming vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.

**March 21, 2020**

Dosha Michelle Naugle, 38, Dade City: Dosha was driving westbound on St. Joe Road, just west of Missionary Road, when she failed to negotiate a curve, crossed into the eastbound lanes, overcorrected, and lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle rotated and overturned several times, throwing Dosha from the vehicle. Dosha was transported to a local hospital, where she later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Dosha is survived by her family and friends.

**March 22, 2020**

Jason Everitt, 36, Thonotosassa: Jason was traveling southbound on I-75 when, for unknown reasons, he lost control of his vehicle and veered onto the outside shoulder, causing him to collide with a disabled vehicle parked there. Jason’s vehicle then overturned, and he was thrown from the vehicle. Jason died at the scene of the crash. Jason is survived by his family and friends.
March 23, 2020

Jerry Wayne Vandyke, 72, St. Pete: Jerry was attempting to cross 34th Street just south of 3rd Street when he tripped and fell into the roadway. An oncoming vehicle was unable to avoid striking Jerry as he fell off the curb and he was struck. Jerry was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Jerry is survived by his family and friends.

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)*: A pedestrian was traveling southbound, crossing Lumsden Road, when they were struck by an oncoming vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where they later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their friends and family.

March 26, 2020

Roland E. Menard, 92, Largo: Roland was traveling southbound on 66th Street, just south of 123rd Avenue when a collision with another vehicle occurred. Roland was taken to Bayfront Hospital St. Petersburg, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Roland is survived by his family and friends.

March 28, 2020

Barry Anthony Rambert, 43, Plant City: Barry was walking westbound along the side of SR 60 when for unknown reasons, he entered the travel lanes and laid down in the roadway. Barry was struck by two different vehicles, one of which fled the scene. Barry died at the scene of the crash. The Hit and Run driver that fled, was later arrested. Barry is survived by his family and friends.
April 8, 2020

RE: Encourage staying on track for economic recovery, boost in wages tied to transit initiative

Dear Chairman Miller:

I respectfully encourage you to stay on course for the backup plan for the All for Transportation initiative in case the Florida Supreme Court throws out our citizen-led plan. I understand that the Board is sensitive to a transportation ballot initiative in November if the country is recovering from a COVID-19 recession, but any lack of local transportation matching funds would be devastating to Hillsborough County’s ability to recover from a recession, draw down funds for major transportation and infrastructure projects, boost wages and create jobs.

Earlier this year, the USF College of Business issued a report that found that “increased availability of transit would close the income equality gap, reduce the poverty rate and improve economic mobility.” Transportation investments will be even more important at a time when our community and neighbors are looking for better-paying jobs and the ability to recover.

During the economic recovery in 2009, our community secured one of the largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) transportation investments anywhere in the country - the Leroy Selmon Expressway/1-4 Connector at $105 million - because we had local commitments ready to match the federal dollars. Similarly, we successfully advocated for $38 million for the Encore housing replacement for Central Park Village under the Recovery Act because we were ready to match with local dollars.

I sincerely hope that the Florida Supreme Court upholds the decision of the Circuit Court, but on the outside chance it does not, please do everything in your power to be ready for our economic recovery, and to fight for higher wages for our neighbors and a more resilient Hillsborough County.

Sincerely,

Kathy Castor
U.S. Representative – Florida 14

1. “ISDS researchers identify public transportation as key to the region’s upward trajectory,” University of South Florida College of Business Newsroom. Jan 2019.