

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday January 24, 2018**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on January 24, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available online at www.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Public Works Department
Kandi Harper, Hernando County Planning Department
Scott Herring, Hernando County Department of Public Works
Lon Frye, Citrus County Transit
Bruce Day, City of Inverness
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville
Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cynthia Jones, Citrus County Planning Department
Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Dix, MPO Executive Director
Steve Diez, Transportation Planner III
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II
Carol Scott, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Jennifer Bartlett, Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Incorporated
William Roll, Kimley Horn and Associates, Incorporated
Ed Schultz, Citrus County Citizen

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairman Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared.

Proofs of publications of the Notice of Public Meeting were entered into the record by Mr. Diez.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nomination and Election of 2018 TAC Chairman

Mr. Diez announced that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chairman must alternate annually between Hernando and Citrus Counties. He noted that the 2018 Chairman must be from Hernando County.

Chairman Eastmond opened nominations for the TAC Chairman.

Mr. Geiger nominated Ms. Harper as the Chairperson to the Hernando/Citrus TAC.

No further nominations were made.

Motion: *Mr. Geiger moved to approve Ms. Harper as Chairperson to Hernando/Citrus TAC for the 2018 calendar year. Mr. Dixon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Nomination and Election of 2018 TAC Vice-Chairman

Chairperson Harper opened nominations for the TAC Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Dixon nominated Mr. Day as Vice-Chairman to the Hernando/Citrus TAC.

No further nominations were made.

Motion: *Mr. Dixon moved to approve Mr. Day as Vice-Chairman of the TAC for the 2018 calendar year. Mr. Frye seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 29, 2017:

Motion: *Mr. Eastmond moved to approve the November 29, 2017, Hernando/Citrus TAC meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Dixon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Diez announced that Agenda Item E (Safety Performance Measures – MPO Adopting Resolution) would be moved before Agenda Item F (Bikeways and Trails Master Plan).

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES - MPO ADOPTING RESOLUTION:

Mr. Diez introduced Mr. William Horn, Consultant for Kimley Horn and Associates, Incorporated.

Mr. Roll provided a presentation regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Safety Performance Measures and Targets. He noted that a resolution for establishing the safety performance measures will go before the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for adoption on January 30, 2018.

It was noted that Mr. Mundell arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Roll stated that new Federal Legislation now requires all MPO's to establish a performance based approach towards transportation planning. He noted the following requirements will be required by the MPO and will be addressed in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP):

- Performance Measures and Targets
- A State Freight Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Planning Requirements

Mr. Roll stated each of the above noted targets have set dates for adoption by the MPO.

Mr. Roll noted the following phases and dates of the performance measures and targets:

- Safety – February 2018
- System Performance – November 2018
- Bridge Conditions – November 2018
- Pavement Conditions – November 2018

Mr. Roll indicated that the goals of the safety performance measures are to help decrease the number of motorized vehicle and non-motorized fatalities and severe injury accidents to zero.

Discussion ensued regarding the fatality and severe injury rates in both Hernando and Citrus Counties compared to other counties in the State of Florida.

Mr. Roll stated the recommendation is for the Hernando/Citrus MPO to recognize the action by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for both the safety performance targets, short-term, and to support the vision of the aspiration goal.

Discussion ensued regarding the presentation and the safety performance measures.

Motion: *Mr. Geiger moved to approve and recommend to the Hernando/Citrus MPO consideration of the adoption for Resolution 2018-01 "A Resolution of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization Establishing Safety Performance Measure Targets." Mr. Eastmond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Ed Schultz, Citrus County Citizen, expressed the importance of safety on the roadways.

BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN:

Mr. Diez introduced Ms. Jennifer Bartlett, Consultant for Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Incorporated.

Ms. Bartlett provided a presentation of the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan.

Ms. Bartlett noted that the final draft of the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan will be completed in June 2018. She noted that the TAC will be able to review the document in April.

Ms. Bartlett noted the following workshops:

- January 31, 2018, Citrus County Transit Center, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- February 7, 2018, Hernando/Citrus MPO Office, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Bartlett noted that the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan is available online at:

- www.hernandocitrusbiketrialplan.com (project website)
- <http://bit.ly/HernandoCitrusBikePedMap> (on-line mapping tool)
- <http://bit.ly/HernandoCitrusBikePedSurvey> (on-line survey)

She noted that the above noted sites will help provide input and information regarding where bicycle trails need to be built and where there may be problem areas.

Ms. Bartlett asked the TAC for their input regarding needed trail connectivity, trail locations, problem areas, and goals.

Mr. Eastmond provided and suggested the following examples of a facility based roadway hierarchy that is implemented by Citrus County:

- Local Roads - Typically smaller and narrow roadways with slower speeds – Safe for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Higher Speed Roadways - Sidewalks on either side with buffered bicycle lanes
- Arterial Roadways - Multi-use path on one side and a sidewalk on the other side with buffered bicycle lanes

Mr. Eastmond proposed incorporating a template to be utilized for the above noted suggestions. He noted that Citrus County utilizes this system when completing road widening projects.

Mr. Day suggested utilizing more share-the-roadway signage.

Mr. Diez suggested sharrows on roadway with a sign indicating that the lane is not only for bicyclists.

Mr. Dix stated that there needs to be an idea for the purpose of a trail, and what will be able to be utilized on the trail. He noted that new devices are being developed, such as bicycles that will be capable of traveling at a speed of 40 miles per hour at a distance of 100 miles. Mr. Dix stated that the width of the trail should also be considered. Mr. Eastmond responded that multi-use trails are not designed for these types of bicycles.

Ms. Bartlett asked the TAC what safety issues should be considered.

Mr. Geiger stated that the intention of the trail needs to be designed to accommodate all modes of users of the trail.

Mr. Dixon stated that General Motors announced that the autonomous vehicle will be mass produced in 2019. He noted that as a result of this happening the distance between vehicles will be shortened which will make the roadways more efficient. Mr. Dixon stated that all new modes of transportation will need to be taken into consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the autonomous vehicle.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of trail connectivity.

It was noted that Mr. Dixon left the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the success of a Trails and Bikeways Trail Master Plan.

It was noted the high importance of considering the amount funding for trail maintenance. Mr. Dix stated that a policy was adopted by the MPO to have FDOT set aside \$0.5 million in funding for trail maintenance per county per year. Mr. Diez stated that this policy has not yet been implemented by FDOT. Mr. Eastmond stated that funding for trail maintenance should be part of the Complete Streets Program.

It was noted that maps would be provided to the TAC members after the meeting to mark where they sensed trail connectivity was needed and/or where new trails should be built.

OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Diez introduced Ms. Scott of Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).

Ms. Scott reported that construction will begin soon for Suncoast Parkway II. She noted that the FTE identified some cost savings with the letting of Suncoast Parkway II that will allow the extension of the Suncoast Parkway II from SR44 to CR486.

Mr. Diez announced that the next TAC meeting will be rescheduled to April 18, 2018. He noted that the May 2, 2018, TAC meeting is cancelled.

It was noted that at this time TAC members were given the opportunity to review the maps to mark and identify where trail connectivity is needed.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville.

The January 24, 2018, TAC Meeting Minutes were approved on April 18, 2018.

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TAC Chairman

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