HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2018

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on April 18, 2018, at 1661 Blaise Drive, Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available online at www.hernanodcitrusmpo.us.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Myra Monreal, City of Inverness, Alternate Scott Herring, Hernando County Department of Public Works Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Public Works Department Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit Cayce Dagenhart, Hernando County Planning Department

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cynthia Jones, Citrus County Planning Department Lon Frye, Citrus County Transit Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District Bruce Day, City of Inverness

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Dix, MPO Executive Director
Steve Diez, Transportation Planner III
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II
Jennifer Bartlett, Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Inc.
Michael Ullven, Hernando County Department of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chairperson Monreal called the meeting to order at 10:10 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.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Herring moved to approve the January 24, 2018, TAC Meeting

Minutes as presented. Mr. Geiger seconded, and the motion

carried unanimously.

DRAFT FY 2018/19 - FY 2019/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Diez provided the TAC members with a brief overview of the Draft FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Diez stated that the UPWP is a document that is required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that reports all programs and expenses that the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will incur for the next two years. He stated that the UPWP document will go before the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board at its May 15, 2018 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding of the UPWP and FDOT's comments.

Motion:

Mr. Herring moved to recommend approval to the Hernando/Citrus

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) the Draft FY 2018/19 - FY 2019/20

UPWP. Mr. Eastmond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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

Ms. Bartlett provided the TAC members with an update of the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan.

Ms. Bartlett distributed Citrus County and Hernando County vision maps, and a needs list to show the committee members the results from the online surveys.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed trailheads locations.

TAC members were recommended to mark up the distributed maps with suggested trailhead locations.

Ms. Bartlett stated that help will be needed from Citrus and Hernando Counties to provide maintenance and upkeep on the trails. She noted that FDOT is a partner in regards to the trail plan. Ms. Bartlett stated that FDOT is adding trails where there is the support of the counties. She noted that FDOT does not want to maintain the trails, but they will help build them.

It was noted that the final Bikeways and Trails Master Plan will be brought to the May 30, 2018, TAC meeting to review. Ms. Bartlett stated that the plan will go before the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board for adoption at its June 19, 2018, meeting.

OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS

It was noted that at this time there was no public comment.

Mr. Diez provided the TAC members with copies of the adopted FY 2018/2019 Hernando/Citrus MPO Major Improvement and Congestions Management Programs List of Priority Projects, and FY 2018/2019 Hernando and Citrus Counties Complete Streets Priority Projects lists. He noted that the TAC will have the opportunity to review the lists and make comments on them at the May 30, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Diez reported that the priority lists will be brought to the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board for adoption at its meeting on June 19, 2018.

Mr. Eastmond reported that he had received information from Floral City. He noted that the Citrus County unranked Floral City Sidewalk project should be revised and renamed to Floral City Sidewalks/Bicycle Route. Mr. Eastmond stated that the project should be moved from an unranked position to number five (5) position on the list. Mr. Dix asked for the termini of the project. Mr. Eastmond responded from US41 to the Duval Island boat ramp.

Mr. Diez requested a status update regarding the unranked Citrus County project, West Miss Maggie Drive Sidewalk project. Mr. Eastmond responded that there were still right-of-way issues.

Mr. Eastmond reported that he will be taking a preliminary analysis of the Ft. Island Trail – Multi-Use Trail project, number seven (7) on the Citrus County list, to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on May 22, 2018.

Mr. Diez requested a status update regarding number six (6), Three Sisters Springs Connector – Multi-Use Trail project. Mr. Eastmond responded that there will be discussion with FDOT to move the project into the work program. He noted that the project will require right-of-way acquisition.

Mr. Diez stated that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has submitted numerous SunTrail applications for resurfacing. He noted that DEP was told by Tallahassee DEP not to submit any more SunTrail resurfacing project applications. Mr. Dix responded that SunTrail funding must go through the MPO process.

The TAC members took time to review both the Hernando and Citrus Counties Complete Streets lists and the Major Improvement and Congestion Management Programs list.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Monreal adjourned the TAC meeting at 11:10 a.m. It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be held on May 30, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at 1661 Blaise Drive, Hernando County Training Facility, Brooksville.

It was in concurrence after the adjournment of the TAC meeting that Ms. Cayce Dagenhart of the Hernando County Planning Department would replace Ms. Kandi Harper of the Hernando County Planning Department, former employee and TAC Chairperson who resigned, as the new Chairperson of the TAC.

The April 18, 2018, TAC Meeting Minutes are anticipated to be approved on May 30, 2018.

Cayce Dagenhart, TAC Chairperson

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