

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a public meeting on April 19, 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 County Chronicle and the agenda was available on the MPO's website at: www.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James McLean, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville
Francine Nobles, Citrus County Parks and Recreation
Dennis Henize, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
Jill Edwards, Hernando County School District
Dennis Reiland, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Myra Monreal, City of Inverness, Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scarlett Sharpe, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
Nicole Bell, Hernando County Parks and Recreation
Sherry Bechtel, City of Inverness
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Michelle Tewell, Citrus County Sherriff's Office

OTHERS PRESENT

Dennis Dix, MPO Executive Director
Steve Diez, Transportation Planner III
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chairman McLean called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.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 18, 2018

Motion: *Mr. Henize motioned to approve the January 18, 2018, CAC Meeting Minutes.
Mr. Reiland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

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

Mr. Diez provided the BPAC members with a brief overview of the Draft FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that the UPWP consists of all of the transportation planning programs and expenses for both Hernando and Citrus Counties. Mr. Diez noted that the document was sent to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 7 and the Federal Highway Association (FHWA) for review and comment. Mr. Diez stated that the comments from both FDOT and FHWA were received back and will be incorporated into the UPWP.

Motion: *Mr. Geiger moved to approve and recommend to the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Organization (MPO) the Draft FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 UPWP.
Mr. Reiland seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Diez provided the BPAC members with an overview/update of the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan. He noted that the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan will go before the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for adoption at its June 19, 2018, meeting.

The BPAC members reviewed both the Hernando and Citrus Counties vision maps.

Discussion ensued regarding trail locations and connectivity.

Mr. Diez provided an overview of the Needs Lists (Needs – Preliminary Evaluation and Needs Draft) that outlines the prospective vision trail projects in both Hernando and Citrus Counties. He noted that the Needs vision project lists were the result of the online survey and from the Project Advisory Team (PAT) meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding the Needs lists.

OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Mr. Geiger provided the BPAC members with an update of the Coast to Coast Connector.

Mr. Diez provided the BPAC members with the June 20, 2017, adopted FY 2018/19 Complete Streets Priority Projects, for both Hernando and Citrus Counties and the FY 2018/19 Major Improvement and Congestion Management Programs list. He recommended that the BPAC members review the lists and provide comment regarding the ranking of the projects.

Mr. Diez stated that at the April 18, 2018, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) it was recommended to move the unranked Citrus County Floral City Sidewalk project to number five. He noted that it was also recommended to rename the project to Floral City Sidewalks/Bicycle Route.

Mr. Reiland stated the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST) should be ranked higher on the Hernando County list. He noted that the Florida City Sidewalk project on the Citrus County list should be also be ranked higher due to the traffic, nearby schools, and other facilities in the area.

Discussion ensued regarding sharrows being built on Marvin Street for bicyclists and pedestrians in Floral City.

Mr. Diez reported that there were still right-of-way issues for the unranked Miss Maggie Drive sidewalk project on the Citrus County list.

Mr. Diez reported that number thirteen, Inverness Historic Train Station, and number fifteen, New Depot/Open Air Pavilion, will be removed from the priority list. He stated that the City of Inverness acquired funding for these projects and noted that these projects will be completed in 2019. Ms. Monreal stated that the City of Inverness will be replacing the two projects with other projects.

Discussion ensued regarding possible new projects in Inverness such as a Highland Avenue connector and an Eden Drive connector.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of getting projects programmed for construction on the complete streets lists.

Mr. Diez reported that the unranked project, Kass Circle Improvement was still under review for several reasons on the Hernando County list.

Mr. Geiger responded to Mr. Diez's request for an update regarding the North Avenue sidewalk project. He noted that there was insufficient funding for the design of the project. It was noted that the North Avenue sidewalk project would not qualify as a Safe Routes to School project due to drainage issues.

Mr. Diez and the committee reviewed the Major Improvement and Congestion Management Programs list.

It was noted that the committee members were in concurrence to hold another BPAC meeting before the June 19, 2018, Hernando/Citrus MPO meeting in order to give the BPAC members the opportunity to review and comment on the complete streets lists. The committee members agreed on May 30, 2018, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville.

Motion: *Mr. Henize moved to approve that staff schedule a May 30, 2018, BPAC meeting in order to review and comment on the Hernando and Citrus Counties Complete Streets lists. Mr. Reiland seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman McLean adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m. It was announced that the next BPAC meeting will be held on May 30, 2018, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida

The April 19, 2018 BPAC Meeting Minutes are anticipated to be approved on May 30, 2018.



Scarlett Sharpe, BPAC Chairman

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