

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a regular meeting on May 30, 2018, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, 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:

Scarlett Sharpe, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
James McLean, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Dennis Henize, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
Jill Edwards, Hernando County School District
Sherry Bechtel or Myra Monreal, City of Inverness

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dennis Reiland, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Francine Nobles, Citrus County Parks and Recreation
Nicole Bell, Hernando County Parks and Recreation
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 Riecsc, Transportation Planner III
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II
Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Department of Engineering
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation District Seven
Jennifer Bartlett, Tindale-Oliver Associates, Incorporated
Justin Bansen, Kittelson and Associates, Incorporated
David Cooke, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Lorena Cucek, Florida Department of Transportation District Five
Rebecca Bolan, PE, Montgomery Consulting Group
Steven Schnell, HDR
Myra Monreal, City of Inverness

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairperson Sharpe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared.

Proofs of publications of Notice of Public Meeting were entered into the record by Ms. Riecss.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2018:

***Motion:** Mr. McLean moved to approve the April 19, 2018, BPAC Meeting Minutes as presented Ms. Bechtel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. SR 50 Corridor Study Presentation from FDOT District 5

Mr. Diez introduced Mr. Justin Bansen of Kittleson and Associates, Inc., Consultant for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Five.

Mr. Bansen provided the BPAC members with a presentation for the SR 50 Development and Environment (PD&E) study being conducted from US 301 to CR 33 in Hernando, Sumter and Lake Counties.

2. Coastal Connector Update from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)

Mr. Diez introduced Ms. Rebecca Bolan, Consultant of Montgomery Consulting Group Consultant for the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).

Ms. Bolan provided the BPAC members with a presentation of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Coastal Connector Project. It was noted that the purpose of the project is to develop an alternative corridor that will help alleviate traffic congestion from I-75 in Citrus and Marion Counties and be a roadway utilized for emergency evacuation.

DRAFT FY 2019 – FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVIEW WHICH INCLUDES THE FY 2019/2020 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST

Mr. Diez provided the BPAC members with a brief overview of the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2019 to 2023. He noted that the TIP will be reviewed and adopted by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its June 19, 2018, meeting.

Mr. Diez introduced Mr. Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Engineer, to provide an update for number five (5), Floral City Sidewalks/Bicycle Route project on the proposed Citrus County FY 2019/2020 Complete Streets Priority Projects list.

Mr. Eastmond stated number five (5), Floral City Sidewalks projects, may be coming off of the Citrus County Complete Streets list due to the possibility of Citrus County having the ability to complete the project themselves. He noted that the project is very small and may need to be combined with other

projects to make it more feasible. Mr. Eastmond stated that Commissioner Carnahan held a town hall meeting with the local representatives of Floral City to discuss the project. He noted that Floral City representatives supported using asphalt millings instead of concrete sidewalks to give the project a historical appearance. Mr. Eastmond stated that Citrus County has millings and should be able to complete the project. He noted that the project will be broken up into the three following phases:

Phase One:

- Build a sidewalk made of millings from the Duval Island parking lot to Annie Terrace.
- Provide sharrows and signage from Annie Terrace, north of Orange Avenue, to East Marvin Street over to Old Floral City Road and on to Levy Street to the Citrus County trailhead. (It was noted that bicyclists do not favor riding their bicycles on Orange Avenue due to safety concerns of the roadway.)
- Provide sharrows and signage on the south side of Orange Avenue, from Old Floral City Road to East Walnut Lane.

Phase Two:

Fill in any missing sidewalks with millings on the north side of Orange Avenue from US 41 to Annie Terrace and on the south side of Orange Avenue from west of US 41 at Bedford to Annie Terrace.

Phase Three:

Remove and replace damaged concrete sidewalks with millings along Orange Avenue west of US 41 to Bedford

Motion: *Mr. McLean moved to re-rank project number five (5), Floral City Sidewalks/Bicycle Route, to number eight (8) on the Citrus County FY 2019/2020 Complete Streets Priority Project list. Mr. Henize seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

As a bicyclist, Ms. Bechtel questioned the ranking of the Ft. Island Trail – Multi-Use Trail project on the Citrus County Complete Streets list. She noted that there are other projects on list that should be ranked higher due to safety concerns/issues. Mr. Diez responded that the Ft. Island Trail – Multi-Use Trail project is the Citrus County’s Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) highest priority for a new multi-use trail project.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost in funding and length of time it will take to complete Ft. Island Trail – Multi-Use Trail project.

Mr. Diez stated that through the direction of the Citrus County BOCC, the project will remain on the list. He noted that at this time, the project is not eligible for SunTrail funding. Mr. Diez stated Transportation Alternative (TA) funding will be used for funding the project as it becomes available.

Ms. Bechtel stated that the Ft. Island Trail has a bicycle lane. She noted that there are other roadways that bicyclists are riding on that have no paved shoulders and/or bicycle lanes.

Mr. Diez reviewed the Hernando County Complete Streets list with the BPAC members. He noted that the Hernando/Citrus MPO requested that FDOT reserve \$1 million per year, \$500,000 per county, for

resurfacing and rehabilitation projects. Mr. Diez stated that there is a June 11, 2018, scheduled meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Rails to Trails group, and FDOT to discuss a feasibility study for the resurfacing of the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST).

Motion: *Mr. McLean moved to recommend approval to the Hernando/Citrus MPO of the FY 2019 – FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Bechtel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

FINAL DRAFT - BIKEWAYS AND TRAIL MASTER PLAN – REVIEW:

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

Ms. Bartlett distributed an Existing and Committed and Complete Streets Priority List Map, a Bikeways and Trails Vision map, and a needs list for both Hernando and Citrus Counties.

Ms. Bartlett provided an update of the Final Draft for the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan.

Mr. McLean inquired about West Pine Ridge Boulevard. Mr. Eastmond responded that the Citrus County Geographic Information System (GIS) Department clarified and corrected the right-of-way mapping for West Pine Ridge Boulevard. He noted there will be enough physical room to build a 12-foot multi-use path off of the roadway and still keep the minimum 5-foot separation for the entire distance of the roadway.

Discussion ensued regarding Citrus Hills Wayfinding located on the Citrus County Bikeways and Trails Needs map.

Ms. Bartlett stated that the Bikeways and Trail Master Plan will go before the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its June 19, 2018, meeting for review and adoption.

The committee continued to review the maps.

Mr. Diez reported that FDOT announced that there will be a trail all along US 19 from the Hernando County line all the way north up to Ft. Island Trail.

Motion: *Mr. McLean moved to recommend approval to the Hernando/Citrus MPO of the revised Bikeways and Trail Master Plan. Ms. Bechtel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS:

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

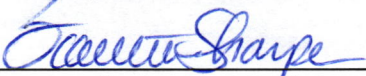
Mr. Diez stated that there would be no new business to discuss at the July 19, 2018, scheduled BPAC meeting. He asked the committee whether they would be in approval to move the next meeting to Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Motion: *Mr. Gouldman moved to approve that the July 19, 2018, BPAC meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 5, 2018, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, Lecanto. Mr. Henize seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. It was announced that the next BPAC meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018, beginning at 3:30 a.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida.

The May 30, 2018, BPAC Meeting Minutes were approved on September 5, 2018.



Scarlett Sharpe, BPAC Chairperson

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