

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2018**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on December 10, 2018, at 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.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cayce Dagenhart, Chairperson, Hernando County Planning Department
Walt Eastmond, Citrus County of Public Works Department
Scott Herring, Hernando County of Public Works Department
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Bill Geiger, City of Brooksville
Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit
Myra Monreal, City of Inverness
Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lon Frye, Citrus County Transit
Cynthia Jones, Citrus County Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecsc, Transportation Planner III
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation District Seven
Jim Martin, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Chris Hanning, Hernando County Department of Public Works
Beverly Clemo, Citrus County Citizen

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Dagenhart called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

***Motion:** Mr. Herring moved to approve the September 5, 2018, TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Eastmond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Diez reported that it was the request of FDOT to amend the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to reflect planning consistency guidelines and add new projects. He noted that the 2040 LRTP will expire in December 2019. Mr. Diez stated the new LRTP will be for the period 2045.

Motion: *Mr. Herring moved to recommend the approval of the 2040 LRTP amendment to the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board as presented. Mr. Geiger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

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

Mr. Diez reported that the FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was being amended to reflect the Federal Transit (FTA) allocation for FY 2019 and to reflect FTA contract balances. He noted the changes were reflected in tasks 3.1 and 3.8.

It was noted that at this time Ms. Monreal arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Diez responded to Mr. Herring's question regarding how the additional funding will be used. He noted the extra funding will be utilized for consultant fees (Tindale Oliver and Associates, Inc.) to update the project development plan.

Motion: *Mr. Herring moved to recommend the approval of the amendment to the FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 UPWP to the Hernando/Citrus MPO as presented. Mr. Eastmond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

FY 2020 – FY 2024 FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mr. Diez introduced Mr. Roger Roscoe, Government Liaison, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven.

Mr. Roscoe provided the TAC with a presentation of the highlights for the tentative FY 2020 – FY 2024 FDOT Five-Year Work Program.

Mr. Roscoe reported the following schedule for the review process of the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

- December 17 to 21 – On-Line Public Hearing at www.d7wpph.com
- December 20 – Open House 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- December 31, End of Public Comment
- January 28 – MPO Objections Due
- February – March – Review by Legislature & FTC
- July 1 – Adoption of the Five-Year Work Program.

Mr. Roscoe introduced Mr. Jim Martin, Liaison, Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).

Mr. Martin provided an overview of the highlights for the FTE tentative FY 2020 – FY 2024 Five-Year Work Program.

Ms. Beverly Clemo, Citrus County Citizen, expressed a concern regarding the importance of the extension of the Suncoast Parkway being completed by the end of 2019.

Mr. Dixon asked for clarification of the Suncoast Connector being identified as a dead project. Mr. Martin responded that there are no funding and/or studies being conducted; nothing for the Suncoast Connector is happening.

Mr. Dixon asked whether there were any plans for a project going from Jacksonville to I-75. Mr. Martin responded in the negative.

Discussion ensued regarding the work program.

Mr. Herring asked for clarification regarding the total allocation of funding (\$22 million) for aviation. Mr. Roscoe responded that the allocation of \$22 million reflects costs for resurfacing projects, runways, adding hangers and towers for the small airports located in Hernando and Citrus Counties.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) 2019 Meeting Dates

Mr. Diez notified of the TAC the 2019 meeting dates and locations:

- March 7 – Citrus County
- May 8 – Hernando County
- June 5 – Citrus County
- September 4 –Hernando County
- October 9 – Citrus County
- November 6 – Hernando County

Discussion ensued regarding the 2019 schedule of the work program.

Mr. Roscoe reported that the year 2020 is an accelerated year for the work program. He noted the work program will be ready for review in October 2019.

Motion: *Mr. Dixon motioned to approve the 2019 TAC Meeting Schedule. Mr. Eastmond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

AGENCY UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Dagenhart opened up the discussion for agency updates.

Mr. Martin reported that Carol Scott has returned back to FTE from FDOT District Five. He noted that she will attend the committee meetings in his absence.

Ms. Monreal stated that the City of Inverness was happy to partner with Dunnellon regarding the Rock Ridge Phosphate Trail. She noted that the City of Inverness submitted a trail town application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). She noted that the demolition of the train station has started at the Inverness Trailhead/Depot District.

Mr. Dixon reported on the following transportation projects in Citrus County:

- Construction of a roundabout will begin in the summer of 2019 for a Lecanto complex consisting of five schools.
- Plans are on-going for a cell phone lot in Inverness to facilitate a better system for parents picking up students that will help alleviate traffic.

Mr. Eastmond reported that there has been advancement for the CR 491 roadway widening project in Citrus County. He noted that it is a jointly funded Citrus County/FDOT project. Mr. Eastmond stated that Citrus County is currently starting the process for the second half of the CR 488 resurfacing project.

Mr. Mundell expressed his appreciation for a sidewalk being built from the Nature Coast Technical High School to Powell Road.

Mr. Geiger reported that the City of Brooksville is in the process of making Downtown Brooksville a pedestrian and bicycle friendly destination due to the completion of the Good Neighbor Trail (GNT). He noted that the City will be adding an air pump station, watering station, bicycle racks and pavilion with picnic tables in the Downtown area.

Mr. Diez reported that approval to hire Ms. Lee Beasley as a part-time consultant will go to the Hernando/Citrus MPO Board at its December 12, 2018, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

It was announced that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida.

The December 10, 2018, TAC Meeting Minutes were approved at the March 7, 2019, TAC meeting.

TAC Chairperson

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