

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 – 10:00 a.m.

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on August 7, 2019, 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.hernandocountyus.com/hernandocitrusmpo.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Chris Hanning, Hernando County Engineering Department
Lon Frye, Citrus County Transit
Michelle Miller, Hernando County Planning Department
Myra Monreal, City of Inverness

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County Schools
Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit
Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Public Works Department
Vacant, Citrus County Planning Department
Vacant, City of Crystal River

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Peyton McLeod, Patel, Greene and Associates

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chair Steve Gouldman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.o

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

Introductions were made. A quorum was declaredo

B. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2019

Chair Gouldman opened the floor for corrections or comments for the June 5, 2019 meetingo minutes. Hearing no changes or comments, he opened the floor for a motion.o

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1.e Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) – TAC Vacancy

Mr. Diez informed the members that the Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) has requested Chris DeAnnuntis, Senior Planner employee with their agency, to fill the vacant position on the TAC. The appointment will be scheduled for the MPO meeting on August 20, 2019.e

2.e Amendment to MPO Agreement with FDOT

Mr. Diez explained that on July 1, 2018, the MPO and the FDOT entered into an agreement to provide transportation planning funds for FY 2019-FY 2020. The agreement is valid for two years and coincides with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding cycles. The funding agreement allows for reimbursement of eligible transportation planning expenses up to \$1,403,649.e

An additional \$552,112 in transportation planning funds from FY 2017/18 close-out were incorporated into the FY 2018/19-2019/20 UPWP Amendment adopted by the MPO on May 15, 2019. The MPO Agreement must be amended to reflect the updated funding total of \$1,955,761.e

Related to the MPO agreement, Mr. Diez provided historical background regarding MPO funding. He explained that when the MPO was formed, the Hernando County BOCC transferred \$450,000 to the MPO as a long term loan to provide cash flow until grant reimbursement occurred. This amount was the estimated cost to run the MPO for six (6) months. While the original funding provided by Hernando County has not increased, the cost to operate the MPO has risen, as have consultant service costs. With the amendment to the MPO agreement, the UPWP budget now has \$1.9 million in grant funding available to the MPO; however, the cash flow is limited which severely impacts the number and timing relating to the projects.e

Mr. Diez conveyed to the members that the MPO Board will be discussing the budget issues at their next meeting. Staff is proposing that the MPO Board ask FDOT to change from quarterly billing to annual billing, and request that Citrus County contribute to the funding of the MPO.e

With no further comments, the Chair moved to the next item.e

D. HERNANDO COUNTY MAJOR UPDATE TO THE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) – APPROVAL

Mr. Diez explained that every five years, a major update to the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (TDP) is required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The TDP update covers a 10 year planning horizon. In the intervening years, an annual progress report is produced to address the status of the system relative to grant funding, planning, and capital

The MPO's general planning consultant, Tindale Oliver and Associates Inc., has prepared the major update to the TDP in conjunction with the Transit Division and MPO staff. The major update is required to be approved by the BOCC and submitted to the FDOT no later than September 1, 2019. The Hernando County BOCC is scheduled to review and approve the TDP on August 13, 2019, and the MPO on August 20, 2019.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Diez' statements, Chair Gouldman opened the floor for members for comments or questions.

Mr. Frye requested confirmation that the TDP is a planning document and not set in stone as to what the transit agency will be required to do.

Mr. Diez agreed that the TDP is a 10 year vision for the transit agency.

After discussion, the Chair opened the Public Hearing for citizen comment. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for a motion.

Motion: *Michelle Miller made a motion to recommend approval of the TDP document to the MPO Board. Lon Frye seconded; the motion passed unanimously.*

E. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – UPDATE

Mr. Diez informed the TAC that the MPO is in the process of developing the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The LRTP must be completed and submitted by December 2019. One March 19, 2019, the MPO Board approved the Goals and Objectives presented by Kimley Horne and Associates for inclusion into the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. These Goals and Objectives were reviewed by the MPO committees on March 7, 2019. The preliminary need plan was reviewed by the TAC on June 5, 2019 and approved by the MPO on June 18th, 2019. The next phase is to review the preliminary 2045 cost feasible plan.

F. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FY 2020-2024 – AMENDMENT

Mr. Diez explained that The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting the MPO's approval of the attached Roll-Forward Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2020-2024.

Mr. Diez stated that this is a routine annual process to assist the MPO in identifying projects that were not committed in the previous fiscal year (FY 2019) and have automatically rolled into FY 2020 of the FDOT's work program. This amendment will ensure that year one of the TIP adopted June 18, 2019, and effective October 1, 2019, matches the FDOT's work program.

Following Mr. Diez' explanation, the Chair opened the Public Hearing for citizen comment and questions. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and requested a motion from the members.

Motion: *Myra Monreal made a motion to recommend approval of the Roll Forward Amendment to the TIP Program for FY 2020-2024. Chris Hanning seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.*

G. OTHER ISSUES / CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chair Gouldman opened the meeting up to any other issues or comments.

Myra Monreal requested information about the new MCORES committee created by the Governor. Mr. Diez responded that we don't really have any information at this time, but as information is provided to the MPO, we will pass it along to the Committee Members.

With no further comments, Chair Gouldman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

- H. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – The next TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walt Eastmond', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Walt Eastmond, TAC Chairman