

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

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at the Citrus County Transit Center at 1300 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available online at:

[www.hernandocountyus/hernandocitrusmpo.com](http://www.hernandocountyus/hernandocitrusmpo.com).

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walt Eastmond, Chair	Citrus County Public Works Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Herrmann	City of Crystal River
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris DeAnnutis	TBARTA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Hanning	Hernando County Department of Public Works
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Mundell	Hernando County School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chuck Dixon	Citrus County Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jannina Stampfli	Hernando County Transit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lon Frye	Citrus County Transit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Miller	Hernando County Planning Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Myra Monreal	City of Inverness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Gouldman	City of Brooksville
	<i>Vacant</i>	Citrus County Planning
	<i>Vacant</i>	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II  
Alaina Kidd, Administrative Assistant III  
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) liaison  
Carol Scott, FTE  
William Roll, Kimley Horn and Associates  
Marc Ispass, Kimley Horn and Associates  
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared.

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

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## **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2019**

The minutes from the August 7, 2019, meeting of the Hernando/Citrus Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) are attached for review and approval.

*Motion: Chuck Dixon moved to approve the August 7, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Chris Mundell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### ***1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) and TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) Proposed Agreement Changes***

Mr. Diez discussed the proposed changes to the agreement. There were no questions or comments from the committee.

### ***2. MPO Meeting Summaries and Issue Lists – August 20, 2019 and September 17, 2019***

Meeting summaries for the August 20, 2019, and September 17, 2019, meetings of the MPO were provided to the committee. There were no questions or comments.

### ***3. Travel Policy***

Mr. Diez reported that MPO staff is requesting the travel policy be modified to clarify that the MPO will follow the travel policy approved by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.

With regards to the travel policy, Walt Eastmond asked how the policy relates to the MPO Board members. Mr. Diez indicated that MPO Board members will use the travel policy from their own localities. The MPO Staff will follow the adopted MPO Policy.

## **2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) –COST FEASIBLE PLAN/DRAFT ADOPTION REPORT**

The MPO consultant, Kimley Horn and Associates, provided the committee with a presentation relating to the 2045 Cost Feasible Plan/Draft Adoption Report. Mr. Roll provided the committee members with a handout outlining additional projects that were being added to the plan.

Mr. Dixon discussed the bridge over State Road 200 and asked which MPO was responsible for it. Mr. Roll responded that no MPO has funding to repair the bridge. Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the bridge, it is considered functionally obsolete. Mr. Diez indicated that the MPO staff discussed the issue with FDOT District 5 and they have no plans to repair the bridge. Discussion regarding addition of projects, like streetscaping, and how they get incorporated into the LRTP. Mr. Roll responded that safety improvements can be done as stand-alone projects, or FDOT can use in-house funds. When FDOT improves roadways, they try to bring the road up to current standards which may include adding a bike lane, sidewalks, etc.

Chris Mundell commented that the traffic was an issue on Powell Road from US 41 to the bridge over the Suncoast Parkway. He questioned how this portion of Powell Road could be added to the plan for future

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4 laning. Discussion ensued; it was agreed that Powell Road from Barclay Avenue to California Street could be added to the cost feasible plan.

**Motion:** *Chris Mundell, moved to endorse forwarding the 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan/Draft Adoption report to the MPO Board with the additional projects outlined in the handout, and incorporating Powell Road from Barclay Avenue to California Street into the cost feasible plan. Chris Hanning seconded. Motion unanimously approved.*

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)– PRESENTATION FY 2021-2025 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Roger Roscoe MPO Liaison from FDOT District 7 provided highlights of their Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025.

Mr. Roscoe advised that this year is an accelerated session for the work program. He indicated that the presentation made today are highlights, and they may change. Mr. Dixon asked whether Autonomous Vehicles (AV) are addressed or whether they were an issue for the LRTP. Mr. Roscoe indicated he was not aware of their inclusion. Mr. Roll clarified that the FDOT plan is a 5 year work program and they have the potential of impacting the transportation plan; however, Hernando and Citrus are not at this point yet. The LRTP is going to address Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) architecture.

**FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE (FTE) – PRESENTATION FY 2021-2025 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Siao Si Fine presented FTE highlights from their Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025.

It was noted that the tentative plan included optional design services for the Suncoast Parkway Extension to US 19. Carol Scott indicated that although the connection at the Suncoast and 486 has not be finalized, the design and construction funding will include a connection at 44, 486 and Cardinal Lane.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville;

  
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Walt Eastmond, TAC Chairman