

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2018**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a regular meeting on December 10, 2018, at the Hernando County Building 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:

Scarlett Sharpe, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
Sherry Bechtel, City of Inverness
Nicole Bell, Hernando County Parks and Recreation
Dennis Henize, Citizen-at-Large, Hernando County
James McLean, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Dennis Reiland, Citizen-at-Large, Citrus County
Francine Nobles, Citrus County Parks and Recreation
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Gouldman, City of Brookville
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation District Seven

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

Motion: Mr. McLean moved to approve the September 5, 2018, Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Reiland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Diez reported that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested that the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) be amended to meet planning consistency guidelines and also to include several additional projects to the Cost Affordable tables in the LRTP.

Discussion ensued regarding the trail projects that were added to the LRTP.

Motion: *Mr. McLean moved to recommend the approval of the 2040 LRTP amendment to the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mr. Henize 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 amended to reflect the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocation for FY 2019 and reflect FTA contract balances. He noted that the funding is reflected in tasks 3.1 and 3.8.

Motion: *Mr. McLean moved to recommend the approval of the FY 2018/19 – FY 2019/20 UPWP amendment to the Hernando/Citrus MPO. Mr. Reiland 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 BPAC with the Tentative FY 2020 - FY 2024 FDOT Five-Year Work Program.

Mr. Diez reported that \$21.1 million will be received just for SunTrail funding.

Mr. Roscoe reported the following dates and events that will take place during the review process of the Tentative Work Program as follows:

- Online Public Hearing - December 17 to December 21
- December 20 - FDOT Open House
- December 31 - Public Comment Deadline
- January 28 - MPO Comment Deadline
- February through March – Legislature Review Period
- July 1, 2019 – Adoption of the Work Program

Chairperson Sharpe asked for clarification regarding a resurfacing study being conducted on the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST) from Hernando County to Marion County. Mr. Diez responded that this was for a feasibility study.

Mr. McLean reported that he has been involved with an organization that has been in the process of repairing sections of the WST. He noted that \$20,000 was spent last year in repairs and \$18,000 this year. Mr. McLean stated that he has completed a log for the entire trail that identifies areas in need of repair. Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance currently being completed on the WST. It was noted that the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) liaison, Mr. Jim Martin, was unable to attend the BPAC meeting, so Mr. Roscoe provided the committee with an overview of the highlights for the FTE tentative FY 2020 – FY 2024 Five-Year Work Program for projects within the FDOT District Seven.

Discussion ensued regarding the extension of the Suncoast Parkway and the intentions of how far it will be extended.

2019 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING DATES

Mr. Diez proposed the following 2019 BPAC meeting dates:

- March 7 – Citrus County
- May 8 – Hernando County
- September 4 – Hernando County
- October 16 – Citrus County
- November 6 – Hernando County

***Motion:** Mr. Reiland moved to approve the 2019 BPAC meeting schedule as proposed. Mr. McLean seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Roscoe reported that 2020 will be an accelerated year for the Legislature and the Work Program and will be ready for review in October 2019.

OTHER ISSUES / CITIZEN COMMENT

Discussion ensued regarding a possible connection/roadway between the WST and Forbes Road.

Mr. Reiland expressed his appreciation for the completion of sidewalks that were built with millings in Floral City before the Heritage Day event. He noted that pedestrians were able to utilize the sidewalks during the event instead of closing the roadway.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

It was announced that the next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida.

***Motion:** Mr. Reiland moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McLean seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

The December 10, 2018, BPAC Meeting Minutes were approved on March 7, 2019.

BPAC Chairman

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