

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2020**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on August 26, 2020, via Zoom. 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:

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Public Works Department
David Gordinier, Hernando County Public Works Department
Chris DeAnnuntis, TBARTA
Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit
Brian Herrmann, City of Crystal River Planning and Community Development Services
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County Schools
Greg Rice, City of Inverness Community Development
Michelle Miller, Hernando County Planning Department
Lon Frye, Citrus County Transit
Mike Sherman, Citrus County Growth Management Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III
Brian Kauffman, Citrus County Engineering Division
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Brandon Nuby, TBARTA
Christopher Keller, Tindale Oliver and Associates

A CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:05am.
A quorum was declared.

Introductions were made.

B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. DeAnnuntis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 27, 2020

Motion: Mr. DeAnnuntis made a motion to approve the minutes for April 29, 2020. Mr. Dixon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Update from 6/11/2020 and 7/9/2020 MPO Meetings

Mr. Diez advised there was no action needed from the Committee . The highlights from the June 11th meeting included the adoption and further implementation of the Complete Streets Policy. The installation of the new traffic signal at SR 200 and CR 491 in Citrus County is expected around December 2021/January 2022. The Board also approved an amendment to the FY 2020-2024 TIP for an updated construction phase to the Withlacoochee State Trail Project in Citrus County.

He further stated that at the July 9th meeting, the traffic signal at St. Andrews Boulevard in Hernando County should be completed by the end of this summer. Quarterly budget summaries that the MPO reviewed and discussion of the cash flow issue will be continued at the September MPO meeting. The TIP for FY 2021-2025 was adopted and the MPO authorized submittal to FDOT.

There were no questions.

2. Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) Update -- FDOT

Mr. Diez had planned to introduce Alex Henry with FDOT for a presentation on the Florida Transportation Plan. However, due to technical difficulties Mr. Henry was not on ZOOM call. Ms. Dagenhart stated that Mr. Henry should be present at the CAC and BPAC meetings.

3. MPO Budget Information

Mr. Diez indicated we do not have the handout available as it has not been released by the Finance yet.

4. Executive Director Succession Plan

Mr. Diez mentioned he will be retiring on October 31, 2021 and the search for his replacement will be made locally and statewide but it does not need to be advertised internally. There will be a committee comprised of: one each city representative from Brooksville, Crystal River and Inverness, one county representative from both Citrus and Hernando. The job advertisement will be around the April/May 2021 timeframe. The Hernando Human Resources (HR) department will conduct the hiring process per our staff services agreement.

No comments or questions.

5. West Central Florida MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) Regional Priorities

Mr. Diez referred to a letter in the agenda packet from Chairman Darden Rice, CCC. That letter included priority project lists from the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and Multiuse Trails that were endorsed by the CCC Board on July 10, 2020.

No questions or comments.

6. Status of the Hernando County Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Progress Report (APR)

Mr. Diez identified that this report is required to be submitted annually. Hernando County is the transit provider and the TDP APR was approved at the BOCC meeting on August 11, 2020. (he probably said 2 reports although I think he may have meant Hernando and Citrus, there was only one report attached to the agenda item.

No questions or comments.

7. Status of the Hernando County Transportation Impact Fee Study Update

Mr. Diez announced that the Hernando County BOCC on August 11th, approved the methodology used in the updated study by Tindale Oliver and Associates and authorized them to finalize the report. They approved the rates for the new land use categories at 22% of the fully calculated fee documented by the study.

Mr. Eastmond referenced that Citrus County is in the process of having a consultant review their impact fees. He asked if the MPO would be interested in a copy of the report and Mr. Diez confirmed.

Mr. Sherman indicated that their impact fee study is in the final stages and should be presented to the Citrus BOCC in November.

No questions or comments.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Roll Forward Projects – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2021-2025

Mr. Diez remarked that these are projects that were not included in the prior FY and have been rolled forward into the new fiscal year for the work program. Staff recommends that the committee approve the roll forward amendment to the TIP.

Motion: Ms. Miller motioned to accept and approve. Mr. Rice seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens present.

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS /UPDATES

There were no comments or updates from Committee members.

H. MPO STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Mr. Diez recognized t David Gordinier, Hernando County Engineering as the newest alternate member (for Scott Herring) to the TAC committee.

Mr. Diez confirmed the next MPO meeting would be September 10th and that the October 8th meeting tentatively may not be needed which would negate that the September committee meetings will not be necessary. Mr. Diez remarked that we should know by the next week or so.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

It was announced that the next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 10:00 am via ZOOM.