

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

**Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2021**

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available online at: [www.hernandocountyus.com/hernandocitrusmpo.com](http://www.hernandocountyus.com/hernandocitrusmpo.com).

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Engineering  
David Gordinier, Hernando County Public Works  
Jannina Stampfli, Hernando County Transit  
Greg Rice, City of Inverness Community Development  
Mariselle Rodriguez, Citrus County Community Resources  
Brian Hermann, City of Crystal River  
Michael Sherman, Citrus County Planning Department  
Chris DeAnnuntis, TBARTA

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II  
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III  
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike  
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

A quorum was declared.

Introductions were made

Proofs of publications of the Notice of Public meeting were entered into the record by Mr. Diez.

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Mr. Gordinier made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Stampfli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1/12/2021**

**Motion:** Mr. Gordinier made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mr. Rice seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **MPO Office Space**

Staff is requesting the MPO Board authorize an extension of their lease with the Hernando BOCC for another one year term. The cost of the annual lease is \$10,131.56 which is reimbursable under the MPO planning grant.

### **MPO Funding Update**

The Citrus County BOCC discussed the MPO funding issue at their January meeting and agreed to participate in the operational funding of the MPO beginning in FY 2022. An interlocal agreement is being developed between the two (2) counties and the MPO to finalize the arrangements.

### **Media release from January 25, 2021 MPO meeting**

Mr. Diez stated this was a synopsis from the last MPO meeting. There were no questions.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **FY 2022 -- 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPPS)**

The MPO is required to submit an annual List of Priority Projects (LOPP) to the FDOT prior to October 1st. The MPO brings the LOPP to the committees in the spring to begin review and comment.

The Chairman asked that the LRTP be sent to the committee members to assist in reviewing the LOPP's. Chairman Eastmond indicated it might be easier to determine projects which can be removed before considering the addition of new projects. For example, the state trail rehab and the 581 Safe Routes to School projects and although not 100% complete, they will be wrapping up.

### **FY 2021 -- FY 2022 UPWP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Amendment**

MPO staff has identified projects proposed for inclusion into the second year update:

1. Crystal River Bypass Study
2. Resiliency Study (Develop a vulnerability assessment to identify at risk and critical infrastructure)
3. Interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) -- Mapping and Enhanced Public communication
4. Move funding into task 3.4 (Bicycle/Pedestrian) for Complete Streets Project - this will balance funding shift for the Congestion Management Process (CMP)
5. Provide funding in task 3.6 to begin Autonomous, Connected, Electric Shared vehicles (ACES) analysis.

Discussion on project updates, i.e., complete streets and any projects anyone would like added to the LOPP.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **FY 2021 -- FY 2022 UPWP Amendment/5305(d)**

Florida Department of Transportation examined all program areas to stabilize the work program, maintain financial constraint, and preserve existing projects. As such, a decision was made to modify the FTA 5305(d) grant funding model by fulfilling the 5305(d) grant 20% non-federal share with transportation development credits (TDC) in lieu of state and local cash matches. As a result, changes to the UPWP ahead of the second year update are required prior to approval of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA)/5305(d) agreement.

The FY 2021 PTGA agreement has been received in the amount of \$91,108. The following changes to the UPWP are required for the MPO to get the funds under contract:

1. Modify budget tables to show soft match and remove local match, and state match column for the FY 2021 allocation
2. Complete SF-424 application to reflect \$91,108 grant total
3. Approval of the FY 2021 PTGA for execution by the MPO Chairman
4. MPO Resolution approving the UPWP amendment

The FY 2021-FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was modified to address the change from state and local match to be consistent with the UPWP amendment. The TIP change was considered an administrative modification which does not require formal approval.

It was suggested the TAC recommend MPO Board approve the UPWP Amendment to include the items outlined above.

**Motion:** Mr. Sherman made a motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the UPWP amendment. Mr. Rice seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **FY 2021 FTA Certifications and Assurances**

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) FY 2021 Annual Certifications and Assurances were posted on FTA's website on January 15, 2021.

As a recipient of federal funding for transit planning, the Hernando/Citrus MPO must submit the executed FY 2021 Certifications and Assurances to FTA within 90 days from the date of publication.

It is recommended the TAC recommend approval of the FY 2021 FTA Certifications and Assurances to the MPO.

**Motion:** Mr. Rice made a motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the FY 2021 FTA Certifications and Assurances. Ms. Stampfli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No one from the public was present.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Diez mentioned meeting with Pasco County staff regarding County Line Road. In addition to adding this project to the LOPP, Mr. Diez plans to recommend that it be added to the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) as well.

Chairman Eastmond referenced the ribbon cutting on March 1<sup>st</sup> for the Pleasant Grove Safe Streets (sidewalk) completion.

Mr. Sherman mentioned local government currently in a difficult situation due to impact fees only being at 3 percent and has not been raised in 5 years.

Ms. Stampfli recommended that a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) be conducted for TheBus. Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that this would be helpful for Citrus Transit as well. Mr. Diez responded that this could be added to the UPWP update and he will ask his consultant for a cost estimate and more details. .

Mr. DeAnnuntis updated the group on the UZURV project with TBARTA and that the trips provided have been steadily increasing and mostly for cross-county trips as was the intent of the service.

Ms. Stampfli mentioned PSTA and HART have partnered to bring you Flamingo Fares Tampa Bay, a new regional fare payment system. More information can be found at: <https://www.psta.net/flamingofares/index.html>

Mr. DeAnnuntis stated Senate Bill 1130 has been proposed and if passed, would dissolve TBARTA in June 2022. He does not foresee that happening.

Ms. Rodriguez stated they are trying to fill their (Citrus County) Transit Director position.

## **MPO STAFF COMMENTS – no additional comments**

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING** – The meeting concluded at 10:56 am.

The next regular meeting of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Hernando County Building Division Training Facility. 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601.