

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

Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2021

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Engineering
Scott Herring, Hernando County Public Works
Chris DeAnnuntis, TBARTA
Jannina Elkin, Hernando County Transit
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Brian Hermann, City of Crystal River
Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District
Greg Rice, City of Inverness Community Development
Mike Sherman, Citrus County Planning Department
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation
Ashley Henzel, Florida Department of Transportation
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Scott Stewart, WBQ
J. Kowal, Guest
Pete Cuccaro, Pine Ridge Property Owners Association (PRPOA)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were made.

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

A quorum was declared.

B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

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

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 21, 2021

Motion: M. Herring made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rice seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) US 301 Presentation

Ms. Henzel with FDOT showed presentation of their plans and that it will affect Hernando and Pasco Counties. They are holding a hybrid meeting/hearing on June 24th where they will have both in-person and virtual components for attendees.

Mr. Diez mentioned this project is why the current TIP had to be amended.

2. Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Report, and Suncoast Parkway Presentation

Mr. Fine introduced Mr. Scott with WBQ Design & Engineering who provided a status update on the Suncoast Parkway 2 project. The presentation was included in the agenda packet.

A discussion ensued.

3. MPO Media Release from 5/13/21 Meeting

Mr. Diez went over the previous media release, which was informational.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. FY 2022/2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPPs)

Mr. Diez explained the proposed LOPP to be presented to FDOT by October 1st. Discussions were held at previous committee meetings and with the MPO Board on May 13, 2021. The process involved removing projects that were deleted and updating the status of the work programs. The Suncoast Parkway Trail was not removed from the list because the Florida Turnpike Enterprise will be building the trail.

- CMP (tentative work program)
- Cobb Road (broken down into smaller segments for easier funding)
- Added sections to Pasco and County Line Road (not funded)

- Added the US 301 project (as presented earlier)
- Cardinal Road (changing from 2 to 4 lane road) and extending to CR 491 (the CAC did not agree with this recommendation; only supported from the Parkway west to US 19). The MPO stance is that in the LRTP it is recommended as 4 lane facility (from US 19 to CR 491) and would like it maintained that way
- Request to federalize 4 projects in Citrus County (waiting for FDOT answer)

The Chairman asked for a motion to include Items 3, 5, 7, and 8 of the LOPP.

The Chairman asked for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Motion: Mr. Herring made a motion to approve the LOPPs. Mr. Rice seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. FY 2022-FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Diez stated the TIP contains the FY 2021/FY 2022 LOPPs that were approved July 9, 2020 and the LOPP is updated annually at the beginning of the Work Program cycle and the TIP at the end of each cycle. The MPO Board opened the 30 day comment period for public comments.

Discussion ensued on the 5 year program and gas tax revenues.

The Chairman asked for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Motion: Mr. Sherman made a motion to approve the TIP. Mr. Herring seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments

Mr. Diez stated a revision to the 2045 LRTP to address several items that either fell off the list or were not addressed when it was adopted in 2019.

- Bikeways and Trails Vision Map – the SR 50 trail need from SR 50 Bypass to Lockhart Road
- Lake Hideaway development to modify the needs of Exile Road
- Widening Powell Road from California to US 41, from 2 to 4 lanes
- Widening of US 301 from Pasco County Line to SR 50/Cortez Boulevard from 2 to 4 lanes

Mr. Herring referenced discrepancy between Figure 9 and Figure 15, where the map shows a 4 lane for US 301 as unfunded need but needs to be changed. Mr. Diez will get with consultant to make the change.

The Chairman asked for public comment. No one from the public commented.

Motion: Mr. Dixon made a motion to approve the TIP with the change(s) noted. Ms. Elkin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cuccaro with Pine Ridge Property Owners Association (PRPOA) discussed the POA opposition to the Suncoast Parkway 2 interchange at CR 486 and its impact to that community.

G. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Diez asked if the committee if the meetings for 2022 be moved to the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166 (Citrus County) as it is equipped for Zoom meetings (for public attendance), monitors, etc. It was agreed upon. Those meetings will still alternate between the 2 counties.

Mr. Herring stated there will not be a representative from his division at the June 30th meeting.

Mr. Dixon asked about the US 41 update and property acquisitions that was to be discussed before City of Inverness Council meeting by FDOT. Mr. Roscoe stated he would check into.

Mr. Waltman mentioned the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) project with Pleasant Grove Road being completed and that FDOT is working on sidewalks, etc. at Park? Pine Ridge Boulevard (Phase I) and third project at Turkey Oak from US 19 to SR 44.

H. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) Error! Reference source not found. will *TENTATIVELY* be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Error! Reference source not found. at Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL

The meeting agenda and back-up materials are available online at:

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