



**Hernando/Citrus
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regular Meeting**

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Monday, January 25, 2021 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

Attendee Name	Title	Attendance
Jeff Kinnard	Member, Citrus County	Present
John Allocco	MPO Chairman, Hernando County	Absent
Steve Champion	Member, Hernando County	Absent
Jeff Holcomb	Member, Hernando County	Present
Robert Battista	Member, City of Brooksville	Present
Pat Fitzpatrick	Member, City of Crystal River	Present
Cabot McBride	Member, City of Inverness	Present
Elizabeth Narverud	Member, Hernando County	Present
Ruthie Davis Schlabach	Member, Citrus County	Present
Steven Diez	MPO Executive Director	Present
Garth Coller	Hernando County Attorney	Present
Carlene Riecss	Transportation Planner III	Present
Cayce Dagenhart	Transportation Planner II	Present
Theresia Saenz	Administrative Assistant III	Present

CALL TO ORDER

Invocation

Mr. McBride led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MPO Board & Staff Introductions

It was noted that Elizabeth Narverud was the new MPO member from Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.

Enter Proof of Publication into the Record

Mr. Diez read the proof of publication into the record.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (Limited to Board and Staff)

Motion: Mr. Kinnard moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McBride seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [7[TS1] TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard, Member, Citrus County
SECONDER:	Cabot McBride, Member, City of Inverness
AYES:	Kinnard, Holcomb, Battista, Fitzpatrick, McBride, Narverud, Davis Schlabach
ABSENT:	Allocco, Champion

ANNUAL ELECTION OF MPO OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (2021)

MPO Board

Nomination of MPO Chairman from Citrus County

Motion: Mr. Kinnard motioned Ms. Davis Schlabach. Mr. Holcomb seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of MPO Vice-Chairman from Hernando County

Motion: Mr. Kinnard motioned Mr. Holcomb. Ms. Davis Schlabach seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	, Member, Hernando County
SECONDER:	Cabot McBride, Member, City of Inverness
AYES:	Kinnard, Holcomb, Battista, Fitzpatrick, McBride, Davis Schlabach
ABSENT:	Dukes

TBARTA MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)

- Mr. Kinnard was nominated as Representative
- Mr. Holcomb was nominated as Alternate

Motion: Mr. McBride made a motion and Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

TMA Leadership group representative

- Steve Diez nominated as Representative

Motion: Mr. McBride made a motion. Someone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC)

- Chairperson Kinnard stated it is a quarterly commitment and referred new MPO members be elected.
- Beth Narverud nominated as Representative

Motion: Mr. Holcomb made a motion and Chairperson Kinnard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- Ruthie Davis Schlabach nominated as Representative

Motion: Chairman Kinnard made a motion and Mr. McBride seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)

Mr. Diez stated that Commissioner Allocco was reappointed as Chair by the Hernando County BOCC.

Mr. Diez stated no vote necessary.

Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

Mr. Diez stated that Commissioner Davis Schlabach appointed as Chair by the Citrus County BOCC.

Mr. Diez stated no vote necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Fitzpatrick moved to approve the December 10, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Davis Schlabach seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Kinnard, MPO Chairman, Citrus County
SECONDER:	Pat Fitzpatrick, Member, City of Crystal River
AYES:	Kinnard, Holcomb, Battista, Fitzpatrick, McBride, Davis Schlabach
ABSENT:	Dukes

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. MPO Press Release/Meeting Summary and Issue List from December 10, 2020 Meeting

Mr. Diez stated it was only informational and asked for any questions. There were none.

2. TMA Leadership Group - Transit Funding Position Statement

Mr. Diez stated the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) issued a statement to remind everyone of the lack of funding dedicated to transit. He asked for comments or questions and there were none.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Five-Year Work Program - FY 2022-2026

Mr. Hall with FDOT, District 7 commented that this presentation is just the highlights of projects that have had funds added, decreased or have been deferred. If a project was previously seen in the past year it is still in the work program. Total funding over the next 5 years of \$250 million between the two (2) counties. Safety is their number one priority then preservation and multimodal.

Discussion regarding US 41 Bridge will be replaced in FY 2025 as a 4-lane facility matching the US 41 widening and it is already programed.

Clarification on construction and/or repair projects at Crystal River and Inverness airports; Citrus County FTA funding was discussed.

Discussion that construction of the overpass bridge in Dunnellon on US 41 has begun.

Mr. Hall directed the Board to their website (www.d7wpph.com) to see more detail on the specific work programs specific to each county. It is Google driven to put in your address to see all projects going on in each county.

2. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) - Tentative Five-Year Work Program - FY 2022-2026

Mr. Fine with Florida's Turnpike gave an update on their 5-year program.

- Resurface Suncoast Parkway/SR 589 from MP 37.3 to MP 44.5 (milling and resurfacing, guardrail installation, signing, and pavement marking improvements) and MP 44.5 to MP 55.2 (Milling and resurfacing) – Hernando County.
- Construction of the Suncoast Parkway 2, from SR 44 to CR 486 (Four toll lanes will be provided. The project also includes extending the Suncoast Trail from US 98 to CR 486) – Citrus County. Construction is programmed for FY 2023.

Discussion if funds are shown within the first 3 years of a work program then the work is going to happen. The Suncoast Parkway project from SR 44 to CR 486, has programmed funds to begin construction in FY '23.

3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Budget

This item was a continuation from the MPO December meeting proposing that Citrus County provide additional funding to the MPO budget. Mr. Kinnard stated that the Citrus BOCC agreed to

fund the additional \$250,000 to the \$450,000 already provided by Hernando BOCC to bring the MPO operating capital budget up to \$700,000. They would like to see some standalone budget in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) so their county administrator can see the expenses and revenues with a line item for all MPO related expenses. The attorneys from Hernando County will draft an interlocal agreement, with review by both legal departments.

4. Unified Planning Work Program - Goal Setting for Update

Mr. Diez reported that UPWP sets out the programs and projects for the MPO under FY '21 and FY '22. MPO staff will be updating the 2nd year later this year. The nonmotorized traffic count is for bikes and pedestrians as he has inquiries on how many people are using the trails. There will be a total of four purchased, with 2 on the Suncoast and 2 on the Good Neighbor Trail. The Withlacoochee State Trail has been conducting their own counts for years. These numbers are used by Economic Development/Tourism. Motorized Traffic counts will be conducted in both counties. Now is the time for any projects the Board would like to see addressed. We will present a draft at the March meeting for adoption in May.

There was discussion on how to include the Turkey Oak Bypass study in the UPWP; would that require a modification of our Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), does it go before FDOT and the MPO, where does it get prioritized in the UPWP. The UPWP would have to be amended to include the study which could take 6 -- 8 months. Mr. Holcomb requested updated projects list for the newest members.

MPO COMMITTEE/COORDINATING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

1. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - Member Appointments

- Reappoint Scarlett Sharpe -- Hernando County Citizen one (1) at large position for a 2-year term to expire on 02/19/23
- Reappoint Sherry Bechtel -- City of Inverness position for a 2-year term to expire on 2/19/23
- Reappoint Dennis Henize -- Hernando County Citizen one (1) at large position for a 2-year term to expire on 2/19/23
- Appoint Sergeant Anthony Belmonte – (to replace Sergeant Kelly Brown) as the representative from the Hernando County Sheriff's office. There is no term expiration on agency representatives.

Motion: Mr. Fitzpatrick moved to approve. Mr. McBride seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) - Member Appointments

Recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board, for a 3-year term expiring January 31, 2024:

- David Douglas, Regular Member, Citrus County Citizen
- Stephen Brown, Regular Member, Citrus County Citizen, Disabled

- Deirdre Barrett-LaBelle, Alternate, Children at Risk (Early Learning Coalition)

Motion: Mr. Fitzpatrick moved to approve. Ms. Davis Schlabach seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) - Member Appointment

Recommendation that the MPO Board appoint the following individual to the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board for a three (3) year term:

- Shanika Figueroa Rodriquez - Representing Children at Risk

Motion: Mr. Holcomb moved to approve. Mr. Battista seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. FDOT Target for FHWA Safety Performance Measures - Annual Requirement Adoption by Resolution

Motion: Ms. Davis Schlabach motioned. Mr. McBride seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consultant Work Scope/Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. - Congestion Management Process

Motion: Mr. McBride motioned. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chairperson asked for public comment. There was none.

DIRECTORS CUT

The meeting on February 18th will be cancelled as the Board conducted our performance safety measures at this meeting. Mr. Diez asked if anyone had need for a February meeting, to which there was no response.

Mr. Diez stated he presented Beverly Howard from the Citizens Advisory Board (CAC) with an award for the Vision Zero Hero Award. He nominated her for her work on getting a multi-use trail put in along US 19. This was part of the Safe Streets Summit.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 2:48pm

UPCOMING MEETING: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2021,

WAS CANCELLED. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 1:30 P.M. AT 3600 W SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166, LECANTO, FL.