

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

Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2021

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun 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
Brian Hermann, City of Crystal River
Greg Rice, City of Inverness Community Development

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Mike Zinn, Florida Department of Transportation
Peter Hsu, Florida Department of Transportation
Susan Wacha, Preform Consultant
Frank Julian, Preform Consultant

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. [Meeting delayed due to unforeseen presentation brought to the meeting.]

Introductions were made.

Proofs of publications of the Notice of Public meeting were entered into the record by Ms. Riecss.

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 – May 26, 2021

Motion: Ms. Granger made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Elkin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Florida Department of Transportation – Mike Zinn

Mr. Zinn with FDOT updated the TAC regarding preformed thermoplastic safety products. He indicated that the FDOT would buy the material, but it would be up to each county's road department to put it down. He then introduced Ms. Wacha with Preform Products who advised their product is like others on the market however theirs is flexible, more durable, retroreflective, and are high skid resistant. Also, the number of accidents that occurred between Hernando and Citrus Counties were due to lane departures at curves. She explained how they are applied to roadways and crosswalks. She would provide training on how to apply their product to Road Maintenance.

Questions and answers followed. The presentation will be emailed to the MPO staff to distribute.

Mr. Herring requested the presentation be made to the BPAC.

2. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Presentation – Roger Roscoe

Mr. Roscoe provided an SIS policy plan update presentation. He stated if anyone wanted to provide comments there is a Public Question Form in their agenda packet. Once completed, the form can be given to FDOT staff, emailed to Lori Marable, District 7 SIS Coordinator: lori.marable@dot.state.fl.us or mailed to Lori Marable, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33563.

3. Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Construction Report

Mr. Fine provided an update on the Suncoast Parkway as of July 2021.

4. MPO Media Release from 6/17/21 Meeting

Ms. Riecss briefly went over the previous MPO media release, highlighting that TIP was approved for priority projects in FY 22/23, the LRTP amendment was approved and the Board authorized Kimley Horn to proceed with Phase II (tasks 2 and 3) of the Congestion Management Process.

5. MPO Interlocal Funding Agreement

Ms. Riecss stated that this was Mr. Diez' achievement where the MPO was able to get an interlocal funding agreement between Citrus County, Hernando County and the MPO. Citrus County will be

providing a \$250,000 loan, zero interest to the MPO which will help with operating costs. The agreement will be signed for final approval at the August 19, 2021, MPO Board Meeting. Ms. Riecss commented “well done Steve” and applause was given on Mr. Diez’ behalf.

6. Calendar Change – Add October 27, 2021, Committee Meetings (Citrus County)

Ms. Riecss stated the FDOT contacted the MPO that they wanted to present their tentative work program in October to the committees, so a meeting had to be added. The TAC meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021, at the Citrus County Transit Facility at 10:00 a.m. It may result in some adjustments to remaining committee meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

1. FY 2021-FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Ms. Riecss stated Hernando County Transit receives a 5307 grant and because they are using a portion for planning purposes (performing transit studies) the grant funds need to be incorporated in the UPWP.

No one from the public was present.

Motion: Mr. Herring made a motion to approve amendment to the UPWP. Ms. Elkin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Complete Streets Scope of Services – Tindale Oliver and Associates

Ms. Riecss stated that in late 2020, the MPO consultant prepared an implementation for the Complete Streets Program, and they are now moving forward with an inventory to identify gaps, nonmotorized network and gap connections and then meet with individual local governments for discussions and coordination. We will be bringing to the MPO Board in August to approve a scope to Tindale Oliver.

Chairman Eastmond reiterated that the information will be shared between both counties, GIS, etc.

Ms. Riecss confirmed in agreement.

Mr. Herring asked if they would be prioritizing the gaps.

Ms. Riecss stated that there will be a methodology developed and further discussions with the MPO jurisdictions will occur.

No one from the public was present.

Motion: Mr. Herring made a motion to approve bringing the scope to the MPO Board in August. Mr. Rice seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Herring asked if the meeting in September will be cancelled.

Ms. Riecss stated maybe, unless there are some loose ends that need finishing up.

Ms. Granger reminded everyone that masks are mandated at Citrus County Transit due to FTA funding.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Citrus County Transit, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL.

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

www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.