

# HERNANDO/CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2021

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun 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:**

Sherry Bechtel, City of Inverness  
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District  
Michele Minnie, Hernando County Parks and Recreation  
Francine Nobles, Citrus County Parks and Recreation  
Dennis Reiland, Citrus County  
Jim McLean, Citrus County

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III  
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III  
James Cooper, Public

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman McLean called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 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. Reiland made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Bechtel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5/26/21**

**Motion:** Mr. Reiland made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Nobles seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## D. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. MPO Media Release from August 19, 2021, Meeting

Ms. Riecse reviewed the medial release with the highlights of the MPO's August 19, 2021, meeting for informational purposes.

2. Update on Meeting Calendar - 2021

Ms. Riecse advised that to accommodate the FDOT's Tentative Work Program presentation for FY 2023-2027, a BPAC meeting was being added on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Citrus Transit Center. The September and December CAC meetings are being cancelled. Mr. Reiland indicated that he will be in Arizona during the 10/27 meeting.

3. Public Participation Plan Discussion

Ms. Riecse advised the CAC that the MPO staff will be looking at updating the Public Participation Plan in the next few months. An excerpt of the Polk County PPP was included as an informational item. MPO staff would like to be able to enhance public participation by utilizing social media more effectively. Discussion ensued regarding ways to enhance involvement.

4. BPAC Bylaws

Ms. Riecse advised the MPO approved a modification to the BPAC Bylaws on August 19, 2021, making the representatives of the Sheriff's Offices advisory instead of voting members. Several members of the committee inquired as to whether there could be alternate members for the BPAC. Ms. Riecse indicated she would have to check if that was allowed.

Mr. McLean asked whether the City of Crystal has provided a representative to serve on the BPAC. Ms. Riecse responded affirmatively, there will be a new BPAC member from the City of Crystal for the next meeting.

## E. ACTION ITEMS

1. FY 2021-FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Ms. Riecse indicated that FTA announced the FY 2022 5305 allocation for the MPO in the amount of \$87,211. The allocation amount must be amended into the UPWP. The Chairman asked for public comment; No one from the public commented.

**Motion:** Ms. Bechtel made a motion to approve the UPWP Amendment. Ms. Minnie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Riecss stated that the TIP was being amended to reflect the 5305 allocation in the amount of \$87,211. All of the various plans and programs must be consistent with one another. The Chairman asked for public comment; There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Mr. Reiland made a motion to approve the TIP amendment. Ms. Nobles seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Ms. Riecss indicated that during a recent review of the LRTP mapping, it was noted that the McIntyre Extension was reflected as an existing 2 lane roadway; consequently, it was omitted from the needs plan. The LRTP amendment proposed to correct the mapping and add McIntyre from Croom Road to US 41 into the 2045 needs plan. The Chairman asked for public comment; No one from the public commented.

**Motion:** Mr. Reiland made a motion to approve the 2045 LRTP Amendment, Ms. Bechtel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chairman asked for public comment. Mr. James Cooper discussed the Suncoast Parkway extension and potential increase in traffic in the area. He stressed the importance of good planning.

**G. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

The Chairman asked the for any final comments. Mr. Lipsey discussed traffic on US 19 proximate to Weeki Wachee High School and Winding Waters. During pick up and drop off, the traffic sometimes backs up onto US 19.

Ms. Bechtel discussed e-bikes and tax incentives.

**H. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. at Citrus Transit, 1300 S Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL**

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

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