

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

Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2022

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at the Lecanto Government Building 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida 34461. 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:**

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Engineering  
Scott Herring, Hernando County Public Works  
Dave Peters, City of Brooksville  
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit  
Brian Hermann, City of Crystal River  
Greg Rice, City of Inverness Community Development  
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District  
Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II  
Robert Esposito, Executive Director  
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise  
Roger Roscoe, Florida Department of Transportation

## **A. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman Eastmond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Introductions were made.
- Proofs of publication of the Notice of Public meeting were entered into the record by Ms. Riecss.
- A quorum was declared.

## **B. DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2022**

**Motion:** Ms. Joanne Granger nominated Mr. Scott Herring for the position of TAC Chairman for Calendar Year 2022. Mr. Chuck Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Herring to continue.

**Motion:** Ms. Joanne Granger nominated Mr. Brian Hermann for the position of TAC Vice-Chairman for Calendar Year 2022. Mr. Chuck Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

### **C. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

No modifications were proposed, the agenda was accepted as presented.

### **D. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/25/21**

**Motion:** Mr. Walt Eastmond made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Chuck Dixon seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

### **E. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **1. Introduction of the new Executive Director, Mr. Bob Esposito**

Ms. Riecss introduced the new Hernando/Citrus MPO Executive Director Bob Esposito. Mr. Esposito invited the committee members to give him a call if they had any questions or concerns.

#### **2. 11/18/21 and 2/3/22 MPO meeting update and issues list**

Ms. Riecss mentioned that the meeting summary from the MPOs November 18, 2021, and February 3, 2022, Meetings along with an updated issue list were in the agenda packet and welcomed any questions the committee may have had. No questions or comments were made.

#### **3. Crash data and Safety Measure Update**

Ms. Riecss explained that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to establish performance targets for each of the measures identified in § 490.207(a). [23 CFR 490.209(c)] on an annual basis. Ms. Riecss continued listing the required safety performance measures as follows:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities p/100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries p/100 million VMT
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

She provided a history of the performance measures, explaining that the MPO initially adopted the required safety performance measures on January 30, 2018, and subsequently in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The MPO recognized and adopted the FDOT long-term "Vision Zero" aspirational target for fatalities/serious injuries statewide. The MPO Board adopted the attached resolution at their February 3, 2022, meeting.

Ms. Reicss concluded the item, explaining that the data provided by the Safety Office's Crash Analysis Reporting (CAR) database as of December 14, 2021, was included in the agenda packet for committee information.

4. FY 2023 – FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Draft Concepts/Timeline

Ms. Reicss informed the Board that MPOs are required to develop UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of FHWA and FTA planning funds [23 CFR 450.308) (450.308) (b)]. The UPWP defines the work tasks of the MPOs annual transportation planning efforts with estimated budget costs and funding sources. It is created every two years and updated in the second year. She explained that based on the schedule, the MPO staff is developing a new UPWP for FY 2023-2024. A draft is due to the FDOT by March 15, 2022 and must be approved by the MPO by May 15, 2022.

She explained that MPO staff will be discussing program concepts with the committee at the next meeting

## F. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2045 LRTP (LRTP) Amendment – to Include the Extension of Suncoast 2 from CR 486 to CR 495, and CR 495 to US 19

Ms. Riecss spoke about the approved 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan that depicts a future swath north of CR 486 to identify the potential location of the extension of the Suncoast Parkway. She explained the Florida Turnpike Enterprise has requested an amendment to the MPOs 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The amendment includes:

- A. Extension of the Suncoast Parkway from SR 486 to CR 495 into the Roadway Network Cost Feasible Interim Plan for Citrus County with associated tables and appendices. Based on the request, design will occur in FY 2022 (\$10,336,604), right of way acquisition in 2024-2026 (\$26,679,687), and construction in 2026 (\$176,570,982).
- B. Extension of the Suncoast Parkway from CR 495 to US 19 into the Roadway Network Unfunded Needs for Citrus County and associated tables and appendices. design in FY 2022/2023 (\$10,497,827), right of way acquisition in 2025-2027 (\$30,047.220), and construction (\$162,825,800) which is unfunded.

Ms. Riecss concluded with the staff recommendation that the TAC recommend the MPO Board approve the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to include both sections listed above. The item was opened for public

comment. Hearing none, the Chair closed the public comment period and continued with the motion process.

**Motion:** Mr. Walt Eastmond made a motion to approve the 2045 LRTP Amendment as presented. Mr. Chuck Dixon seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.

2. FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – to include design funds for Extension of Suncoast 2

The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) has requested the MPO review and approve an amendment to the MPO’s provided staff with a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for FY 2022-2026.

The amendment adds design funding in FY 2022 for FM #442764-2 Suncoast II (SR 589) - CR 486 to CR 495 and FM # 442764-3 Suncoast II (SR 589) from CR 495 to US 19 into the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program consistent with FTE’s Work Program.

Ms. Riecss concluded with the staff recommendation that the TAC recommend the MPO Board approve the amendment to include the Suncoast 2 into the 2045 LRTP. The item was opened for public comment. Hearing none, the Chair closed the public comment period and continued with the motion process.

**Motion:** Mr. Walt Eastmond made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2026 TIP amendment as presented. Mr. Greg Rice seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

#### **G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **H. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Riecss let the committee know that there are many items that will be brought to the committees within the next few months which makes having a quorum vital.

Mr. Siasoi Fine approached the committee to provide the committee with some information regarding the northern turnpike extension. He stated that FTE are currently in the “alternate corridor assessment” stage of this project. He is unsure of when this information will be added to the Long Range Transportation Plan 2045. A public information meeting will be held in the summer of 2022 and invitations will be provided once the date is set.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**

**The next regular meeting of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Hernando County Building Division Training Room, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL**

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

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