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

Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2022

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Room, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL. 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walt Eastmond, Citrus County Engineering
Scott Herring, Hernando County Public Works
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit
Brian Hermann, City of Crystal River
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Chris Mundell, Hernando County School District
Brian Pessaro, TBRTA
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Julia Scourtas, MPO Financial Operations Assistant
Robert Esposito, Executive Director
Siaosi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Suzanne Monk, Florida Department of Transportation
Jennifer Stolts, Florida Turnpike Enterprise

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. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Walt Eastmond motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Choose an item. seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Choose an item. motioned to approve the minutes **as presented/with the following modifications:** Ms. Joanne Granger' seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. MPO Meeting Update – May 5, 2022

The meeting summary from the MPO's May 5, 2022, meeting is provided as an informational item; no action required.

2. Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) – Presentation

FTE Staff made a presentation to the TAC regarding the Northern Extension of the Florida Turnpike.

3. Benesch and Associates – Complete Streets Presentation

Benesch and Associates staff made a presentation to the TAC regarding the Completed Streets project.

The MPO contracted with Benesch and Associates, Inc to perform a Scope of Services for the Complete Streets Policy and Implementation plan. The project is focusing on development of a Complete Streets Implementation Plan for the MPO, and its local agency partners based on the Implementation Strategies identified in the Phase I document.

The project is nearing completion and the consultant will be providing the TAC with an update prior to finalization.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023-2027

The TIP contains the funded FDOT Five-Year Work Program and the local jurisdiction Transportation Work Programs. The TIP implements the projects contained in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Projects are required to be shown in the TIP for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and subsequent funding through joint participation agreements.

A draft TIP was submitted to the FDOT on May 13, 2022. The FDOT has a prescribed timeframe to review the draft and provide comments to staff. The comments will be addressed in the FY 2023-FY 2027 TIP prior to MPO approval. A 30 day public comment

period was opened on May 16, 2022. Additionally, the draft TIP has been posted to the MPO website.

The draft TIP will be reviewed by the MPO Board on June 2, 2022, and final action scheduled for July 7, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Walt Eastmond made a motion to provide comments as noted to the MPO regarding the draft 2023-2027 TIP. Mr. Chuck Dixon seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.

2. List of Priority Projects (LOPP)

MPO's in Florida are required to perform an annual review of the federally funded List of Priority Projects (LOPP). Consistent with the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), revisions to the program take into account the project development activities of the prior year. The Hernando/Citrus MPO LOPP includes a list of Major Projects and Transportation Alternative Projects.

The attached LOPPs highlight changes in red for review. The TA list switches the placement of the N. Independence Highway Sidewalk with the Cardinal Drive Sidewalk. The CAC requested that consideration during a discussion in March. Two additional projects were suggested for addition to the major project list at the TAC meeting in March. They have not been added at this time because no ranking was indicated. The projects include Rock Crusher from CR 490 to SR 44, and Venable/Crystal Oaks from US 19 to SR 44.

With regards to the Major Project List, at the May 5, 2022, MPO Meeting, the placements of County Line Road and Cobb Road were switched. Pasco/Hernando County Line Road is proposed as the number 2 project on the MPO list (which is the #1 project in Hernando County), and Cobb Road was re-ranked to number 11.

The proposed changes will be reviewed by the MPO Board in June, and final adoption at their July 7, 2022, meeting. The LOPP will be incorporated into the FY 2023-FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Comments:

Motion: Mr. Walt Eastmond made a motion to approve the Proposed LOPP Major Projects and Transportation Alternatives with identified modifications. **Choose an item.** seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chair opened the floor for citizen comment. Seeing no citizens present, the chair closed the citizen comment period.

G. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING – the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)** will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Lecanto Government Building 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166 Lecanto, Florida 34461**

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

www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.