



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

Approved Minutes of the Wednesday, October 26, 2022 Meeting

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) held a public meeting on October 26, 2022, at 3:00 pm in the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was advertised on the MPO website and in the Hernando Sun and Citrus Chronicle newspapers. The meeting agenda and back-up materials are available online at: <https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-f-m/metropolitan-planning-organization>.

Members present at the meeting were: Scarlett Sharpe, Chair (Hernando County), Sherry Bechtel (Citizen-City of Inverness), James McLean (Citizen-Citrus County), Dennis Henize (Citizen-Hernando County), Francine Nobles (Citrus County Parks & Recreation), David Peters (City of Brooksville), Jim Lipsey (Hernando County Schools). Absent were Chuck Dixon (Citrus County Schools), Dennis Reiland, and Alicia 'Michele' Minnie (Hernando County Parks & Recreation Department).

Staff members present at the meeting were: Robert Esposito, MPO Executive Director, Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III, and Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator.

Others present: Suzanne Monk, FDOT Government Liaison, Emmeth Duran, P.E., RSP1, FDOT Consultant, and Eric Henry, Safety Office FDOT.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Chair Sharpe. The Committee conducted a Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, an Introduction of Members and Staff, and a quorum was declared. Ms. Riecss read aloud the notice of publication and provided the affidavits of publication.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Henize moved to approve the agenda. Mr. McLean seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 25, 2022, BPAC meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Mr. Henize moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McLean seconded the motion, and it carried 7-0.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Florida Department of Transportation Safety Presentation

Mr. Emmeth Duran, P.E., RSP1, Consultant, and Mr. Eric Henry with the FDOT Safety Office, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding the Target Zero program on safety.

Discussion ensued throughout the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Duran noted that work zone speeds are now set at a maximum of 60 miles per hour. They are coordinating with law enforcement and safety responders on the maximum speed.

Ms. Sharpe complimented the presentation and a commercial on television regarding the value of human life. Mr. McLean complimented the District 7 Newsletter.

Ms. Bechtel noted that education is the key for the public.

Consultant Scopes of Service

Ms. Riecss noted that a traffic count scope of work and a Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Study scope of work will be presented to the MPO Board on November 3, 2022, for approval.

Update from September 1, 2022, MPO Meeting/Workshop

Ms. Riecss provided in the packet a copy of the MPO Meeting Summary from the September 1st meeting/workshop of the MPO Board. There were no comments.

Discussion – Joint Committee Meetings

Mr. Esposito discussed the possibility of conducting joint meetings of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He noted that the Space Coast TPO found it beneficial to reduce the number of times the same information was presented to Committees.

Mr. McLean said he did not have a problem with combining the meetings as a way to hear the collective viewpoints. Mr. Sharpe felt there would be more voices and opinions. Mr. Lipsey said he thought it makes sense to combine meetings if the items on the agenda overlap. Ms. Riecss noted that an edit may be necessary to the upcoming agenda item on the PPP for the committees to combine their meetings.

Members concurred that it makes sense to combine meetings when possible.

ACTION ITEMS

Public Participation Plan, Title VI, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Ms. Riecss indicated that the Public Participation Plan, Title VI Plan, and the Limited English Proficiency Plans have been updated. There is a 45-day public review period prior to the MPO Board meeting currently anticipated in December.

There was no public comment.

Motion Mr. Henize moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bechtel. The motion carried 4-0.

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2023

Ms. Ricess provided a proposed meeting schedule for 2023. While all meetings may not occur, she indicated it is important to reserve the rooms.

There was no public comment.

Motion Mr. McLean made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed meeting schedule for 2023 by the MPO Board. Mr. Henize seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

No updates/comments were made by the members.

MPO STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

No updates/comments were made by the MPO Staff.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 3:00 pm in the Hernando County Building Department's Training Room, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.