



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun and Citrus Chronicle newspapers and the agenda was available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Walt Eastmond, Chair, Citrus County Public Works Department
Michelle Miller, Vice Chair, Alternate, Hernando County Planning Department
Todd Crosby, Hernando County Department of Public Works
Anthony Cavaliere, Hernando County School District
Dave Peters, City of Brooksville
Zachary Daniel, City of Inverness
Brian Herrmann, City of Crystal River
Georgia Lim, Hernando County Transit
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Landon, Citrus County Planning Department
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and led the Moment of Silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Moment of Silence.
- A quorum was declared, and the affidavit of publication was read into the record.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Miller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrmann and the motion passed 8-0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL MINUTES – MAY 24, 2023

Motion: A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mr. Peters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crosby and the motion passed 8-0.

It is noted for the record that Hernando County Transit alternate, Georgia Lim, arrived at the meeting.

REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator, reviewed a presentation outlining the Apportionment Planning Process 2023 now in progress for all MPOs/TPOs in the state based on the 2020 census data. Chair Eastmond asked if there are plans to change functional classified roads and if so, what leading indicators would be used. Ms. Elwin noted the MPO has received preliminary information to suggest that no changes are necessary to the apportionment plan, but a meeting is scheduled with FDOT in the next 10 days to assess the apportionment planning process. The MPO will advise if changes are noted. Chair Eastmond asked if Federal Highway endorses the Apportionment Plan and Ms. Elwin affirmed Federal Highway endorses the apportionment planning process and that it is a precursor to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT STATUS OF THE VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT (RESILIENCE STUDY) FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Elwin reviewed a PowerPoint presentation prepared by General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, to provide a project status update of the Hernando/Citrus MPO Vulnerability and Risk Assessment. The assessment will be used to support the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan which is also in the planning process. Chair Eastmond asked if there were any questions from the committee. There were no questions.

WORK FOR SEGMENT TRAFFIC STUDIES IN CITRUS COUNTY (US 41 AND SR 200) AND HERNANDO COUNTY (COUNTY LINE ROAD AND US 41)

The information for this agenda item was included in the agenda packet. Chair Eastmond asked for a motion to recommend the MPO Board fund a task for a general planning consultant to conduct a level of service study in Citrus County (US 41 and SR 200) and Hernando County (County Line Road, Ayers Road Extension/CL Intersection and US 41) at an approximate cost of \$25,000.

County Line Road was rerouted to US 41, referred to as the Ayers Road Intersection, and Mr. Crosby asked if the Ayers Road Intersection was part of the level of service study. He shared that he is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to add a turn lane westbound on Ayers Road as part of FDOT's resurfacing project. Chair Eastmond suggested adding a receiving lane as well. Chair Eastmond asked if Mr. Crosby could forward an exhibit map of this area to Ms. Elwin.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Miller to expand the study to include County Line Road and the Ayers Road Intersection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cavalier and the motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – There were no citizens present.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Ms. Miller shared that additional vulnerability studies (fire, police, education, etc.) are being incorporated in the Evaluation and Appraisal report on the Hernando County Comprehensive Plan and she will be providing the information to the MPO to work with the advisory committees. Ms. Elwin offered that there are proposed federal requirements for the MPO Board to review and approve the Transit Development Plans for Hernando and Citrus County before submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and comprehensive plans for both counties must be consistent with each other.
- Chair Eastmond shared that the project to widen CR 491, from Audubon Park Path to Horace Allen Street, will be awarded soon and the county anticipates breaking ground by year's end. Chair Eastmond thanked the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 for their support in funding this project. Mr. Crosby asked if there were plans to improve CR 491 north of Beverly Hills. Chair Eastmond confirmed the county is reviewing programming funding options as part of its review of the annual resurfacing budget and budgetary constraints.

HERNANDO/CITRUS MPO STAFF COMMENTS

- There were no MPO staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chair Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m. The regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida.