



**West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)  
Board Meeting**

**Powel Crosley Museum  
One Seagate Drive  
8374 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, Florida 34243**

**11:30 A.M.**

**AGENDA FOR MARCH 14, 2008**

**THE CCC BOARD WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

**Public input will be limited to two minutes per person per agenda item.**

**Anyone wishing to speak on a specific agenda item or under the Open to the Public Section is requested to fill out a "Public Comment" card and provide it to CCC staff.**

**Call to Order**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Welcome by Chair Commissioner Donna Hayes and Member Introductions**

**Confirmation of Quorum**

**I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
(Items not on the agenda)**

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**III. TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TBARTA)**

**IV. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

**V. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

**VI. REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)**

**VII. TURNPIKE TOLLING TECHNOLOGY**

VIII. REGIONAL MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITY PROJECT: SUNCOAST PARKWAY TRAIL – PINELLAS TRAIL LINK

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 13, 2008 – Pinellas County MPO Host

XI. ADJOURNMENT

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any decisions involving the matters herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the meeting/testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based. (SEE: F.S. 286.0105)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND CHAPTER 286.26 FLORIDA STATUTES, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CALL (941) 359-5772 BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.



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2 Mayor Hibbard: I move approval of the meeting minutes.

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4 Mayor Affronti: I second the motion.

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8 Chair Hayes reordered the Agenda to Item IV.

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11 **IV. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

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13 Mr. Doug Uden, Pasco MPO explained each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the  
14 region is developing its own Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the next two fiscal  
15 years (July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2010). As part of the planning tasks, each MPO allocates so  
16 much time and effort toward regional planning and coordination that falls outside of the given  
17 County. In order to coordinate and better define the regional planning efforts for the next two  
18 years, the Staff Directors Coordinating Committee has developed two regional planning tasks that  
19 are suggested to be placed in each individual MPO's UPWP.

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21 The two proposed UPWP tasks are:

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23 Task 5.1 West Central Florida MPO's Chair's Coordinating  
24 Committee (CCC)

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26 Task 5.2 Participation in Other Regional and Statewide Activities

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29 Mr. Pascoe stated the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee (JCAC) of the CCC wanted to point out  
30 that there are differences regarding the process of Task 5.2. with the coordination of other  
31 programs because there are two different FDOT Districts (District One and Seven) of the  
32 different MPOs.

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34 Mayor Affronti: I move the CCC approve the two regional UPWP tasks and request each  
35 MPO to place them into their respective UPWPs.

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37 Mayor Hibbard: I second the motion.

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39 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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41 Mayor Hibbard expressed the importance for the CCC to consider establishing a legislative  
42 goals/platform to present to the legislators. Discussion ensued regarding establishing legislative  
43 positions/goals.

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45 Mayor Affronti: I move the CCC set up a legislative platform to present at the next  
46 legislative session.

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48 Mayor Hibbard: I second the motion.

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1 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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3 Ms. Ward stated the CCC has its Long Range Plan brochure and the Regional Multi Use Trail  
4 brochure, which identifies needs, can also be presented to the legislators.  
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6 Mr. Howe stated the Staff Directors will implement a draft legislative platform to bring back for  
7 Board approval.  
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10 **V. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**  
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12 Mr. Hugh Pascoe, Hernando MPO, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Long  
13 Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Mr. Pascoe explained that in conjunction with the  
14 upcoming updates of the Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) for the District Seven MPOs  
15 by the end of 2009, the CCC must adopt a 2035 Regional LRTP in order to maintain a  
16 coordinated regional "top down" planning process. In support of this effort, a consultant Scope  
17 of Services and Schedule, a funding proposal, and a consultant selection process have been  
18 developed. Mr. Pascoe provided detailed descriptions of the three main components of the  
19 Regional LRTP effort:  
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21 **▪ LRTP Scope of Work and Schedule**

22 The scope of services details the analysis and development of a Cost Affordable  
23 2035 LRTP to serve as a guide for CCC members, their partners and the public.  
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25 **▪ Funding**

26 It is proposed that the District Seven MPOs provide support for conducting the  
27 Scope through either cash contributions or by providing in-kind services. At this  
28 time, it is estimated that \$100,000 to \$120,000 would be available for completion  
29 of the Scope and other support activities.  
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31 **▪ Consultant Selection**

32 To meet the above schedule, it is essential that a qualified consulting firm be  
33 selected in a timely manner. In order to facilitate the selection process, only  
34 firms which are already under contract as a general planning consultant (or an  
35 existing sub-consultant) will be considered by one of the member MPOs.  
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37 Ms. Jones stated Citrus County will be updating its 2035 LRTP even though they are not an MPO  
38 at this time.  
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41 **III. TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TBARTA)**  
42 **MASTER PLAN**  
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44 Mr. Bob Clifford, FDOT provided an overview of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation  
45 Authority (TBARTA), created by legislative action in 2007. TBARTA is tasked with developing  
46 a Regional Transportation Master Plan for the seven-county region that comprises Citrus,  
47 Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties. The goal of the  
48 Master Plan is to engage the public in developing a vision for regional integration of  
49 transportation systems, and will foster partnership with governments, agencies, and business

1 entities. In order for this effort to be successful, close coordination will be needed with the  
2 region's MPOs and the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee. A series of community workshops  
3 are being held throughout the area. More information may be found at [www.tbarta.com](http://www.tbarta.com).  
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5 Mayor Hibbard stated, as a representative on TBARTA, he would like for the CCC Member's to  
6 contact him with any issues or questions.  
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8 Mayor Hibbard asked the status of the rental car surcharge as a possible funding source for  
9 TBARTA. Mr. Clifford explained Representative Galvano filed a bill to look at the existing \$2  
10 rental car surcharge and to provide 80% of that surcharge to areas that have regional  
11 transportation authorities.  
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13 Secretary Skelton, FDOT District Seven, explained it is the 80% that now goes into the State  
14 Transportation Trust Fund and 20% to others things. In District Seven's Work Program that  
15 equates to approximately \$14 to \$15 million a year. If the money is removed from the Work  
16 Program it would be a movement of approximately \$100 million worth of projects out of the  
17 Work Program.  
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19 Discussion ensued regarding the rental car surcharge as a possible funding source for TBARTA  
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21 Mayor Hibbard emphasized the importance of having MPO staff involved and providing  
22 additional guidance to transit managers.  
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24 Ms. Ayer noted that she was very grateful that the CCC had been mentioned twice in the  
25 TBARTA legislation. TBARTA has to consult with the CCC in developing its Long Range Plan.  
26 Secondly, the project proposed by TBARTA has to be, to the maximum feasible extent,  
27 consistent with the local plans and the CCC's plan.  
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29 Referring to the map, Ms. Ayer further noted that there was a huge DRI in an area that there was  
30 not going to be huge development. It was then discovered it was a DRI but for a phosphate mine.  
31 She recommended placing some type of notation on the map.  
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33 Discussion ensued regarding the need for MPOs to be invited to TBARTA meetings to be kept in  
34 the loop and not necessarily a voting member.  
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36 Mr. Kordek stated that Polk County would offer any assistance if needed.  
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## 38 **VI. REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)**

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40 The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) will apply advanced technologies in  
41 communications control, electronics, and computer hardware and software to improve surface  
42 transportation system performance. ITS consists of traffic detection, and monitoring,  
43 communications, and control systems required to support a variety of ITS products. The use of  
44 information technology to mitigate traffic congestion is not new. Until recently however, ITS  
45 applications have been implemented on a rather ad hoc basis. With the adoption of the National  
46 and Regional ITS Architectures came the requirement for integration of the systems. Thus, often  
47 several technologies are combined in a single integrated system. Deployment and monitoring  
48 often is achieved through multi-disciplinary teams comprised of traffic engineers, law  
49 enforcement, emergency management, transit and other related disciplines.

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2 A number of ITS projects are currently being deployed in the West Central Florida area. These  
3 include incident management systems, freeway management systems, advanced traffic  
4 management systems for arterial roads, electronic toll collection, traveler information systems,  
5 etc.

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7 Ms. Sarah Ward provided a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the counties being looked  
8 at within District One and noted that Pinellas County has focused over the past years on the ITS  
9 on arterial roadway systems. Ms. Ward distributed the TRIP Grant awards for District Seven. A  
10 number of projects awarded were ITS related.

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12 Mr. Bill Wilshire, FDOT, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding ITS initiatives being  
13 deployed at the regional and county level. Some mechanisms include CCC TV camera, dynamic  
14 message signs, traffic sensor stations, 511 systems, road ranger patrol and the regional traffic  
15 system center. The primary goal of the Freeway Management System is to respond to incidents  
16 outside the normal traffic that affects motorists.

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18 Between Districts One and Seven, the cost for operation is approximately \$500,000-\$600,000.

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21 **VII. TURNPIKE TOLLING TECHNOLOGY**

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23 Mr. Kevin Palmer, Toll Services Manager, PBS&J, provided a review of the current innovations  
24 underway at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) as it relates to Tolling and Intelligent  
25 Transportation Systems (ITS). Mr. Palmer also presented an update on the successful electronic  
26 tolling program developed in 1999 know as SunPass, video toll accounts, new open road tolling  
27 advances and soon to be implanted options for low cost transponder technology. Also discussed  
28 was the Turnpike's efforts to deploy cameras, sensors, dynamic message signs in order to address  
29 safety and greater customer satisfaction.

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31 Mr. Pascoe asked if the Turnpike is expanding the program to include paying for airport parking  
32 via transponder. Mr. Palmer explained that the same is occurring at the Orlando airport and Palm  
33 Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa are considering using the transponder for airport parking in the  
34 future.

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36 The Turnpike is developing a smaller, credit card size SunPass that will be available for purchase  
37 at local grocery and drug stores and via internet for convenience. More information may be found  
38 at [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com).

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41 **VIII. REGIONAL MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITY PROJECT: SUNCOAST PARKWAY**  
42 **TRAIL – PINELLAS TRAIL LINK**

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44 Mr. Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO, explained the Multi-Use Trail Element of the CCC Long  
45 Range Transportation Plan identifies as a regional priority a connection between the Suncoast  
46 Trail and the Pinellas Trail through the Starkey Wilderness Preserve in Pasco County. The  
47 missing link is a distance of about 7-1/2 miles between the intersection of Keystone Road and  
48 East Lake Road in Pinellas County and the intersection of Starkey Road and SR 54 in Pasco  
49 County. This connection would link the 34-mile, urban Pinellas Trail with the 42-mile, rural

1 Suncoast Trail, via the 6-mile Starkey Wilderness Park Trail, creating one of the longest  
2 continuous trail systems in the state.

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4 The Multi-Use Trail Element shows three potential trail routes that could make this connection.  
5 Of these three routes, only one is designated in the CCC's plan as a "Regional Priority." Mr.  
6 Smith explained the purpose of this Agenda Item is to move the "Regional Priority" designation  
7 from the current route on Trinity Boulevard to the more scenic Eldridge-Wilde route. Pinellas and  
8 Pasco are working together to seek future funding for this regional, multi-agency project.

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10 Mayor Hibbard: I move the CCC relocate the Regional Priority designation on the  
11 Multi-Use Trail Map from the Trinity Boulevard route to the  
12 Eldridge-Wilde route.

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14 Commissioner Johnson: I second the motion.

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19 **IX. OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

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21 Mayor Hibbard thanked the Sarasota/Manatee MPO for hosting the meeting.

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24 **X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

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26 June 13, 2008 – Pinellas County MPO Host

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28 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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