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**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009
11:30 AM**

**TAMPA BAY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
1010 North West C. MacInnes Place
Tampa, Florida 33602**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2008 (Hernando MPO) and December 12, 2008 (Pasco MPO)
- V. CCC INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (Pinellas MPO)
- VI. REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (Hernando MPO)
- VII. STIMULUS PROJECTS (FDOT)
 - a. MPO PRIORITIES & REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS
 - b. SUPORT FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL
- VIII. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE (FDOT and Turnpike Enterprise)
- IX. TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
 - a. MID AND LONG TERM VISION (TBARTA)
 - b. BOARD REPORT (Mayor Hibbard)
- X. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Howard Glassman)
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee meeting was called to order by Hillsborough County MPO Chair Joe Affronti at 11:36 am. The meeting was hosted by the Hillsborough County MPO and was held at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Affronti, Chairman, Hillsborough County MPO
Commissioner Patrick Huff, Vice-Chairman, Polk County MPO
Michael Cox, Pasco County MPO
Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey, Sarasota-Manatee MPO
Mayor Frank Hibbard, Pinellas County MPO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ray Chiaramonte, Hillsborough County MPO
Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO
Gena Torres, Hillsborough County MPO
Linda Ferraro, Hillsborough County MPO
Jennifer Stultz, Polk County TPO
Bob Kersteen, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Brian Pessaro, FDOT District 7
Lee Royal, FDOT District 7
Susan VanHoose, FDOT District 7
Howard Glassman, MPO Advisory Council
Manon Lavoie, FDOT District 1
Sheila Martin, Bay Area Commuter Services
Dennis Dix, Hernando County MPO
Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO
Doug Uden, Pasco County MPO
Alice Gilmartin, Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Ben Walker, FDOT District 1
Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO
Sarah Ward, Pinellas County MPO
Carolyn Kuntz, Pinellas County MPO
Bob Clifford, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
Cassandra Ecker, Jacobs Carter-Burgess
Joe Smith, Tampa Bay Partnership
Ned Baier, Hillsborough County Planning and Growth Management
Cynthia Jones, Citrus County
Bill Jonson, Joint Citizens Advisory Committee

At this time, those present broke for lunch and the meeting resumed at 12:15.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

JOINT CAC REPORT

Mr. Bill Jonson reported that the Joint CAC meet March 3rd with only 6 CAC members present. As with the previous Joint CAC meeting, there was no quorum present. The staff members from each of the MPO's will be going back to their respective MPO to discuss the lack of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2008 and December 12, 2008

Mayor Frank Hibbard made a motion to approve the September 12 and December 12, 2008 CCC minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Huff and carried.

CCC INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Ms. Sarah Ward stated that the MPO staffs are reviewing and making comments on the Interlocal Agreement and asked that this item be deferred until the June CCC meeting.

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO stated that the CCC is working with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) through the process of the 2035 Regional Needs Assessment.

In recognizing the needs plan, each MPO has a different interpretation from county to county and each MPO has different policies that drive what they are going to put on the highway system.

With TBARTA as a new element within the regional planning process, this creates a level of coordination that has not previously occurred. It also presents challenges as well as opportunities to work with the highway system, transit, multi-use trails and freight movement.

In working with the Cost Affordable Plan, they will be looking at the revenues that will be identified by TBARTA. The Cost Affordable Plan will be completed by June and will include highways, transit element, multi-use trails and freight movement.

In regard to regional significance, they are looking at the state's system with other facilities that have been put on by the counties. Coordination of funding and implementation will include the State Implementation System (SIS), which will be the primary source of funding because most of the roads are on the SIS within the regional or state highway system. As FDOT brings the SIS revenue to the table, it will be something they will be integrating into the plan. With the new stimulus package, FDOT is combing the stimulus package in to the overall funding, which will change the overall funding picture.

Three coordination meetings have been held with the CCC and TBARTA at which time they identified freight activity centers. Mr. Pascoe stated that both FDOT District 1 and 7 are looking at overall freight activity center, freight hot spots and regional freight corridors and how you can maintain a good operational integrity of the entire regional freight movement.

Mr. Pascoe also discussed the importance of Managed Lane Concepts or High Occupancy Toll lanes which can generate revenue.

Mr. Bob Clifford, Executive Director of TBARTA said that Managed Lanes are a key element in the plan and that they allow transit to operate smoothly.

At this time, they members discussed the TBARTA item.

TBARTA

A. Mid and Long Term Vision

B. Board Report

Mr. Clifford first thanked the CCC for amending the Interlocal Agreement to include TBARTA formally at the table.

TBARTA is nearing the end of their effort relating to the development of a master plan, specifically focused on transit and looking at it from a perspective of a regional connection. Since the last meeting, they have looked at three different networks in terms of the development of their plan and then putting them together to see how best they would fit and function to develop an overall network and plan for the region. They are not necessarily talking about a 20 year time period, but they are also talking long term from the perspective of what is the vision and how it fits into the overall visioning exercise within the region.

STIMULUS PROJECTS

A. MPO Priorities and Regionally Significant Projects

Mr. Ray Chiamonte, Executive Director of the Hillsborough County MPO stated that the Hillsborough County MPO voted in February to put the I-4/Lee Roy Selmon Expressway connector project as the number one priority, slide the other projects down, and simultaneously put the project back on the transportation improvement program (TIP) where it belonged.

Mr. Doug Uden, MPO Coordinator for the Pasco County MPO stated that the MPO voted to have US 41 as its number one project. This project has been in their TIP for a number of years.

Mr. Dennis Dix, Executive Director of the Hernando County MPO stated that their number one projects were resurfacing projects, bike lane on US 41 and purchasing transit vehicles.

Mr. Brian Smith, Executive Director of the Pinellas MPO said that US 19 was voted as their number one project for Stimulus money.

Cynthia Jones of Citrus County stated that resurfacing projects would be their top priority.

Marianne Barnebey of Sarasota/Manatee MPO stated that sidewalk and transit projects would be their number one projects.

Jennifer Stultz of Polk County stated that the SR 33 East/West Connector and Pace Interchange on the Polk Parkway are their top priorities.

Ms. Lee Royal thanked the MPO's for their quick responses and turn around for submitting their projects.

B. Support for High Speed Rail

Ms. Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO stated that the Florida High Speed Rail Authority has reconvened to pursue funding for implementation of high speed rail projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill). She also presented a draft letter of support from the CCC to Mr. Lee Chira Chair of the Florida High Speed Rail Authority.

Ms. Barnebey made a motion to send the letter of support to the Florida High Speed Rail Authority regarding its pursuit of Stimulus Bill competitive funding for high speed rail projects, with the understanding that moving forward with this key corridor in the state will not negatively impact other important state programs and projects. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hibbard and carried.

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

Susan VanHoose of FDOT stated that this update is a statewide effort and a new way of planning and managing the Florida transportation system. The SIS focuses on all modes of transportation and how it best contributes to integrated system to move people and goods to complete end to end trips.

The SIS provides a stronger link between Florida's transportation policy and state economic development and growth management strategies. The SIS is only part of the transportation system and this plan is developed in a tiered approach to addressing mobility. It redefines the state's primary role and encourages regional partnership to plan transportation facilities with MPO's and local governments.

Between the years 2000 and 2007, the Governor, legislature, and Secretary of Transportation worked together and establish the SIS through legislation. This

was done with the input of 30 statewide partners and a 41 member steering committee. Part of that legislation requires that they have at least a five year update of the goals, objectives and the implementation of the SIS process. The goal of this process is to produce an updated plan that will be presented to the State Secretary of Transportation at the end of 2009 with adoption of the plan by January 3, 2010.

The update is being lead by a 29 member leadership committee that will provide guidance and make recommendations to FDOT. The committee represents key groups including all modes of transportation, state, regional and local government agencies and economic development, business, national securities, growth management, community and environmental issues.

The process will rely on several venues including meetings of the leadership committee, regional workshops held around the state and briefings to local governments and MPO organizations.

Ms. Alice Gilmartin of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise stated that the Turnpike is part of the SIS. Their facilities include the Veteran's Expressway, Suncoast Parkway and 25 miles of the Polk Parkway.

Commissioner Rocco of Hernando County stated that the Hernando County MPO is seeking support from the CCC for the status of SR 50 on the SIS east of I-75. Ms. Lee Royal of FDOT stated that this could be done through the Hernando County, the Hernando MPO or CCC.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Howard Glassman, Executive Director, MPO AC updated the members on federal and state legislation included CLEAN-TEA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.