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## West Central Florida MPO's CHAIR'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE Friday, June 8, 2007 11:30 a.m.

J.B. Starkey Wilderness Park - Environmental Education Center  
Wilderness Road  
New Port Richey, Florida

(See Attached Location Map)  
For Questions Regarding Location, Call (727) 847-8140

### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2007
- IV. STRATEGIC REGIONAL TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- V. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
  - A. TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
  - B. POLK TRANSIT AUTHORITY
  - C. MPO ADVISORY COUNCIL
- VI. 2007 REGIONAL ROADWAY NETWORK
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. DATE OF THE NEXT CCC MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 (HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO)
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES  
WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
JAY B. STARKEY WILDERNESS PARK  
10500 WILDERNESS PARK ROAD  
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655  
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007  
11:30 A.M.**

1. LOCATION AND ATTENDEES

A meeting of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) was held on June 8, 2007, in the Starkey Park Environmental Education Center, 10500 Wilderness Road, New Port Richey, Florida 34655.

The following members were present:

Joe Affronti, Sr.	Hillsborough County MPO
Scott Black	Pasco County MPO
Fred Tower	Sarasota/Manatee MPO
	Hernando County MPO
Frank Hibbard	Pinellas County MPO
Marvin Wiley	Polk County PTO

Others present were:

Lucie Ayer	Hillsborough County MPO
Scott Pringle	Carter and Burgess, Inc.
Jim Byers	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
Christie Zimmer	Pasco County Citizens' Advisory Committee
Gena Torres	Hillsborough County MPO
Betty Carlin	Tampa Bay Partnership
Howard Glassman	Florida MPO Advisory Council
Michael Howe	Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Alison Stettner	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Carolyn Kuntz	Pinellas County MPO
Amy Letelleir	Tampa Bay Partnership
Joe Smith	Tampa Bay Partnership
Sheila Martin	Bay Area Commuter Services, Inc.
Ryan Kordek	Polk County TPO
Hugh Pascoe	Hernando County MPO
Thomas Riccolo	Tampa Bay Partnership
Mabel Risner	Pasco County MPO
Donald Skelton	FDOT, District Seven
Sarah Ward	Pinellas County MPO
Ed Mierzejewski	CUTR - USF
Manon Lavoie	FDOT, District One
Douglas R. Uden	Pasco County MPO
Ben Walker	FDOT, District One
Jeff Kramer	CUTR - USF
Manny Pumariega	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)
Stuart Rogel	Tampa Bay Partnership
Walt Eastmond	Citrus County
Cynthia Jones	Citrus County

Heather Urwiller	Citrus County
Elba Lopez	FDOT, District Seven
Brian Beaty	FDOT, District Seven Planning
Shahra Anderson	US Senator Bill Nelson's Office
Robert Clifford	FDOT, District Seven
Alice Gilmantic	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Kristin Dyon	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Dewey Mitchell	Tampa Bay Partnership

2. CALL TO ORDER

Pasco County MPO Vice-Chairman Scott Black called the meeting to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. afterwards, introductions were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 9, 2007

The minutes for the March 9, 2007 meeting are not currently available and will be included in the September 14, 2007, agenda packet.

5. STRATEGIC REGIONAL TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSEMENT

Bob Clifford (FDOT) provided a brief synopsis on the Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment (SRTNA). Discussion followed. He indicated the FDOT began the SRTNA with the goal of improving our mobility, economic vitality, and quality of life by managing options to complement our increasingly congested roadways. Detailed technical analyses were conducted to explore key regional-travel patterns, transit operations, and infrastructure opportunities in the West Central Florida region for the next 50 years. As a result, the FDOT has identified currently met, unmet, and emerging regional-transit infrastructure and service improvements required for an effective and integrated transit system in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota/Manatee counties. Mr. Clifford indicated this is the backbone of the regional transit and feeder routes will be needed to make the local connections. He re-emphasized that the proposed system is the big-picture, a future regional-transit system that includes a spine of key connections over different time horizons and multiple land-use patterns. Discussion followed. Informational only.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

a. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority – Tampa Bay Partnership

Joe Smith indicated that the bill has passed both the House and Senate and is now awaiting Governor Crist's signature. The new authority will have 15 members. He indicated that Tampa Bay Partnership has taken the lead role moving forward, with businesses, state, federal, and counties talking about the larger issues for the region. Stuart Rogel indicated the first thing is to get the bill signed and, then the second thing will be to create one plan, one voice and one message for the whole region to follow. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairman Black indicated that the CCC is required to appoint one member to the Board who must be a chair of one of the six MPOs in the region, and this would be a two year term. Mayor Affronti moved to appoint Mayor Frank Hibbard. Commissioner Tower seconded. Vice Chairman Black called on the motion to appoint Mayor Frank Hibbard as the CCC's representative on the Authority. All members present voted in favor: motion passed.

b. Polk Transit Authority – Polk County Transportation Authority

Ryan Kordek (Polk TPO) provided the CCC with the status of the proposed bill for creating the Polk Transit Authority noting that they were still waiting on the Governor's signature. Discussion followed.

c. MPO Advisory Council

Howard Glassman handed out the MPOAC 2007 Summary of State Legislation indicating that they were working on different issues but the main concern was how to transfer the Florida Retirement System to a new independent MPO. He indicated that they had been working on having the same language throughout the bill and he would keep members informed on the progress. Discussion followed.

7. 2007 REGIONAL ROADWAY NETWORK

Cynthia Jones (Citrus County) provided a PowerPoint presentation. She indicated that Citrus County is requesting the addition of two roads to the regional road network. She indicated since October of 2006, that Citrus County is a voting member of the CCC for TRIP funding purposes. Updated maps and criteria information were handed out to the members. Ms. Jones went over the nine listed criteria categories on the handout for CR 486 and CR 491 to be added to the regional network. She also indicated highway criteria included transportation facility or service that is located in the FHIS/ SIS system, deals with the economic development infrastructure and provides linkages for freight mobility, and are part of the evacuation route, direct connections for SIS serves the integral part of an interconnected regional system, crosses county boundaries, and evacuation studies had been done in 1982 and another one in 2004 on CR 486 and CR 491. The roads shown as green dash lines are the roads under application. Ms. Jones requested a motion to add CR 486, CR 491, and the section of CR. 491 coming up from Hernando County into Citrus County to the Regional Highway Map. State Road 200 is currently on the regional roadway network Discussion followed.

Vice-Chairman Black indicated a motion is needed to add the two roadways to the Regional Road Network. Mayor Hibbard moved, Commissioner Tower seconded, and motion carried to approve Citrus County's request to add the two roadways to the Regional Road Network: C.R. 486 (Norvell Bryant Highway) from S.R. 44 to U.S. 41; and C.R. 491 (Lecanto Highway) from US 98 in Hernando County to S.R. 200 in Citrus County.

Alison Stettner, Florida Turnpike, indicated that a new revised Regional Roads map would include the Suncoast Phase 2 and that a report will be provided at a future CCC meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Ryan Kordek (Polk TPO) indicated the Joint meeting of the CCC and Central Florida Alliance would be held at noon, on July 20, 2007, at the Fantasy of Flight in Polk County, information will be provided at a future date.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT CCC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 (Hillsborough County MPO)

The host of the next meeting will be Hillsborough County MPO on September 14, 2007. Discussion followed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.