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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AVIATION AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM  
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LEVEL 3**

### **AGENDA**

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- II. REGIONAL LRTP AMENDMENT
- III. TRIP PRIORITIES
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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (March 9 and June 8)
- IV. REGIONAL MULTI-USE TRAILS BROCHURE
- V. COMMUTER CHOICES WEEK 2007
- VI. DISCUSSION
  - A. TAMPA BAY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FORUM
  - B. TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CHAIRS' COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 MEETING**

A meeting of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs' Coordinating Committee was held September 14, 2007 at the Tampa International Airport Aviation Authority Board Room, Level 3, Tampa, FL.

**The following members were present:**

Mayor Joe Affronti	Chairman, Hillsborough County MPO
Mayor Frank Hibbard	Chairman, Pinellas County MPO
Commissioner Scott Black	Vice Chairman, Pasco County MPO
Commissioner Fred Tower	Chairman, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Commissioner Dave Russell	Chairman, Hernando MPO

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**Others present:**

Brian Smith	Pinellas County MPO
Sarah Ward	Pinellas County MPO
Kristin Dion	Florida Turnpike
Joanne Hurley	Florida Turnpike
Walt Eastmond	Citrus County, Department of Public Works Engineering
Cynthia Jones	Citrus County Transportation
Heather Urwiller	Citrus County Concurrence/Impact Fee Coordinator
Hugh Pascoe	Hernando County MPO
Doug Uden	Pasco County MPO
Michael Howe	Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Ryan Kordek	Polk TPO
Lucie Ayer	Hillsborough County MPO
Gena Torres	Hillsborough County MPO
Bob Kersteen	TBRPC (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council)
Avera Wynne	TBRPC (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council)
Don Skelton	FDOT District 7
Bob Clifford	FDOT District 7
Lee Royal	FDOT District 7
Manon Lavoie	FDOT District 1
Joe Smith	Tampa Bay Partnership
Louis Miller	TIA and Hillsborough MPO
Dan Dubley	Citizen
Rebecca Dubley	Citizen
James A. Powell	Citizen
Carole A. Powell	Citizen
Bill McCall	Hillsborough County P&GM Department
Sandi Moody	Bay Area Commuter Services
Carolyn Kuntz	Recorder

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**INTRODUCTION**

Hillsborough County MPO Chairman, Joe Affronti, called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then had everyone introduce themselves and their affiliation.

**REGIONAL LRTP (LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN) AMENDMENT**

Cynthia Jones, Citrus County, presented a PowerPoint regarding the request to amend the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee. The amendments are as follows:

- C.R. 486 from S.R. 44 to Forest Ridge Boulevard – right-of-way acquisition for 6.3 miles at an estimated cost of \$30 million;
- C.R. 486 from N. Ottawa Avenue to Forest Ridge Boulevard (1 miles) – construction, administration, and testing for the proposed widening of 2 additional lanes from a 2-lane rural roadway to a 4-lane urban divided roadway at an estimated cost of \$8.93 million;
- C.R. 486 from Black Diamond Service Road to North Ottawa Avenue (2 ½ miles) – construction, administration, and testing for the proposed widening of 2 additional lanes from a 2-lane rural roadway to a 4-lane urban divided roadway at an estimated cost of \$24.35 million; and
- C.R. 486 from S.R. 44 to Meadowcrest Boulevard (3/4 mile) – construction, administration, and testing for the proposed widening of 2 additional lanes from a 2-lane rural roadway to a 4-lane urban divided roadway at an estimated cost of \$7.38 million.

These portions of C.R. 486 are currently two lanes, with the balance of C.R. 486 from Forest Ridge Boulevard to U.S. 41 already a four-lane roadway. The daily volumes are between 11,800 to 18,000 trips. C.R. 486 is a regional corridor and supports economic development, with 19% of the population traveling to Marion County for employment.

Chairman Affronti called for public comment. There was no public comment for these projects.

Hugh Pascoe, Hernando MPO, presented a PowerPoint regarding the request for three additions to the Regional Road Network and the request to amend the 2025 LRTP of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee. The three additions to the Regional Road Network are as follows:

- Deltona Boulevard (C.R. 589);
- Elgin/Powell (C.R. 572); and
- Spring Lake Highway (C.R. 541).

These roadways were reviewed against the criteria for the CCC's Regional Road Network to ensure they are regional facilities.

The proposed amendments to the Regional LRTP are as follows:

- Deltona Boulevard from S.R. 50 to Elgin Boulevard – currently two-lane undivided with 15,900 trips to four-lane divided major collector projected at 23,000 trips;
- Elgin/Powell from Deltona Boulevard to Spring Lake Highway – currently a partial-four lane divided with 10,800 trips to four-lane divided major collector projected at 22,000 trips; and

- Spring Lake Highway from S.R. 50 to I-75 – currently two-lane undivided with 6,200 trips to two-lane undivided arterial major collector projected at 24,500 trips.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Ward noted the table needed to be corrected. Mr. Pascoe agreed the table needed to be corrected to indicate Elgin/Powell as a partial four-lane divided roadway.

Mr. Howe queried the plans for I-75 and the potential interchanges at S.R. 50 and widening of Fowler to S.R. 50. Mr. Skelton responded FDOT recently held a public meeting focused on these segments. Currently, all segments of I-75 are under design for construction of six lanes. The project also has interchange modifications at S.R. 50 for a flyover concept and U.S. 41 that requires geometric changes. Although the segments are funded for design, there is no funding for construction in the Five Year Work Program.

Chairman Affronti called for public comment. There was no public comment.

*Following the public hearing, Mayor Hibbard moved, Commissioner Russell seconded; and motion carried to approve the amendments to the Regional LRTP from Citrus and Hernando Counties.*

*Commissioner Russell, Mayor Hibbard seconded, and motion carried to approve the request by Hernando County for the three additions to the Regional Road Network.*

### **TRIP PRIORITIES**

Mr. Pascoe, Hernando MPO, presented a PowerPoint for the 2007 FDOT District Seven Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities. Created a few years ago under the Growth Management Legislation, the program is designed to serve the regional roadway network. This is a regional planning initiative to provide state funds for regional travel. FDOT District Seven is anticipated to receive \$20 million recurring funds annually in 2008 and District One is anticipated to receive \$18 million annually.

Commissioner Tower noted he recently received an email from the Florida League of Cities that the Legislature is currently looking at deleting \$240 million in growth management funds, which would include TRIP funding.

Mr. Skelton clarified that the Governor has recommended in his proposal a \$225 million reduction to the State Transportation Trust Fund (previously growth management funds from general revenue) and TRIP might be a part of the funding. FDOT will have to develop scenarios to address this reduction. He noted other categories include the County Incentive Grant Program, Small County Outreach Programs, Small County Resurfacing Programs, Strategic Intermodal System, and regular allocations.

Mr. Pascoe continued with his presentation. Eligibility requirements for TRIP funding are that projects must be regionally significant, identified on the CCC's Regional Transportation Plan, appear in the local government's Capital Improvement Element, a commitment for the local matching funds, and adoption of the FDOT Level of Service standard on the facility when applicable. Citrus County is now included in the program and is a very active participant. They have added the new fifth year of the program for 2011/12, which includes three transit

projects as the top priorities based on their significance and lower cost. Included in the priority list are 25 highway projects, which include all phases for each project to make sure the project can be completed. The projects are distributed equitably throughout the region. Mr. Pascoe briefly reviewed each project on the list. The Joint Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the priority list and recommended approval.

Chairman Affronti called for public comment. There was no public comment.

*Following the public hearing, Commissioner Russell moved, Commissioner Tower seconded; and motion carried to approve the TRIP Priority List.*

Mr. Skelton added the priority list will now go to FDOT and they will ensure there are match sources in place. In addition, there are currently existing TRIP agreements that still need to be executed. In programming the projects, FDOT will ensure they meet the intent of growth management.

**\*\*The meeting broke for lunch at 11:48 a.m.\*\***

### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

Hillsborough County MPO Chairman, Joe Affronti, reconvened the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 9 and June 8)

*Commissioner Scott moved, Commissioner Russell seconded; and motion carried to approve the March 9 and June 8, 2007 minutes.*

#### REGIONAL MULTI-USE TRAILS BROCHURE

Gena Torres (Hillsborough MPO) indicated the CCC had previously approved using the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) to update the Multi-Use Trails element of the Regional LRTP; therefore, they are currently working on the update. As part of the outreach, they developed a brochure they are requesting approval for distribution. Each agency should include their trail as part of the regional system, which would be a benefit when seeking various funding. Once the Element has been complete, it will be brought to the CCC for approval.

*Commissioner Scott moved, Commissioner Russell seconded; and motion carried to approve the Regional Multi-Use Trails Brochure.*

#### COMMUTER CHOICES WEEK 2007

Sandi Moody, Bay Area Commuter Services (BACS) noted this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year for this annual event for District Seven. This is an annual recognition program for commuter assistance projects, such as vanpooling, carpooling, riding the bus, teleworking, variable work hours, bicycling, walking, etc. This covers all modes of travel other than driving alone. They request each person to commit to an alternative mode of transportation by filling out a commitment card to commit one day during the week of October 1 through October 5. Several

events are scheduled for Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties during that week. The first event is October 1 in Tampa; events in Clearwater, USF, and Westshore during the week; and the final event in St. Petersburg on Friday. She invited each person to participate in Commuter Choices Week and to vocally support the program.

### **DISCUSSION**

**A. Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Forum**

**B. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority**

Mayor Hibbard reported on these items. He noted the first Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza and the second meeting will be held next week at the TBRPC office on September 21. They are still waiting on the Governor's appointment of four business representatives and the Chairman. Currently, Commissioner Ronnie Duncan has been facilitating the meetings. The first meeting took care of housekeeping discussions and the first 100 days. FDOT has set a time line for the things that need to be accomplished. The Master Plan needs to be completed in two years. FDOT has been providing staff support and expertise but TBARTA is lacking legal advice. TBARTA appointed a committee to look at the legal issue and bring back some recommendations to the next meeting.

Bob Clifford, FDOT District Seven, noted TBARTA created a subcommittee that will meet Monday morning at the TBRPC office to discuss the issue to bring recommendations to the Friday TBARTA meeting.

Mayor Hibbard stated the TBARTA members felt it was important to have legal advice as they proceed and to also find a funding source. He thought it was a good meeting in that the members were not parochial as they sat on the Authority. He requested if anyone wanted him to bring anything to the TBARTA to please let him know.

Chairman Affronti noted that Joe Smith, who represents the Tampa Bay Partnership, was present at today's meeting and the Partnership was instrumental in getting TBARTA formed.

Commissioner Scott added at the recent meeting of TBRPC, the Executive Committee and the full Committee offered the services of TBRPC counsel in kind to TBARTA, which will be discussed at the TBARTA Subcommittee meeting on Monday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.