



WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

HERNANDO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
18900 CORTEZ BLVD. (SR 50 Bypass), BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA 34601
(See attached map)

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AGENDA ITEM III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of July 18, 2008

The minutes from the CCC meeting of July 18, 2008 are attached for the members' review and approval.

ATTACHMENT: [CCC Minutes - July 18, 2008](#)

AGENDA ITEM IV a.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

a. **TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES**
– 2008 TRIP Funding Requests (Hernando MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO)

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created through Growth Management Legislation to help improve regionally significant transportation facilities. By means of the TRIP program, State funds are made available to help local governments and others pay for transportation projects that benefit regional travel.

For the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7, approximately \$20 million is available in each fiscal year (FY07/08 – FY11/12). In FDOT's District 1, the annual TRIP funding availability is \$18.5 million. FDOT will pay up to 50 percent of the costs for eligible projects (up to 50 percent of the non-federal share for public transportation facilities).

To be eligible for TRIP funding, projects must be regionally significant, identified on the CCC's Regional Transportation Plan, and appear in the local governments' Capital Improvements Elements (CIE). Also, there must be a commitment for the remaining, matching funds, and the local government must adopt, when applicable, the FDOT Level of Service (LOS) standard on the facility. For other public transportation facilities or services not maintained/operated by local governments, specific requirements may apply regarding the verification of matching funds.

A TRIP Working Group comprised of technical staff from each MPO in FDOT's District 7, as well as other public transportation representatives, scored each project based upon three major criteria: addressing growth management; regionalism; and local funding match. The TRIP Working Group prioritized each project based upon their technical score ranking. Furthermore, the group continues to recommend that two transit and one vanpool project remain at the top of the priority list because of their relatively low cost and the difficulty in scoring them against highway projects.

In District 1, the FDOT is soliciting candidate TRIP projects for FY 2011/12 and 2012/13. The annual TRIP funding availability for candidate projects is approximately \$18 - \$15 million for each year.

In developing its Joint Regional TRIP List of Projects, the Sarasota/Manatee and Polk TPO established a TRIP Negotiating Committee. The TRIP Negotiating Committee is comprised of members from the Polk and Sarasota/Manatee Boards which included the Chair and Vice-Chairs from each MPO/TPO. This committee held a meeting on August 18th to review and rank candidate TRIP projects for each respective TPO/MPO. Similar to previous years, the Polk and Sarasota/Manatee ranked prioritized list was achieved on the basis of each county receiving its population based equitable share of TRIP funding in District 1. In 2005, Sarasota County received the number one priority and in 2006,

Manatee County received the number one priority of the committee. For this year, the number one ranked project being recommended by the committee is in Polk County.

This item will consist of a presentation of the TRIP priority lists of projects by MPOs/TPO representatives from FDOT Districts 1 and 7.

ATTACHMENTS: [\(All attachments are in a single pdf file.\)](#)

ACTION: CCC to review and approve the TRIP Priority Lists for Districts 1 and 7 and adopt CCC Resolution #2008-01

AGENDA ITEM IV b.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

b. MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITIES (Hillsborough MPO)

The CCC approved an update to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Element in December 2007. This element will be incorporated into the West Central Florida MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee Long Range Transportation Plan, and includes:

- inventory and map of existing regional trails
- methodology for trail ranking and resulting spreadsheet
- trail amenities and pictures
- updated goals and definitions
- accompanying public outreach brochure

Since approved, changes in funding and local priorities requires an update to the current regional trail priorities. With the impending update to the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, it is important to reflect the most current list of trail priorities in the Multi-Use Trails Element. In summary, there are three changes to the approved list.

- § Sarasota's Venice Rail Trail Corridor has been completed and is no longer required on the list.
- § In Polk County, removal of a connection of the Van Fleet State Trail to the TECO-Auburndale Trail – funded and planned for construction.
- § Polk County has added the Lake Hancock Trail as a high priority project to the unranked portion of the priority spreadsheet.

Changes to the Multi-Use Trails Map include the following:

- § Changed the name of Starkey Road Trail to Starkey Trail.
- § Removed section of "Planned-unfunded/partially funded trail" on SR 52 in Pasco County to completed.
- § Shifted portion of trail along Tarpon Springs Road to southern alignment as opposed to Trinity Corridor.
- § Added Lake Hancock Trail in Polk County as high-priority on map.
- § Legacy Trail in Sarasota County now shown as completed on map.

This item will consist of a review of changes to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Element's project priority listing and map.

ATTACHMENTS: [\(All attachments are in a single pdf file.\)](#)

ACTION: CCC to review and approve the updated Regional Multi-Use Trail Priorities and map

AGENDA ITEM V

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN (FDOT)

The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is a statewide network of high-priority transportation facilities, including the State's largest and most significant commercial service airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways. The two attached maps depict SIS facilities in FDOT Districts 1 and 7.

At this time, FDOT has distributed a series of charts that show the long range distribution of funds for highway capacity improvements on the SIS. The SIS Cost Feasible Plans are particularly significant in that they represent a major component of the cost affordable capacity improvements on the CCC's Regional Roadway Network. Funding charts showing the "2nd Five-Year Plan" (FY 2014-2018) are also attached.

FDOT will make a presentation on the Draft Cost Feasible Plans for the Strategic Intermodal System for Districts 1 and 7. MPOs have been asked to provide their comments on the Cost Feasible Plan to FDOT by October 31, 2008.

ATTACHMENTS: [\(All attachments are in a single pdf file.\)](#)

ACTION: CCC to review the Cost Feasible Plans for FDOT Districts 1 and 7 and provide comments to FDOT

AGENDA ITEM VI

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (Hernando MPO)

Since its inception, the CCC has produced a number of regional transportation work products designed to support integrated regional transportation plans and programs. Once completed, the Regional Cost Affordable 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will be an area-wide blueprint showing how highways, transit and multi-use trails will work together to provide for regional mobility. The 2035 Regional LRTP will also provide a regional framework for the update of individual MPO LRTPs and must be completed by the spring of 2009 in order to provide guidance and direction during MPO plan updates. The Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas MPOs are set to complete their LRTP updates by or before the December 2009 deadline.

The Regional LRTP will also guide the updates for the District 1 CCC members, the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), which are scheduled for completion in December 2010.

Two of the eight tasks identified for development of the 2035 Regional LRTP have now been completed and are ready for CCC review, comment and approval.

TASK I - Updating of Plan Policies for SAFETEA-LU Compliance

The policy framework for the Regional LRTP is being updated to meet the planning requirements of the federal transportation act, *The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*. Key elements of the compliance review include: developing a safety element for the region; emphasizing strategies and policies in support of homeland security; defining the CCC's role in regional security planning activities; and incorporating freight security planning in the policy context of the Regional LRTP in coordination with the Federal government. New environmental evaluation and agency consultation requirements contained in SAFETEA-LU must also be addressed. The attached draft report provides an analysis of each of these policy areas, and shows how regional goals, policies and objectives must be modified to ensure compliance with Federal and State mandates.

TASK 2 - Designation of Regional Activity Centers (RACs)

The objective of this task is to develop criteria for designating regional activity centers. This activity was coordinated with the parallel activities of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) for its Regional Transportation Master Plan. Criteria used to designate RACs include:

- § Employment
- § Population high density
- § Commercial areas with high intensity
- § Mixed use areas
- § Areas that draw from the outside or multiple counties
- § Areas that support tourist activities such as beaches and theme parks
- § Special generators: airports, colleges and universities, cultural and entertainment facilities, hospitals, and regional shopping centers (clusters of these)
- § Areas ripe for re-development, or incentivized development

This task has been closely coordinated with TBARTA's efforts to review and update regional anchors in support of development of its Regional Master Plan. Results of this task will be used in the prioritization of projects for the Regional LRTP. The attached draft report recounts the process used to designate the three tiers of RACs and contains a map depicting their locations.

This item will consist of a presentation on the final draft technical reports from Tasks 1 and 2, focusing on the recommendations of each report and their implications for subsequent LRTP tasks.

ATTACHMENTS: [\(All attachments are in a single, pdf file.\)](#)

ACTION: CCC to provide comments and approve reports for Regional LRTP Tasks 1 and 2, or other action as deemed appropriate

AGENDA ITEM VII

TBARTA MASTER PLAN: PHASE TWO STATUS REPORT (TBARTA Consultant)

The second phase of a three-phase process to develop TBARTA's Regional Transportation Master Plan is now underway.

The first phase of the Master Plan development focused on the question of where improvements are most needed to serve regional transportation needs and public transit. Consideration of this question included travel demand modeling and public review and comment, with corridor options evaluated with respect to four Guiding Principles adopted by the TBARTA Board. The first phase culminated in a series of recommendations to TBARTA's advisory committees and board in June regarding corridors to advance to the next phase and corridors to be set aside for further study.

The second phase evaluates transit mode options in the corridors which were retained for further study, looking at the general viability and appropriateness of technologies such as commuter rail, light rail, bus rapid transit, and managed lanes to serve the region's travel markets. Travel demand modeling and public comment will play a major role in this phase as well. A series of community workshops -- one in each county -- was held through late July and early August. In the fall, the best performing options will be assembled into regionwide networks for the third phase of the study. Several network options will be evaluated for effectiveness and cost. During the third phase, the potential for greater benefits to be realized if land use patterns shift over the long term will be evaluated.

The presentation will give an overview of the corridor and mode options currently under consideration in Phase Two, the results of Phase Two public engagement activities, and results of efforts by the Land Use Working Group to coordinate the Master Plan with local land use plans.

ATTACHMENTS: [Excerpts from the TBARTA Regional Master Plan Phase Two Status Report](#)

ACTION: CCC to provide comments on Phase Two of the Regional Master Plan, or other action as deemed appropriate

**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the September 12, 2008 Meeting

The West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) held a meeting on Friday, September 12, 2008. The meeting was hosted by the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization and was held at the Hernando County Emergency Operations Center, 18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Dave Russell, Chairman, Hernando County MPO
Commissioner Patrick Huff, Vice-Chairman, Polk County TPO
Commissioner Scott Black, Chairman, Pasco County MPO
Mayor Frank Hibbard, Chairman, Pinellas County MPO
Commissioner Donna Hayes, Chairman, Sarasota-Manatee County MPO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila Martin, Bay Area Commuter Services
Jose Masaoy, Citizen
Janet Masaoy, Citizens Opposed to the Suncoast Tollway
Cynthia Jones, Citrus County
Ben Walker, FDOT District 1
Bob Clifford, FDOT District 7
Don Skelton, Secretary, FDOT District 7
Shannon Estep, Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Dennis Dix, Hernando County MPO
Tina Duenninger, Minutes Recorder, Hernando County MPO
Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO
Gena Torres, Hillsborough County MPO
Doug Uden, Pasco County MPO
Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO
Sarah Ward, Pinellas County MPO
Carolyn Kuntz, Pinellas County MPO
Ryan Kordek, Polk County TPO
Michael Howe, Sarasota-Manatee County MPO
Manny Pumariega, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Bob Kersteen, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Louis Miller, Tampa International Airport

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Hernando County MPO Chairman Dave Russell called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Introductions were made and Chairman Russell welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Russell noted an addition to the September 12, 2008 agenda to include a brief presentation provided by Tampa International Airport Director Louis Miller, immediately following agenda item VII, TBARTA Master Plan: Phase Two Status Report. There were no objections from the CCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of July 18, 2008

The minutes of the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) meeting of July 18, 2008 were presented for review and approval. The minutes were amended to reflect that Commissioner Scott Black should be listed as Chairman of the Pasco County MPO and that Commissioner Sam Johnson should be listed as Chairman of the Polk County TPO. It was also noted that there was no representative from the Sarasota/Manatee County MPO present at the July 18 meeting. There were no other corrections to the minutes.

***Motion:** Commissioner Huff moved to approve the minutes as amended of the CCC meeting of July 18, 2008. Mayor Hibbard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM - TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES

Mr. Hugh Pascoe provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding requests for District 7. State funds are made available through the TRIP program for transportation projects that benefit regional mobility and growth management. Approximately \$20 million in TRIP funds is available in each fiscal year for District 7.

The list of TRIP Priority projects and funded projects in the FDOT Work Program for District 7 were reviewed. There were 25 highway projects requested. The top three projects included Regional Vanpool Program, US 19 Express/BRT, and Bus Purchase. Funded projects included Bus Purchase, SR 686 ITS, Bryan Dairy Rd. (28th St./Alt. US 19), SR 580 ITS, SR 54, Bryan Dairy Rd. (Starkey/72nd St.), and Deltona Blvd. The CCC TRIP Submittals map was also reviewed.

Mr. Doug Uden noted that Ridge Road/Little Road needed to be added to the list as a funded project. Mr. Pascoe clarified in the affirmative and agreed to do so.

****Chairman Russell requested that speakers identify themselves for the record.****

It was noted that this was a public hearing item. Mrs. Janet Masaoy, Citizen, inquired whether there was a pending lawsuit regarding the widening of Ridge Road near the existing Suncoast toll road. Mr. Doug Uden replied that he was not aware of any lawsuit.

****Chairman Russell welcomed and recognized Commissioner Donna Hayes and Mr. Michael Howe of the Sarasota/Manatee County MPO, and Commissioner Scott Black of the Pasco County MPO. Arrival time 11:20 a.m.****

Chairman Russell inquired of District 7 Secretary Don Skelton what were his concerns about the solvency of the TRIP program. Secretary Skelton replied that approximately \$28 million had to be removed from District 7's TRIP program at the last budget session and that it would be wise to look at projects that could get programmed and were ready to go. Chairman Russell stated the highest priority projects in the most expedient use. Secretary Skelton noted that District 1 had lost approximately \$20 million in TRIP funds. Chairman Russell expressed appreciation and thanked Secretary Skelton for all the good work done.

There were no further comments from the CCC.

Motion: *Mayor Hibbard moved to approve the 2008 TRIP Priorities for District 7. Commissioner Black seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Ryan Kordek provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 TRIP funding requests for District 1. There is \$15 million available in TRIP funds for District 1, which consists of 12 counties. The Sarasota/Manatee County and Polk County TPO established a TRIP Negotiating Committee in order to develop the TRIP Priorities List of Projects for District 1.

Sarasota/Manatee County projects included Honore Avenue, Sumter Blvd., US 301, and US 41 at River Road. Polk County projects included Bartow Northern Connector, which was also ranked #1 on the TRIP Priorities List of Projects for District 1, Thompson Nursery Road, US 92 at County Line Road, and US 92 at Wabash Avenue.

Mr. Michael Howe thanked Mr. Kordek for the presentation and expressed the need and importance to have the TRIP program continue in the Legislature. Commissioner Donna Hayes commented that the combined MPOs had come to a satisfactory agreement and that she was glad to see the Honore Avenue project moving forward. Commissioner Patrick Huff agreed.

Chairman Russell commented on the importance of cooperation and that he was proud of the TRIP and SIS (Strategic Intermodal System) programs. Mr. Ben Walker noted that a review of the selected projects was needed to determine the availability of moving up certain projects into FY 2010/11.

Mr. Jose Masaoy, Citizen, inquired whether consideration of residents was taken into account when building projects. Mr. Kordek replied that the projects listed were based on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and had gone through planning, establishment of need, public hearings and workshops, project development and environment (PD&E), and design studies. Commissioner Hayes commented that the Honore Avenue project had been in their Long Range Plan for the past eight years.

There were no further comments from the CCC.

Motion: *Commissioner Hayes moved to approve the 2008 TRIP Priorities for District 1 and authorizing Resolution 2008-01 for Districts 1 and 7. Commissioner Black seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM - MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITIES

Ms. Gena Torres provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the changes to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Priority List of Projects and Map, which was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Torres noted that the Legacy Trail in Sarasota County had been built and was removed from the priority list, as well as a multi-use trail in Polk County, which became fully funded. The Lake Hancock Trail in Polk County was added to the priority list.

Revisions to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Map included the name change of the Starkey Road Trail to Starkey Trail, change of a section of Planned-unfunded /partially funded trail on SR 52 to completed, realignment on portion of the Tarpon Springs Trail, addition of the Lake Hancock Trail, and the addition of the existing 10 miles of the Legacy Trail.

Mr. Pascoe noted that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) had advised that they would be happy to help update the map and take a look at the priorities. Mayor Hibbard advised that the Tarpon Springs Road should be corrected to Keystone Road.

There were no further comments from the CCC.

Motion: *Commissioner Black moved to approve the Regional Multi-Use Trails Priority List of Projects and Map as amended. Mayor Hibbard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

A lunch break occurred at this time and the meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Mr. Ben Walker provided a brief synopsis of the Draft Cost Feasible Plan for the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) for District 1, which was included in the agenda packet. Funding charts outlining the SIS/FIHS Highway Capacity 2nd 5-Year Plan (FY 2014-2018) were also included in the agenda packet. Pilot programs in District 1 were identified.

Mr. Bob Clifford followed up with a review of the Draft Cost Feasible Plan for District 7, which was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Clifford noted that there were \$3.3 billion worth of projects on the highway side. Key projects along the interstate system in District 7 were identified. It was requested that any input and/or comments on the Draft Cost Feasible Plan be provided to FDOT by October 31, 2008. The Plan would be adopted in November 2008. Mr. Clifford noted that while transit was not a component of the SIS,

many projects on the SIS included transit components within them, i.e., Links and I-75

projects.

In response to Mayor Hibbard's request for a refresher on how the process worked, Secretary Skelton explained the two-tier criteria and how funding was followed. Secretary Skelton noted that it was a needs-based program and that there was a large focus on I-75 within both Districts 1 and 7.

Mr. Doug Uden noted that while there was reference on I-75 to the Hernando/Sumter line, there was no reference to the Sumter/Wildwood line. Secretary Skelton replied that the portion to the Wildwood line was in District 5. Mr. Clifford stated that he would find out, as it was a need but not sure where it was on the Cost Feasible Plan.

There were no further comments from the CCC.

Informational item only, no action to be taken.

VII. REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE

a. Task 1 – SAFETEA-LU Policy Framework

Mr. Hugh Pascoe provided a brief synopsis of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The Renaissance Planning Group submitted Task 1 of the LRTP update. A draft of the SAFETEA-LU Policy Framework Report was included in the agenda packet. All District 7 MPOs must have an LRTP update completed and adopted by December 2009. All District 1 MPOs must have an LRTP update completed and adopted by December 2010.

b. Task 2 – Regional Activity Center (RAC) Designations

Mr. Pascoe provided an update on the Regional Activity Center (RAC) designations. A draft of the Designation of Regional Activity Centers Report, submitted by Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., and RAC map was included in the agenda packet. Tiers 1, 2 and 3 regional anchors were identified and the RAC map was reviewed.

Ms. Cindy Jones expressed that there were several corrections to be made for Citrus County. Mr. Pascoe requested that Ms. Jones meet with him after the meeting to correct.

Commissioner Donna Hayes stated that Lakewood Ranch in Manatee County should be moved up from Tier 3 as a major DRI (Development of Regional Impact) had just been approved. Mr. Michael Howe agreed that it should be moved up to Tier 2. The CCC concurred to coordinate with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) to accommodate the request. Mr. Bob Clifford clarified that it was not TBARTA that was developing the regional anchors but a coordination of TBARTA, FDOT and the Land Use Working Group. Mr. Clifford would take the information back for further review.

Mayor Hibbard commented that some of the densities (residential, employment

centers, hotels) seemed extraordinarily low on the RAC map. Mr. Clifford pointed out that the map would be bare if too much density was used and that TBARTA would be running different density scenarios in phase 3 of the master plan. Mayor Hibbard stated that the densities concentrated in the surrounding transit lines needed to be reviewed in order for mass transit to work.

There were no further comments from the CCC.

Motion: *Commissioner Hayes moved to recommend that Lakewood Ranch be moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 on the Regional Activity Centers (RAC) map. Mayor Hibbard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Motion: *Mayor Hibbard moved to approve the Task 1 and Task 2 Reports, and the Regional Activity Centers (RAC) map as amended. Commissioner Hayes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Pascoe shared that the CCC was working with TBARTA and FDOT staff to combine the public involvement processes where possible.

TBARTA MASTER PLAN: PHASE TWO STATUS REPORT

Mr. Bob Clifford provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's (TBARTA) Phase Two Master Plan report. Excerpts from the Phase Two status report presentation provided to the advisory committees was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Clifford noted that a TBARTA public service announcement was forthcoming within the next two weeks on Bay News 9 and Bright House. Additionally, "TBARTA Day" was to be held at upcoming Rays and Buccaneers games. The results obtained from the public workshops were reviewed, along with an overview of the corridors and mode options currently under consideration. A public hearing for the Master Plan will be scheduled in January 2009.

Chairman Russell thanked Mr. Clifford for the presentation and expressed the need to keep all options open regardless of how impossible they seemed. Mr. Clifford stated that the TBARTA Board had made it clear to not take anything off the table. There were no further comments from the CCC.

Informational item only, no action to be taken.

TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – FUTURE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Mr. Louis Miller provided a video presentation on future transitway into and at Tampa International Airport (TIA) via Light Rail Transit (LRT). A pamphlet of TIA's Conceptual Planning for Transit Station and Access Executive Summary was distributed to the CCC. The LRT would operate within preserved right-of-way (ROW) owned by TIA. Mr. Miller noted that TIA would not build the rail system but would provide ROW to the operator of the system and build two proposed stations that would stop at the

terminals. TIA owns approximately seven miles of ROW. The animated video presentation is available at www.tampaairport.com.

OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Sheila Martin thanked the CCC for approving the TRIP Priorities that included Bay Area Commuter Services' (BACS) regional vanpool program. Ms. Martin distributed a BACS E-News Alert announcing that the vanpool program had placed its 50th vanpool into service. Additionally, the 12th Annual Commuter Choices Week was scheduled for October 6-17 at several bay area locations. Commuter Choices Week promotes various options other than the single-occupant vehicle, such as carpooling, vanpooling, riding the bus, bicycling, walking, or teleworking to commute to work. The kickoff event was scheduled for October 6 in downtown Tampa. Ms. Martin noted that commuter information and request forms were available at www.TampaBayRideshare.org.

Chairman Russell congratulated Commissioner Donna Hayes on becoming a member of the TBARTA Board. Commissioner Hayes noted that she was a first alternate member and was looking forward to it.

Mrs. Janet Masaoy, Citizen, expressed that she would continue to fight against the extension of the Suncoast Parkway into Citrus County, as regional transportation was not needed into Citrus County. Mr. Jose Masaoy, Citizen, stated that transportation is a top priority and that public transportation needs for the retired and those unable to drive should be taken into account.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CCC is scheduled for December 12, 2008 and is to be hosted by Pasco County.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.