



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)**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**
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 - a. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)
PRIORITIES - 2008 TRIP Funding Requests (Hernando MPO and
Sarasota/Manatee MPO)**
 - b. MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITIES (Hillsborough MPO)**
- V. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN (FDOT)**
- VI. REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (Hernando
MPO)**
 - a. TASK 1 - SAFETEA-LU Policy Framework**
 - b. TASK 2 - Regional Activity Center Designations**
- VII. TBARTA MASTER PLAN: PHASE TWO STATUS REPORT (TBARTA
Consultant)**
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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.