

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA MPOs  
CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
BOARD MEETING

Friday, September 17, 2010  
Starkey Park Environmental Education Center  
1500 Wilderness Lake Blvd.  
New Port Richey, FL  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meetings of June 11, 2010
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. JOINT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
- V. MULTI USE TRAILS PROJECTS & REGIONAL PRIORITIES\*
  - A. District 7
  - B. District 1
- VI. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL ROAD MAP\*
- VII. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES\*
  - A. District 7
  - B. District 1
- VIII. ANNUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVALUATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE & JCAC SURVEY RESULTS
- IX. HUD COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PLANNING GRANT - UPDATE
- X. TBARTA REPORT – UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS
- XI. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY – STATUS REPORT
- XII. OTHER BUSINESS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

\* Identifies Public Hearing Item



**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the September 17, 2010 Meeting**

The West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Chair's Coordinating Committee (CCC) held a meeting on Friday, September 17, 2010. The meeting was hosted by the Pasco County MPO and was held at the Starkey Park Environmental Education Center, 1500 Wilderness Lake Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Richard Rober	Pasco County MPO (Chairperson)
Commissioner Rose Rocco	Hernando County MPO
Mayor Joe Affronti	Hillsborough County MPO
Mayor Frank Hibbard	Pinellas County MPO
Commissioner Marianne Barnebey	Sarasota-Manatee MPO

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Frank Meares	Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1
Manon Lavoie	FDOT, District 1
Ming Gao	FDOT, District 7
Lee Royal	FDOT, District 7
Brian Beaty	FDOT, District 7
Shakira Crandol	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Shannon Estep	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Alice Gilmartin	Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Hugh Pascoe	Hernando County MPO
Ray Chiaramonte	Hillsborough County MPO
Beth Alden	Hillsborough County MPO
Gena Torres	Hillsborough County MPO
Trish Thompson	Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam
Jim Edwards	Pasco County MPO
Pete Odom	Pasco County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Manny Lajmiri	Pasco County MPO
Mabel Risner	Pasco County MPO
Brian Smith	Pinellas County MPO
Sarah Ward	Pinellas County MPO
Carolyn Kuntz	Pinellas County MPO
Ryan Kordek	Polk County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Michael Howe	Sarasota-Manatee County MPO
Walt Eastmond	Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
Michelle Greene	Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)
Bob Kersteen	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)
Manny Pumariega	TBRPC
Mary Shavaliier	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit System (HARTLINE)
Jennifer Bartlett	Sprinkle Consulting
Douglas Uden	Individual
Janet Masaoy	Citizens Opposed to the Suncoast Tollway (COST)
Lorrie Voide	COST
Lyn Serianni	COST
Bill Serianni	COST
Evelyn Waldbillig	COST
John Waldbillig	COST

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Rober, Pasco County MPO Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Introductions were made and Chairperson Rober welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2010 (HERNANDO MPO)

The minutes of the CCC meeting of June 11, 2010, were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Mayor Hibbard moved to approve the minutes of the CCC meeting of June 11, 2010, as presented. Commissioner Barnebey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (JCAC) REPORT (PASCO MPO)

Mr. Pete Odom, Pasco County Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), reported on the JCAC meeting of August 31, 2010. Mr. Odom welcomed everyone to the meeting. He indicated the recommendations from the JCAC are included in the agenda package. All members concluded: 1) the auditable teleconferencing system needed some work; 2) to have the same material in the packet as being presented at the meeting; 3) to have a follow-up on their recommendations or motions once they went to the CCC Board; 4) to have more interaction between the members; and 5) to get the information for meetings in a timely matter. The JCAC also requested that a representative from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection come to their meeting and provide further information on the Air Quality Conformity and what was expected from the JCAC as a group.

Motion: Mayor Hibbard moved to approve the August 31, 2010, JCAC report. Commissioner Rocco seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

V. MULTIUSE TRAILS PROJECTS AND REGIONAL PRIONAL PRIORITIES (FDOT, DISTRICT 1, AND FDOT, DISTRICT 7)

A. FDOT, District 7

Mr. Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO, provided a *PowerPoint* presentation that showed the multiuse trail projects and regional priorities. He indicated that the CCC's Regional Multiuse Trails Committee had reviewed the status of facilities depicted on the Regional Multiuse Trails Map and has updated the map accordingly. The committee has also updated the attached Regional Multiuse Trail Priority List of Projects based upon changes in project status, funding, and local priorities. Once approved, the Regional Multiuse Trails Priority List of Projects will be used to select projects as funding opportunities arise. He provided the list of changes to the Regional Multiuse Trails Map, which includes the following: 1) Northeast Pasco County - the map depicts a new alignment along C.R. 54, east of Zephyrhills connecting to U.S. 98 and the Florida National Scenic Trail Corridor; 2) Friendship Trail - added to the map as a conceptual trail; and 3) Bayway Trail - the southern end at Fort Desoto is depicted as complete. Mr. Pascoe said these are the changes to the District 7 projects and priorities and that District 1 would provide theirs.

Discussion followed. Mayor Hibbard said it does not make sense for two segments of a regional trail like the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to be different priorities; the trail should be continuous. Is it not as high of a priority for Hillsborough County as it is for Pinellas? Mr. Pascoe stated that the segments could be listed as a single priority.

B. FDOT, District 1

Mr. Ryan Kordek, Polk County TPO, presented the Polk County TPO trail projects as Lake Alfred Trail and Peace River Trail. He stated as part of their request for 2010 transportation priority projects, the FDOT, District 1, through the County's MPO and TPO, provides the regional multiuse trail priorities for consideration in the development of the Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Mr. Kordek indicated that up to \$1.2 million in transportation enhancement funding is available for candidate projects in Fiscal Year 2015-16. For District 1 to qualify for these funds, each regional entity within the FDOT, such as the CCC, must submit a ranked list of regional trail priorities. Mr. Michael Howe, Sarasota-Manatee County MPO, indicated that the CCC consists of two FDOT, District 1, MPOs, which are the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and the Polk TPO. In order to establish a joint list of priority regional multiuse trail projects, the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and Polk TPO have established a Negotiating Committee that is comprised of members from the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and Polk TPO Boards. This committee met on August 25, 2010, to review and rank candidate Transportation Regional Incentive Programs (TRIPs) and Regional Multiuse Trail Projects for each respective entity. Mr. Howe indicated that the top priority was the Gateway, a Greenway multiuse trail for Sarasota-Manatee County, and that is where they will be focusing their attention. Discussion followed.

Motion: Commissioner Barnebey moved to approve the Multiuse Trails Projects and Regional Priorities for Districts 7 and 1. Mayor Affronti stated he would second the motion if the priorities were revised so that the segments of the Courtney Campbell Causeway were listed together as a single priority. Commissioner Barnebey agreed with this amendment to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL ROADS MAP (PINELLAS MPO)

Ms. Sarah Ward, Pinellas County MPO, indicated that the Pinellas County MPO is requesting an amendment to add Belcher Road, from Klosterman Road to Park Boulevard, to the Regional Roads Map. Ms. Ward highlighted the criteria that was used for Belcher Road as follows: 1) it will serve as a regional evacuation route; 2) it provides access to regional activity centers; e.g., St. Petersburg College; 3) it will serve as a parallel reliever to U.S. 19, which is a Strategic Intermodal System facility; 4) it provides access to regional freight corridors and freight activity centers; and 5) it serves commuter travel from Pasco County to the north. Ms. Ward further explained this segment of Klosterman Road, from Belcher Road to U.S. 19, is used as a connector road between the two regional facilities. Pinellas County has a pending application for TRIP funds to implement Advanced Traffic Management System improvements on Belcher Road that will also benefit the U.S. 19 Corridor. Ms. Ward concluded that in order for Belcher Road to qualify for TRIP funds, it will need to be added to the Regional Roadway Network. Ms. Ward indicated the Justification Summary Sheet and Map provide the criteria and location she described. Discussion followed.

Motion: Mayor Hibbard moved to approve the amendment to the Regional Road Map as presented. Commissioner Barnebey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. TRIP PRIORITIES (FDOT, DISTRICT 7 AND FDOT, DISTRICT 1)

A. FDOT, District 7 (Hernando MPO)

Mr. Hugh Pascoe provided a short *PowerPoint* presentation that discussed the District 7 TRIP that was created through the Growth Management Legislation to help improve regionally significant transportation facilities through the TRIP. State funds are made available to help local governments and others pay for transportation projects that benefit regional travel. The FDOT will pay up to 50 percent of the cost for eligible projects (up to 50 percent of the non-federal share for public transportation facilities). Mr. Pascoe indicated that to be eligible for TRIP funding, projects must be regionally significant, identified in the CCC's Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and matching funds must appear in a local government's Capital Improvement Elements. Also, local governments must adopt, when applicable, the FDOT Level of Service standard for these facilities. Mr. Pascoe stated a TRIP Working Group comprised of technical staff from each MPO in the FDOT, District 7, as well as other public transportation representatives, score each project based upon three major criteria addressing growth management, regionalism, and local funding match. The TRIP Working Group ranked each project based upon its technical score. Furthermore, the group continues to recommend that the two transit projects and one vanpool project remain at the top of the priority list due to the difficulty of scoring them against highway projects. This item will consist of a presentation of the prioritized TRIP funding requests for the FDOT, District 7. Discussion followed. Mayor Hibbard asked for a more detailed explanation of the criteria being used to determine the projects. He further indicated that he would like to see the segments placed together no matter what the phase time is. Mayor Hibbard indicated that there should be a commitment by both Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties before monies are spent on these projects. Discussion followed.

B. FDOT, District 1 (Polk TPO and Sarasota-Manatee MPO)

Mr. Hugh Pascoe indicated that because District 7 and District 1 follow two different processes, presentations for District 1 will be provided by Mr. Michael Howe and Mr. Ryan Kordek regarding the regional priorities for the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and Polk County TPO. The FDOT is soliciting for candidate TRIP projects for Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15. The annual TRIP funding availability for candidate projects in District 1 is approximately \$5.6 million in Fiscal Year 2013-14, and \$8 million in Fiscal Year 2014-15. In order to develop a combined list of TRIP priorities for both the MPO and TPO, the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and Polk TPO have established a TRIP Negotiating Committee. The TRIP Negotiating Committee is comprised of several members from the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and Polk TPO Boards, which consists of the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman from each MPO/TPO. This committee meeting was held on August 25, 2010, to review and rank the candidate TRIP projects for each respective MPO/TPO. The results from this meeting are the basis for what is recommended to the CCC. Discussion followed.

Motion: Mayor Affonti moved to approve and support the TRIP funding requests for District 7 and District 1. Commissioner Rocco seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. ANNUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVALUATION/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) UPDATE AND JCAC SURVEY RESULTS (PINELLAS MPO AND HERNANDO MPO)

Ms. Sarah Ward provided the CCC with a report on what had changed in the annual Public Participation Evaluation such as having a virtual website for all JCAC and CCC information. Since there was no actual office, they partnered with TBARTA and other agencies in their workshops to promote regional transportation information. The CCC continued to expand networking with other agencies, increased emphasis on regional transit solutions, initiated revisions to the JCAC process, revised quorum requirements and new technology (webconferencing), conducted the 2035 LRTP process, and strengthened its partnership with TBARTA. More opportunities exist for partnerships and involvement in regional issues, including environmental. Ms. Ward indicated that the re-evaluation reviews measures over the previous two years and the PPP builds upon the evaluation which describes goals, objectives, and measures of effectiveness. It will continue the support for JCAC participation; continue to expand usage of updated technology, particularly the use of the web for public information and web conferencing for meetings; and continue efforts to achieve greater diversity in membership, including minorities, people with disabilities, all age groups, etc. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hugh Pascoe provided the information on the results of the JCAC survey indicating a primary resource for public input. The JCAC process is undergoing continual development to improve opportunities for member participation, including the following: 1) in 2006, changed from two MPOs to all-member MPOs; 2) in 2009, changed quorum and voting requirements. The quorum is now four members from four MPOs represented at the main site. If a quorum exists at the main site, members at remote sites can also vote; and 3) in 2010, changed transmission from teleconferencing to webconferencing. Mr. Pascoe indicated some of the survey feedback included that opportunities for remote participation should continue; however, on-site participation should be encouraged as the preferred alternative and members should be selected for their commitment to attend meetings. It is very important to get webconferencing to work consistently and successfully and on-site participation is encouraged by the committee. Discussion followed.

Motion: Commissioner Marianne Barnebey moved to approve the annual Public Participation Evaluation/PPP Update and JCAC Survey Results as presented. Mayor Hibbard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnebey remarked that she would like the record to show that the CCC, as a body, does appreciate all the time, input, and effort that each individual who serves on the JCAC puts into their role of providing feedback to the CCC.

Mayor Hibbard requested that the TBARTA report be moved up on the agenda because he needed to leave for another business appointment. All members agreed.

TBARTA REPORT MOVED UP ON AGENDA (See information below)

IX. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION (HILLSBOROUGH MPO)

Ms. Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO, provided information on the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. She indicated that, following up on the CCC's action in June, an application had been submitted on the CCC's behalf. The program has \$100 million available nationally, with each region being eligible for up to \$5 million, and \$5 million is the amount the CCC application had requested. Eligible activities include preparation of regional

plans and implementation strategies for regional plans. The CCC's application would fund implementation strategies for the One Bay Vision, focusing on detailed plans for transit-oriented development around the high-priority transit corridors in the TBARTA Master Plan. A similar application was developed in East-Central Florida focusing on transit-oriented development around SunRail, and the two applications were developed to complement each other and support the high-speed rail line that connects the two regions into a "Super Region." The "One Bay Vision in Florida's Super Region" application abstract, Consortium Organization Chart, and a map of proposed study areas were distributed at the meeting. Ms. Alden indicated that the goal was to develop an umbrella application with projects from counties and cities within the region; Hillsborough County would be the recipient and would distribute the funds to the other MPOs as well as the TBRPC. Ms. Alden asked if anyone had any questions. There was no comment.

X. TBARTA REPORT

Ms. Michelle Greene, TBARTA, indicated that TBARTA had hired a public relations/communication individual from Pasco County and that they have several initiatives underway. It was indicated that as they moved forward, they would work with local transit authorities, which include transit and rail agencies. Ms. Greene indicated that the MPOs and the FDOT are working to complete the Phase I corridor studies of important transit projects identified in the Master Plan. Staff is preparing to focus more on speaking to and meeting with the State Legislative Representatives in Tallahassee for their support for TBARTA. The Land Use Working Group is providing technical support in the development of the transit-oriented development plans and policies. Ms. Greene indicated that the Bay Area Commuter Service and TBARTA combined their budgets and they are now one agency. Mayor Hibbard thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to represent them, currently as Vice-Chair on TBARTA. He stated that they are looking for ways to partner with the counties and will not infringe on their plans. He indicated that the TBARTA logo will be displayed on Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) buses along with the PSTA logo. He stated he thought that TBARTA should have more of a presence now because of upcoming reauthorization coming down in the next five years. Hillsborough County is going for a referendum this fall. Everyone thanked him for the great job that he was doing on the TBARTA Board. Informational only.

XI. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY – STATUS REPORT

Ms. Gena Torres, Hillsborough MPO staff, stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing to review comments received on the proposed revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. The final decision was anticipated to be made at the end of August, but has been extended to October 31, 2010. The proposal recommends a range between 60-75 parts-per-billion; the implications for Florida are shown in the attachment. Even at the more lenient level, the Tampa Bay Area is still expected to be in nonattainment of the ozone standard. One major requirement of this designation will be to demonstrate that our transportation plans conform to the standard, meaning once built, those projects will not cause an exceedance of the established ozone standard. The Hillsborough County MPO has agreed to take the lead on reconvening the West Central Florida Air Quality Coordinating Committee (WCFAQCC). This group will transition from its previous advisory role into a working group that can provide input on model assumptions (with participation on the WCFAQCC from the TBRPC Technical Review Team), determine which projects are regionally significant, evaluate exempt/nonexempt projects, and choose conformity tests and methodologies. At the EPA's August 11, 2010, Air Quality Workshop, the importance of interagency consultation was stressed. Before approving the conformity plan, the MPO and the FDOT must consult with State and local air quality and transportation agencies, the Department of Transportation, and the EPA. Two or three representatives from the WCFAQCC will serve as the liaisons with the EPA. As we know, air pollution does not stop at County borders and the emissions

analysis uses a regional model; therefore, it makes sense to consider conducting the air quality conformity at a regional level. This holistic approach ensures uniformity of the process and saves time, effort, and resources for each individual MPO. The CCC may be the most logical entity to prepare and adopt the regional conformity determination report. The CCC's quarterly meeting structure would allow for amendments to local LRTPs and Transportation Improvement Programs to be discussed and approved. Discussion followed. Mayor Rober indicated that an agenda item should be presented to the CCC at a future meeting for formal action to be the forum for this process.

Motion: Commissioner Marianne Barnebey moved to approve the recommendation to reconvene the WCFAQCC and to bring back an agenda item for formal approval to become the air quality conformity determination body. Mayor Affronti seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## XII. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Next Meeting – December 10, 2010 (Hillsborough County MPO)

The CCC concurred to meet on December 10, 2010.

### B. Other

Mr. Michael Howe, indicated that Tuesday was a great day in the United States; Ms. Manon Lavoie, FDOT, District 1, has joined our Country by becoming a United States' citizen this week. Everyone provided congratulations to her for her citizenship. Mr. Walt Eastmond, Citrus County BCC, indicated that Citrus County has taken the steps to become a TPO and has signed an agreement, and by the end of this month, they will be having their first organizational meeting as a TPO. Everyone welcomed Citrus County into District 7, indicating they look forward to working with them in the future.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.