



**JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OF THE WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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**MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007, 4:00 P.M.**

**HERNANDO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Hernando County Government Center/Administration Building  
County Administration (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room – Room 460  
20 N. Main Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Phone No. (352) 754-4057**

**SATELLITE LOCATIONS**

**POLK COUNTY TPO  
330 West Church St. Suite 413, Bartow**

**SARASOTA/MANATEE MPO  
7632 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota**

**PASCO COUNTY MPO  
7530 Little Road, New Port Richey**

**PINELLAS COUNTY MPO  
600 Cleveland St. Suite 750, Clearwater**

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meetings of August 29, and November 28, 2006**
- IV. REVIEW OF REGIONAL INITIATIVES**
  - a. Regional Transportation Authority (Hernando)**
  - b. Polk Transit Authority (Polk)**
  - c. Regional Transit Forum (Pinellas)**
- V. REGIONAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (Pasco)**
- VI. FLORIDA'S FUTURE CORRIDORS (FDOT)**

**VII. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO TRANSIT PLAN (Hillsborough)**

**VIII. FOLLOW-UP ON JOINT CAC OPERATING ISSUES (Pinellas)**

- a. Rotation of Meetings**
- b. Meeting Time**
- c. Meeting Procedures and Protocols**
- d. Membership**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
MINUTES - MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007

The Joint Citizens Advisory Committee of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations met on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Hernando County Government Center/Administration Building, 20 N. Main Street, Brooksville, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

*Hernando CAC* - Nick Nicholson, Len Tria  
*Hillsborough CAC* - Joe Amon, Laurel Locket, Frank Rosenblatt, Margaret Vizzi  
*Pasco CAC* - Christie Zimmer  
*Polk CAC* - Roger Smith, Paul Staes

**OTHERS PRESENT**

*Hernando MPO* - Hugh Pascoe  
*Hillsborough MPO* - Gena Torres

**REMOTE SITE ATTENDEES**

*FDOT* - Brian Beaty, Lori Carlton, Kathleen Neill, Lee Royal,  
*Hillsborough MPO* - Lucie Ayer  
*Hillsborough Planning Commission* - Ray Chiaramonte  
*Pasco MPO* - Manny Lajmiri, Doug Uden  
*Pinellas CAC* - Ned Allen  
*Pinellas MPO* - Karen Cunningham, Ramon Solis  
*Polk MPO* - Brigitte D'Orval, Michael Skipper  
*Sarasota/Manatee MPO* - Bob Herrington

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Tria, as acting chair, called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Committee members, other meeting attendees, and remote site participants introduced themselves. A quorum was present at the meeting site.

**II. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO TRANSIT PLAN**

(This item was originally published as Agenda Item VII. At the request of Ms. Ayer, the committee moved this item to Agenda Item II.)

Mr. Ray Chiaramonte, Assistant Director of the Hillsborough County Planning Commission, and Ms. Lucie Ayer, Executive Director of the Hillsborough County MPO, gave a Power Point presentation on the multi-modal transit planning project being conducted in Hillsborough County.

As background for the study, the presenters provided the following information: Changes in demographics in the statistical metropolitan area; a comparison with similar regions in the Sunbelt, the Rocky Mountain, and the North Central regions of the country; their success with rail transit; and their approach to transit-friendly development in walkable communities. Information was also provided on transit usage in other metropolitan areas of national significance in the U.S. The presentation ended with a discussion of the scope and the schedule of activities for the study, its coordination with Vision Hillsborough, and comprehensive planning activities. Those activities will lead to the identification of priority investments for transit in Hillsborough County.

Committee discussion followed. This was an information item, and no action was required.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Mr. Amon moved to approve the minutes of August 29 and November 28, 2006 as submitted. Ms. Zimmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

### V. REVIEW OF REGIONAL INITIATIVES

#### A. Regional Transportation Authority

Mr. Hugh Pascoe of Hernando County gave a presentation on the legislative proposals to establish a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

ACTION: Mr. Amon moved that the JCAC recommend to the CCC that in order to support the legislative initiatives for a Regional Transportation Authority, the legislation should include the required funding for start-up, operation, and maintenance activities, just as it would be required of any other implementing State agency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

It was also discussed that individual CACs could recommend that their MPOs submit comments to their respective legislative delegations.

The JCAC members participating from remote sites were polled. Pinellas County was the only site with a JCAC member attending, and Mr. Allen supported the action.

#### B. Polk Transit Authority

Polk County MPO staff gave a presentation on the formation of the Polk Transit Authority. State legislation is moving forward to establish the PTA, which would be responsible for planning, managing, maintaining, and operating a countywide public transportation system.

This was an information item, and no action was required

### C. Regional Transit Forum

Mr. Ramon Solis of Pinellas County MPO staff gave a brief presentation on the regional transit forum that was held on February 23, 2007 under the auspices of the Chairman of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

### VI. REGIONAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Joint CAC received a presentation regarding the CCC's coordination of the two regional planning tasks for next year and their funding through the individual MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). One of those tasks lays out the work effort for maintaining the CCC regional planning process. The second task includes regional and State transportation planning tasks for which the CCC is not directly responsible but that are complementary to the regional planning process.

**ACTION:** Mr. Amon moved that the JCAC recommend that the CCC approve Task 5.1 and Task 5.2 in the Draft FY 2007/08 UPWP, and to request that each MPO place them in their respective UPWP. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously.

### VII. FLORIDA'S FUTURE CORRIDORS

Ms. Kathleen Neill, representing the Department of Transportation's Office of Policy Planning, gave a Power Point presentation on the Florida's Future Corridors Action Plan. The presentation identified Statewide transportation corridors that will be significantly improved, transformed in function or design, or newly developed over the next 50 years. The vision, goals and objectives, planning process, and initial activities to implement this program were also highlighted.

This was an information item, and no action was required.

### VIII. FOLLOW-UP ON JOINT CAC OPERATING ISSUES

The committee concurred that while no quorum was present at the November meeting and no actions taken at that time could be forwarded to the CCC by retroactive confirmation, the CCC would still have a sense of the direction of the JCAC via the approved November minutes.

Ms. Zimmer proposed that the meeting time be changed to better accommodate travel to and from remote meeting locations.

**ACTION:** Ms. Zimmer moved to recommend that the Joint CAC approve a change in meeting time from the current 4:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion, and it carried.

Agenda Item VIII-C, the discussion of the meeting procedures and protocols, was postponed until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Joint CAC will be on May 22 at 3:00 p.m. in New Port Richey. Pasco County MPO staff will have the logistical responsibility for the meeting. It was agreed that as

the agenda is prepared, a specific amount of time will be allotted to each presenter. The presenter shall abide by his/her allotted time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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