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**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009
3:00 PM**

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ADOPTED March 3, 2009 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The CCC's Joint Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 3rd at the FDOT District 7 offices. The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm.

Other than local and state agency staff members, there were only six citizens on the JCAC present: Allen Keefer and David Hitchcock from Polk County; Bill Jonson and Jack Weiss from Pinellas County; Pierre Mathurin and Leonard Plotkin from Hillsborough County.

While there were JCAC reps from Sarasota/Manatee participating by teleconference, bylaws require seven members attending in person for a quorum. A similar situation occurred last July where we also had only six members attending.

Those present discussed that without a quorum, the JCAC can not take actions or make formal recommendations to the CCC Board. There can be as many as 18 members (3 from each MPO) as well as alternates appointed. Reaching a quorum should not be difficult. The MPO staff members present offered to take this item back to their respective MPO Citizen Advisory Committees. They will need to look for members with more than two unexcused absences since the bylaws require these folks to be reappointed.

Some suggestions to include: Confirm with CAC members their interest in continuing on the JCAC; Impress upon them the importance of attending; consider a change in the meeting time; research the viability of Web Casting.

3/4 7 members
7/08 6 members
9/08 9 members
12/08 9 members
3/09 6 members

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(September 12, 2008 and December 2, 2008)

Could not approve the minutes due to a lack of quorum.

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Hugh Pascoe provided a presentation on the 2035 Regional LRTP. He explained that the Regional LRTP will provide a framework for the update of individual MPO LRTPs and is now scheduled to be completed by summer 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. In order to meet this schedule, the MPOs are developing a Regional Highway Needs Assessment showing the type and number of lanes for roadways required to accommodate 2035 travel demand. Policy constraints that would affect possible roadway capacity expansion are also being considered.

The Regional LRTP is also focusing on ten “travel markets” previously identified by the CCC. These travel markets are comprised of movements within key regional corridors.

At its December 2008 meeting, the CCC reviewed and tentatively endorsed the 2035 Highway Needs Assessment. This action recognized that additional refinement of the needs assessment may be needed in light of other regional planning activities, specifically the development of TBARTA’s Master Plan. Development of the CCC’s RL RTP with the TBARTA Master Plan is being closely coordinated with TBARTA, and additional meetings have been held to compare the regional networks being considered by each body. Hence, the CCC is currently focusing on regional highway, multi-use trails, and freight needs, while TBARTA is concentrating on regional transit needs.

The multi-use trails are undergoing revision with the closing of the Gandy TrailBridge; questions about the Upper Tampa Bay Trail; and removal of trail in Pasco County not considered regional. The results of the FDOT’s Freight Movement Study will serve as the Regional LRTP Freight Needs, those results are expected in April 2009.

Also, the second in a series of RL RTP Technical Reports, *Baseline Conditions, Data Trends and Plan Review*, has been completed

There was a question asking whether the data from TBARTA was included in the Regional Highway Needs Assessment, for instance when identifying managed lanes, and the members were informed that both networks are modeled together and several coordination meetings have been held between TBARTA, the CCC Staff Directors, and FDOT’s modeling team.

Hugh offered to return at the next JCAC meeting with a draft Plan.

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

Alice Gilmartin from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise summarized the Turnpike projects in our region – those that were moving forward and those delayed due to funding. There was interest in the Veteran's Highway widening which is in the Tentative Work Program for 2012 but it is unknown which projects will move forward. Ms. Gilmartin shared that the 2-lane section of the Polk Parkway is funded this year.

Susan VanHoose from District 7 presented a large amount of material on the update to Florida's Strategic Intermodal System. The SIS Strategic Plan update will consist of a comprehensive review of SIS goals, objectives and policies and will develop strategies to make SIS implementation more effective. It will also update and clarify the criteria and thresholds used to designate SIS facilities.

Ms. VanHoose informed the committee that the Florida Department of Transportation is convening a Leadership Committee to provide overall guidance during the 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update process. The membership includes 30 representatives of key partner groups, including all modes of transportation; state, regional and local government agencies; economic development, business, national security, growth management, community and environmental interests. Regional workshops will be held in each District to involve regional and local partners in the process.

JCAC members were concerned that the Plan gives credit to the importance of intermodalism yet there is NOT a SIS Statewide Transit Plan. No brochures or comment forms were available for JCAC members to provide immediate input. Commenting online was encouraged at www.sisupdate.org

TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A presentation was received from Scott Pringle, TBARTA staff, on TBARTA's mid and long term vision.

Mr. Pringle shared that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) is developing a master plan of transportation improvements for the counties on the west coast of Florida, from Citrus to Sarasota, as required by state law.

The first phase of the plan development focused on the question of where improvements are most needed to serve regional transportation needs and public transit.

The second phase evaluated transportation mode options in the corridors which were retained for further study, looking at the viability and appropriateness of technologies such as commuter rail, light rail, bus rapid transit, and new special-use lanes to serve the region's travel markets.

The third and final phase assembled the best performing options into regionwide networks. This phase also looked at the potential for greater benefits to be realized if land use patterns shift towards a greater transit orientation over the long term. In addition, each regional network option includes a supporting network of local transit services to connect with complement the regional routes, building on the long-range plans of the local transit agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Mr. Pringle concluded that the best performing components of the three regionwide network alternatives have been combined to create a Mid-Term and Long-Term Vision for the TBARTA Master Plan. The visions are currently being evaluated for ridership, transit oriented development potential, and capital and operating cost. In the ridership forecasting and cost estimating, the Mid-Term and Long-Term Visions continue to be complemented by an expanded supporting network of local transit services.

There was overwhelming support from the JCAC for advancing the TBARTA Mid and Long-Term Visions. One member made the comparison that Washington DC voted on the Metro Referendum in 1968, 41 years ago, and noted that the TBARTA long range plan is a 41-year plan. Members were concerned that the Plan only “keeps up” with the needs, yet we are starting so far behind the curve, again stressing the need for accelerating the plans and projects.

STIMULUS PROJECTS

A brief update was received from Linda Stachewicz, FDOT District 7 on the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. State allocations have not been determined, when they are, FDOT will further identify which projects will receive funding.

The list of projects submitted from each county was included in the agenda packets.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.