



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

JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008, 3:00 P.M.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICT 7
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
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AGENDA

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- IV. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES – 2008 TRIP Funding Requests (Hernando MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO)**
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JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (JCAC)
OF THE
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Minutes of the September 9, 2008 Meeting

The Joint Citizens Advisory Committee of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations Chairs Coordinating Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at the Florida Department of Transportation District 7, Executive Conference Room, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Len Tria, Chairman, Hernando County CAC
Joseph Amon, Chairman, Hillsborough County CAC
Laurel Lockett, Hillsborough County CAC
Leonard Plotkin, Hillsborough County CAC
John Walsh, Chairman, Pasco County CAC
Karl Guenther, Pinellas County CAC
Bill Jonson, Pinellas County CAC
Jack Weiss, Chairman, Pinellas County CAC
Mickey Hopkins, Chairman, Sarasota-Manatee County CAC

REMOTE SITE PARTICIPANTS:

Karen Cunningham, Pinellas County MPO
Roger Smith, Chairman, Polk County CAC
Ryan Kordek, Polk County TPO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila Martin, Bay Area Commuter Services
Wilfred Sergeant, Citizen
Manon Lavoie, FDOT District 1
Peter Maass, FDOT District 7
Brian Pessaro, FDOT District 7
Linda Stachewicz, FDOT District 7
Susan Van Hoose, FDOT District 7
Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO
Gena Torres, Hillsborough County MPO
Manny Lajmiri, Pasco County MPO
Mabel Risner, Pasco County MPO
Ramon Solis, Pinellas County MPO
Michael Howe, Sarasota-Manatee County MPO
Beth Alden, TBARTA Consultant/Jacobs Carter Burgess

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Hernando County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman Len Tria called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. It was noted that the remote site participants were experiencing a poor satellite connection. Introductions were made. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wilfred Sergeant noted the Regional Activity Center (RAC) designations and inquired whether the results were based on centers with existing transportation network or centers for proposed future development. Chairman Tria replied that RAC designations would be discussed later in the agenda.

Ms. Sheila Martin distributed a flyer announcing the Bay Area Commuter Services (BACS) 12th Annual Commuter Choices Week to be held October 6-17 at several bay area locations. Commuter Choices Week promotes various options such as carpooling, vanpooling, riding the bus, bicycling, walking, and teleworking for commuting to work other than driving alone. One of the events will be held at the Hernando County Historic Courthouse in Downtown Brooksville on October 15.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of July 15, 2008

The minutes of the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee (JCAC) meeting of July 15, 2008 were presented for review and approval. There were two corrections noted. Page 4, Section VII, fifth paragraph down, should read, “The committee was asked to complete a questionnaire that would help select technology choices for the regional ~~activity centers~~ corridors. The questionnaire will be accessible online.” It was also noted that Chairman Mickey Hopkins is the Chair of the Sarasota-Manatee County CAC. There were no other corrections to the minutes.

Motion: **Mr. Weiss** moved to approve the minutes as amended of the JCAC meeting of July 15, 2008. **Mr. _____** **seconded**, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) PRIORITIES**2008 TRIP Funding Requests – District 7**

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. 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. 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.

Chairman Tria stated that the Deltona Blvd. project should be discussed at the next meeting of the Hernando County CAC. There were no questions or comments from the JCAC.

Motion: *Mr. Walsh moved to recommend approval of the 2008 TRIP Priorities List of Projects for District 7. Mr. _____ seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

2008 TRIP Funding Requests – District 1

Mr. Michael Howe provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 TRIP funding requests for District 1. Mr. Howe thanked the Polk County TPO and Mr. Ryan Kordek for their participation in preparing the presentation. There is \$15 million available in TRIP funds for District 1. 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, Thompson Nursery Road, and US 92 at County Line Road. Mr. Ryan Kordek stated that the number one priority was the Bartow Northern Connector, which was also ranked #1 on the TRIP Priorities List of Projects for District 1. There were no questions or comments from the JCAC.

Motion: *Mr. Walsh moved to recommend approval of the 2008 TRIP Priorities List of Projects for District 1. Ms. Hopkins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

V. MULTI-USE TRAIL PRIORITIES

Ms. Gena Torres provided a brief synopsis of the revisions to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Priority List of Projects and Map. An earlier version of the Priority List was distributed, which highlighted projects that were both eliminated and added to the list. Eliminated projects included the Venice Rail Trail Corridor and the Connection of the Van Fleet National Recreational Trail to TECO-Auburndale Trail. Ms. Hopkins clarified that it was fine that the Venice Rail Trail Corridor was eliminated from the list but that the trail was not completed. Ms. Torres advised that Ms. Hopkins' comments would be noted at the next Regional Multi-Use Trails Committee meeting.

The Lake Hancock Trail was added to the list under Other High Priority Regional Trail Projects. Revisions to the Regional Multi-Use Trails Map included the name change of the Starkey Road Trail to Starkey Trail, removal of a section of Planned-unfunded /partially funded trail on SR 52, realignment on portion of the Tarpon Springs Trail, addition of the Lake Hancock Trail, and the Legacy Trail shown as completed.

Mr. Bill Jonson stated that a portion of the Pinellas Trail (from downtown St. Petersburg to US 19) was completed and should be reflected on the map. Mr. Pascoe agreed to note it on the map.

Motion: *Mr. Plotkin moved to recommend approval of the Regional Multi-Use Trails Priority List of Projects and Map. Ms. Lockett seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

VI. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Mr. Brian Pessaro reviewed that the Draft Cost Feasible Plan for the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) for Districts 1 and 7, which were 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. The 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.

Each Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District provides input on which projects get on the Cost Feasible Plan. The FDOT meets with the MPOs and the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) for input. Mr. Pessaro requested that the MPOs provide comments on the Draft Cost Feasible Plan by October 31, 2008. It was anticipated that the Cost Feasible Plan would be adopted in late November.

Mr. Pascoe commented that it was important to review the current priorities, as they were the building block to the 2nd 5-Year Plan given the current fiscal structure of the State. Mr. Manny Lajmiri inquired whether all State road projects identified through the MPOs Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) were reflected on the 2035 Cost Feasible Plan. Mr. Pessaro replied in the negative. Ms. Manon Lavoie clarified that the 2035 Cost Feasible Plan consisted of projects with current available revenue while the LRTP projects consisted of projects with projected revenues of four to five years ago.

Mr. John Walsh requested clarification that the blue-shaded deferred projects were deferred to 2016. Mr. Pessaro clarified in the affirmative. Chairman Tria inquired if the same applied to the SR 50 project. Mr. Pascoe replied that the SR 50 project had been moved to the 2030 phase.

Mr. Wilfred Sergeant inquired if there were "other modes" in the SIS Cost Feasible Plan. Mr. Pessaro replied that the FDOT was updating the highway component of the SIS Cost Feasible Plan and that there were no "other modes" component presently existing on the Long Range Plan. Mr. Pascoe stated that "other modes" was an important component for a complete Long Range Plan. There were no further comments from the JCAC.

Item for comments 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 PowerPoint presentation on the update of plan policies for SAFETEA-LU compliance. A draft of the SAFETEA-LU Policy Framework Report was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Pascoe noted that it was anticipated that a Needs Plan draft would be available at the next JCAC meeting. 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.

Mr. Jack Weiss noted a correction to the Policy Framework Report. Page 34, second sentence under MOE 1.6.1, should read, “transfers, bus to air, ~~but~~ bus to train connections, etc.)” Mr. Bill Jonson commented that the addition of a new Objective 3.7 referenced on Page 25 of the Policy Framework Report was significant and that he was glad to see it included in the document.

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

Mr. Pascoe provided a PowerPoint presentation on the criteria used for the designation of Regional Activity Centers (RAC). A draft of the Designation of Regional Activity Centers Report and RAC map was included in the agenda packet. Tiers 1, 2 and 3 regional anchors were identified and the RAC map was reviewed.

It was noted that the satellite connection was lost for the remote site participants.

Ms. Hopkins noted no objections to the RAC designations as presented but pointed out, for transit orientation only, that the Sarasota Memorial Hospital (Tier 2) is the biggest employer in Sarasota County generating high employment and visitation numbers.

Mr. John Walsh inquired whether the JCAC would be able to recommend changes to the locations listed on the tiers. Mr. Pascoe replied in the affirmative. Ms. Beth Alden stated that the MPOs updated population and job data sets would be double-checked with the regional anchors. Mr. Pascoe clarified that the 2035 data would need to be completed by the end of the month.

Mr. Michael Howe pointed out that he could not locate the red dot legend for item #16 (Sarasota County) on the RAC map. It was noted that the dot may be hidden behind the text box. Mr. Pascoe agreed to correct.

Mr. Manny Lajmiri commented that some of the Pasco County malls were not included in the RAC map. Ms. Beth Alden replied that there was a lot of development and commercial activity in the SR 56 area. Chairman Tria stated that the deficiencies should be documented and forwarded, as the RAC map was a work in progress. There were no further comments from the JCAC.

Item for comments only, no action to be taken.

VIII. TBARTA MASTER PLAN: PHASE-TWO STATUS REPORT

Ms. Beth Alden distributed a public comment form and handouts of a PowerPoint presentation provided at the August TBARTA Board meeting. It was noted that both items were available on the TBARTA website. Ms. Alden provided a brief synopsis on the Regional Master Plan Phase-Two Status Report, which was based on information obtained from the community forums held. Transportation choices, regional connection areas, performance scoring, land use coordination/working group, equity analysis results, and annual operating and maintenance cost estimations were identified and reviewed.

Discussion ensued on waterborne transit and the Howard Frankland bridge related to Connection 7: St. Petersburg to Tampa. Mr. Leonard Plotkin commented that commuter rail was needed from South Pinellas to Citrus, and from Sarasota through Manatee, Hillsborough, Pasco, and up to Citrus. Mr. Plotkin further commented that TBARTA needed to negotiate with CSX in support of regional transit. Chairman Tria stated that feeder systems were needed. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Alden noted that Phase Three of the community workshops would begin in October. Chairman Tria suggested that Pasco County make its formal recommendation through their MPO and forward to TBARTA. Chairman Tria stated that he would do the same in Hernando County. Mr. Pascoe advised that the comments received from the JCAC would be shared with the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) at their meeting at the end of the week. There were no further comments from the JCAC.

Item for comments only, no action to be taken.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sheila Martin distributed a BACS E-News Alert announcing that the vanpool program had placed its 50th vanpool into service. Ms. Martin noted that funding for TRIP would expand to all five counties.

Discussion ensued on hybrid automobiles and technology amongst the members.

XI. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the JCAC was scheduled for December 2, 2008 and would be hosted by Pasco County.

XII. ADJOURN

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.