

**JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

The Joint Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 in the Rocky Point offices of URS Corporation, Tampa, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hillsborough County – Tom Aderhold, Leonard Plotkin, Brian Ross

Pinellas County – Ned Allen, Emily Rogers Coeyman, Steve Cohen, Karl Guenther, Mort Sherman

OTHERS PRESENT

Beth Alden – Hillsborough County MPO
Karen Cunningham – Pinellas County MPO
Linda Ferraro – Hillsborough County MPO
Hugh Pascoe – Hernando County MPO
Chris Sinclair – Renaissance Planning Group
Ramon Solis – Pinellas County MPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Allen, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members and other meeting attendees introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Mr. Cohen moved to approve the minutes of August 31, 2004, Mr. Sherman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IV. NEW FDOT REGIONAL STUDIES (DISTRICT 7)

A. Outer Beltway Study

Ms. Alden presented the FDOT District 7's upcoming Outer Beltway Study. The study will examine the feasibility and impacts of an outer highway corridor located to the east of the Tampa/St. Petersburg/Bradenton area and connected to I-75 to the north and south of this area. The study will also identify alternate routes and assess the feasibility of each route in terms of impacts, cost, and desirability.

ACTION: Mr. Allen moved that the Outer Beltway Study should include the possibility of extending down the west coast and should consider the concept of a limited access road. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

B. Regional Transit Needs Assessment

Staff presented the Regional Transit Needs Assessment Study, which identifies corridors to be part of a regionally integrated transit system that will serve Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Sarasota, and Manatee Counties. The study will quantify the demand for transit service and the type and level of transit for these corridors.

V. REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOLLOW-UP

Chris Sinclair of the Renaissance Planning Group gave a presentation on the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. The Executive Summary has been acted upon, and numerous comments have been received. A copy of the summary was distributed to the committee.

Key points of the Regional LRTP are:

- The committee supports reaffirming the cost affordable plan including the changes presented by the consultant.
- The committee supports the policies regarding public transit and multi-use trails as shown in the Executive Summary.
- The committee recommends that the following illustrative examples of potential locations for grade-separated pedestrian pass-throughs be included in the pedestrian pass-through policy shown in the Executive Summary:
 - Tyrone Mall area, crossing U.S.19
 - Countryside Mall area, crossing S.R. 580 and/or U.S. 19
 - Tarpon Springs commercial district, crossing Tarpon Avenue
 - New Tampa area, crossing Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
 - Riverview area, crossing U.S. 301
 - Inter-modal Center locations adjacent to major highways
 - Existing grade-separated crossings near pedestrian traffic generators, such as Johns Pass Bridge and I-275 at Westshore Boulevard, should be wider.

VI. REGIONAL TRANSIT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Ms. Alden reported that the Hillsborough County MPO commissioned a study with the firm of Cambridge Systematics to identify economic impacts of the Regional Transit Strategic Needs Assessment. The study will estimate economic benefits to the region of implementing the transit network needed in the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

The following recommendations were made for FDOT's consideration in the scope of services:

- Financing mechanisms other than ad valorem taxes should be considered in order to meet needs.
- Recommendations for land use policies should be coordinated with local governments.

This item will be brought back to the Joint CAC.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.