



**JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA MPOS CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

MEETING - Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 3:00 P.M.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, District Seven
(Pelican Room)
11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida**

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**JOINT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
CHAIR'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2008, MEETING

The Joint Citizens' Advisory Committee (JCAC) of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Chair's Coordinating Committee (CCC) held a meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, Executive Conference Room, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Amon, Chairman, Hillsborough County Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
John Walsh, Chairman, Pasco County CAC
Bill Jonson, Vice-Chairman, Pinellas County CAC
Pierre Maturin, Hillsborough County CAC

REMOTE SITE PARTICIPANTS:

Bob Herrington, Sarasota-Manatee County MPO
Dave Hitchcock, Polk County CAC
Laura Locklett, Polk County TPO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linda Stachewicz, FDOT, District Seven
Manon Lavoie, FDOT, District One
Doug Uden, Pasco County MPO
Hugh Pascoe, Hernando County MPO
Gena Torres, Hillsborough County MPO
Mabel Risner, Pasco County MPO
Beth Alden, Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Consultant/Jacobs Carter Burgess
Ramon Solis, Pinellas MPO
Debby Amon, Visitor
Rod Waraiber, Manatee-Sarasota MPO
Manny Lajmiri, Pasco County MPO
Alice Gilmartin, Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Pasco County CAC Chairman John Walsh 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. Chairman Walsh indicated that because of the lack of a quorum, they would not be able to do any official motions. Discussion followed. Mr. Amon stated that he thought there should be a consensus statement. Discussion followed. Throughout the discussion, all JCAC members present agreed that they could provide a consensus vote on each item.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The minutes of the JCAC meeting of September 9, 2008, were presented for review and approval. There were two corrections noted.

Mr. Uden asked the JCAC members under the motion:

1. Mr. Weiss moved to approve the minutes of the JCAC meeting of July 15, 2008, as amended. Mr. Amon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Chairman Walsh moved to recommend approval of the 2008 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities List of Projects for FDOT, District Seven. Mr. Amon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walsh asked if there were any more corrections or changes to the minutes. Discussion followed. Approval of minutes was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

IV. TRIP PRIORITIES

Mr. Pascoe presented the recommended MPO Advisory Committee (MPOAC) 2009 legislative proposals. He indicated that the transportation revenues are in a state of flux; therefore, the MPOAC recommended taking a look at this on a long-term basis. Mr. Pascoe indicated that the Florida MPOAC Board voted at its October 23, 2008, meeting to seek legislative sponsorship of two bills in the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session. A summary of the two proposals are as follows:

1. Create a Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission that will do the following:
 - Modify the MPOAC's legislative proposal from last session.
 - Create a 13-member, revenue-study commission that would submit a final report to the governor and legislature by January 11, 2011.
 - Examine the stability of existing revenue sources.
 - Prepare findings regarding State, regional, and local transportation-funding needs, and the ability to address those needs.
 - Develop recommendations on new and innovative funding options for the State, MPOs, local governments, and other major transportation providers.
 - Provide \$225,000.00 in MPO planning funds to the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) in Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 for staff services and other expenses of the commission.
 - Funds subject to the consent and approval of the MPOAC.
 - Funds from either the Statewide Planning Funds (PL) reserve or off the top in the PL formula.
2. Update Florida law-based MPO provisions based on changes in Federal law and regulations, including:
 - MPO redesignation/designation provisions.

- Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) relating to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and regulatory provisions.
- Transportation improvement programs relating to SAFETEA-LU and regulatory provisions.
- Public-participation plans relating to SAFETEA-LU and regulatory provisions.
- Air-quality provisions for nonattainment and maintenance areas.
- Safety and security relating to SAFETEA-LU and regulatory provisions.

Mr. Pascoe stated that staff from the CUTR would handle the necessary paperwork for these proposals. Chairman Walsh asked about the funding issues. Mr. Pascoe indicated that it would either come from the FDOT funds off the top before each MPO received their allocation, or each MPO, after they receive their allocation, would disperse their share each year. Mr. Uden asked when this transportation bill would go into effect. Mr. Pascoe indicated that this would probably go into effect in FY 2010-11. Mr. Amon asked where the members come from. Mr. Pascoe indicated this could be found on Page 2, Line 44 of the handout. Chairman Walsh asked when the decision would be made about the funding. Mr. Pascoe indicated that this would go to a separate committee, and the members for this committee have not been determined as of today's date. He ended by saying all of these findings would go to the legislative board in 2011. Chairman Walsh asked if there were any more questions. Discussion followed.

Chairman Walsh indicated that Mr. Pascoe is requesting a recommendation to endorse and support the two MPOAC legislative proposals. All members present were in consensus that the MPOAC legislative proposals should go forward.

V. TBARTA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Beth Alden distributed a public comment form and handouts of a PowerPoint presentation provided at the TBARTA Board meeting. It was noted that both items were available on the TBARTA website. Ms. Alden provided a brief synopsis on the Regional LRTP, Phase 3, of the master plan. It is the network phase in which analysis has been done previously about the connections that have been made, the appropriate modes of transportation technology, and where it should go. The following recommendations came out of Phase 3 that TBARTA is addressing at this time:

- To identify the corridors that should be used for the regional spine.
- To develop a regional cost-affordable plan by March 2009.
- Phase 3 modeling to determine what connections would be used in the Phase 3 modeling network.

The LRTP identifies projects of regional significance; coordinates funding and implementation, such as strategic intermodal system planning and funding and TRIP; and then closely coordinates with the activities of TBARTA. This will be accomplished by using the MPO population and employment data to determine regional transit demand.

Ms. Alden agreed that developing a regional needs assessment with TBARTA's emphasis on transit and the CCC focusing on highways, multiuse trails, and freight, the next step would be to consider potential revenues. Discussion followed.

Gena Torres indicated that a recurring issue from all the public outreach workshops is that they think provisions should be addressed so pedestrians would be able to get to their locations of connectivity, whether it is by bicycle, walking (sidewalks), or getting onto another bus to reach their final destination. Ms. Alden indicated that this has been a question that needs to be addressed with the local governments along with TBARTA staff.

Mr. Solis indicated that the local connector routes identified in the TBARTA spine network are already programmed in their local plan, but because of the expense, the local government is looking to TBARTA for financial help. Ms. Alden stated that there are some grants available; and TBARTA and the local municipalities need to work together to resolve these issues, such as the time buses will be running (i.e. 20 or 30 minutes), but she noted there will be tradeoffs because of the operating expenses. Discussion followed.

Bill Jonson asked what the savings in today's dollars would be to help fight the present congestion instead of looking at the Year 2035. He indicated there should be more short-term, feasible projects in today's dollars and not as much on what we are going to do in the future. Discussion followed. Ms. Alden indicated that the master plan needs to include these higher priority projects in the LRTP. Discussion followed. Item presented for comments only.

No action taken.

VI. CCC 2025 LRTP UPDATES

Mr. Pascoe indicated at the last meeting the CCC had approved the first two out of seven technical issues, which will comprise the documentation for the 2035 Regional LRTP. Technical Report No. 1 documented the compliance of the regional goals and objectives with SAFETEA-LU, while Technical Report No. 2 documented the process for designating regional activity centers.

The 2035 Regional LRTP will provide regional framework for the update of individual MPO LRTPs, which must be completed by spring 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.

He stated that in order to meet this schedule, the MPOs are developing a draft regional highway needs assessment showing the type and number of lanes for roadways required to accommodate 2035 travel demands. Policy constraints that would affect possible roadway capacity expansion are also being considered. He indicated that a questionnaire is attached that was distributed at the recent TBARTA workshops. He encouraged the JCAC to fill out and return the questionnaire.

He also indicated that the development of the draft plan is being closely coordinated with TBARTA, further indicating that the CCC is currently focusing on regional highway, multiuse trails, and freight needs, while TBARTA is concentrating on regional transit needs. Discussion followed.

No action taken.

VII. FDOT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009-14

Mr. Uden indicated that District Seven did not have their work program ready and they were in the process of finalizing it this week. He was under the assumption that there were a lot of funding cuts to stabilize the projects. Discussion followed.

Manon Lavoie provided the District One draft copies for Sarasota, Manatee, Polk, and the County. She asked if anyone had any comments on the drafts. Mr. Herrington indicated he would like to know more about the transit capital funding. Discussion followed.

The FDOT, Districts One and Seven, and the FTE are redeveloping the Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2009-14. The FDOT's funding priorities include maintaining the existing commitments to projects, safety, system preservation, and capacity expansion. Every year the FDOT adds new projects and project phases such as preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and public transportation projects onto the fifth year of the Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2009-14. This item will be presented to the CCC Board at the next regular meeting.

There will be two public hearings held in conjunction with the FDOT, Districts One and Seven, and the FTE to review the Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2009-14. Dates and locations are listed in the attached public notice. Review the FDOT's Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2009-14 and forward any comments to the CCC for its consideration at their next meeting. Ms. Lavoie indicated that their workshops would be held on November 12, 2008, and December 13, 2008, indicating that she would like this also posted on the CCC website. Staff noted request. Mr. Uden provided District Seven workshop dates as December 9, 2008, and December 11, 2008. Discussion followed.

Informational only.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ramon Solis handed out the 2009 JCAC/CCC schedule and asked if anyone had comments or questions. Discussion followed.

X. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the JCAC was scheduled for March 3, 2009, and would be hosted by Hillsborough County.

XI. ADJOURN

Chairman Walsh indicated that since no further business needed to be discussed, he adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.