Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

Chair Forbes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held via GoToWebinar and a quorum was present.

Members present: John Marsh, Alana Brasier, Stephen Benson, Peter Davitt, Brentin Mosher, Katrina Corcoran, Jim Shirk, Rafael Hernandez, Jaime Rubscha, Jonathan Forbes, Faye Miller, Bill Sapper, Sally Thompson, Diana Ramirez, Jonathan Kubicki, Richard Ranck, Nicole Sutton

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020

Chair Forbes asked the committee if any changes or edits were needed to be made. Hearing no answer, Chair Forbes stated that no adjustments will be made to the minutes.

IV. Discussion Items

A. 2021 Safety Performance Targets (Johnny Wong, MPO)

Dr. Wong started by giving a brief background context on the safety performance measures for any new committee member. There are 5 performance measures that must be tracked for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). These are: number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, number of motorized fatalities and serious injuries, rate of fatalities per 100M vehicle miles traveled (MVMT), and rate of serious injuries per 100MVMT. In addition to these performance measures, the Hillsborough MPO also measures year end fatality totals and motorcycle fatalities. The MAP-21 legislation requires both state DOTs and MPOs to report performance and set targets every year. The MPO has been doing it for 5 years and counting. For the previous four years, FDOT has set all its targets to zero. This past April, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that the state has not made significant progress towards achieving those targets. Currently, they are working together to help the state select more appropriate targets, however no targets have been made. As such, the MPO is taking the lead for the first time. The MPO plan to have their targets no later than February 26, 2021. At a date not yet established, the FHWA will review the targets and see if significant progress is being made towards achieving them. Dr. Wong stated that although it is the fifth-year forecasting safety performance and setting targets, this year Dr. Wong and his team feel less than confident in their ability to set targets due to drastic changes because of the pandemic. Before stating the targets, Dr. Wong went over the methodology he and his team use to forecast performance and set targets. This methodology is considered best practice by FHWA. Dr. Wong then went over the targets. The first target that was discussed was the annual fatalities target which was requested by the MPO board. Dr. Wong stated that they are predicting no more than 190 deaths for 2021, however their goal is to be less than that. The next target was the MAP-21 required fatalities target with a 5-year rolling average. They are predicting 195 fatalities by years end and would like to be less than that. The next target discussed was one that also requested by the MPO board which
was the motorcycle fatalities target over a 5-year rolling average. They are predicting 34.95 fatalities by year end and would like to come in less than that. The next target was serious injuries. The target is to come in at less than 1,201 serious injuries over a 5-year rolling average. The next target was nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries over a 5-year rolling average. The target is to be less than 230. The next target was fatality rate per 100MVMT over a 5-year rolling average. The target rate is to be less than 1.38. The last target discussed was the serious injury rate per 100MVMT target over a 5-year rolling average. The target rate is to exceed 8.49. Lastly, Dr. Wong went over a report card that went over the 2020 targets vs the actual result. Targets were met on 4 of the seven performance targets set. Since currently no action can be taken on approving the targets, Dr. Wong asked the committee for any feedback they may have. Mr. Reynolds noticed a question in the chat box. The question was if Dr. Wong knew how the county did compared to other counties in Florida in terms of these targets. Dr. Wong stated that there was insufficient time to compare data. Dr. Wong stated that by summertime, the data can be compared. Mr. Shirk asked if other changes besides physical improvements (i.e. changes in speed limits) are considered when setting these targets. Dr. Wong stated that they do look at other data besides just physical improvements. Mr. Sapper asked if there are any other actions done by any other municipalities or the county that showed improvement and could be highlighted. Dr. Wong stated that the City of Tampa will be giving a presentation on their work of implementing the Vision Zero program and some of their strategies on reducing speed. Mr. Ranck stated that any CIP project that the county does is always looking at safety and satisfying Vision Zero goals. Mr. Ranck also stated that because of the pandemic, funding has been reduced and as such, the county is looking at funding priorities so achievable projects may be limited. Ms. Ramirez stated that there are various initiatives taking place. She listed Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, hard bus stops for pedestrian safety, lighting needs for intersections and corridors, lane departures, analyzing intersection crashes, speed management, school hazard locations, passing zone evaluations, motorcycle safety, and micro mobility as initiatives that they are looking at. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding and workload, not all of those initiatives can take place at the same time. Ms. Ramirez hope to give a presentation soon. Mr. Benson stated that over the last 10, 20 years the city has systematically gone over the roads they have control over to complete safety projects. Additionally, Mr. Benson stated that the city is going through a city-wide exercise to restructure and reaffirm their commitment to Vision Zero, starting by hiring the city’s first Vision Zero coordinator.

B. Tentative Work Program Highlights & MPO Comments (Alex Henry, FDOT)

Mr. Henry started the presentation by going over what a five-year work program consists of. Generally, they consist of public transit, seaport, airport, and rail projects. On top of that, FDOT also looks at transportation planning, intelligent transportation, highway design, right of way acquisition, and construction activities. Mr. Henry stated that every year on June 30, the current year of the work program ends and on July 1, year 2 moves up to become the new current year. At this time, a new fifth year is added to the program and funding is allocated to the next phase of projects programmed in the four prior years. New projects are added into the new fifth year based on Florida Transportation Plan Goals, statewide programs, and local priorities. Right now, they are in the middle of their work program public hearing. Once the public hearings are done, the proposed work program is submitted to the Florida Legislature for review and then to the Governor for review and signature. Once it signed by the Governor, it goes from a tentative five-year work program to an adopted five-year program. Mr. Henry went on to describe how projects get determined. Mr. Henry stated that first they look to preserve existing programs (deliver on unfunded phases). After, they cover cost increases. Finally, they add new projects. New projects usually consist of any of the following: safety and security, system preservation, multimodal
enhancements, operational improvements, and capacity improvements. These projects are based on MPO priorities, regional priorities, and SIS/FDOT priorities. Due to budget reduction some projects had to be deferred. I-275 Westshore Interchange was deferred from FY 24 to FY 26. I-275 Section 5 (Westshore Interchange to Downtown) was deferred from FY 24 to out of the five-year work program. MPO Transportation Planning was added in FY 26. A study of SR 574 (MLK Blvd) from US 301 to Turkey Creek Rd. was added to FY 23. Another study of SR 574 (MLK Blvd.) from Dale Mabry to 40th St. was added to FY 26. Some projects related to transit include HART bus replacements (added in FY 26), HART bus stop capital repairs (added in FY 26), and TBARTA Vanpool (added in FY 26). A Fowler Avenue PD&E study was added to FY 22. $1.1 million for ROW acquisition in FY 25 was added for Busch Blvd. from Dale Mabry to Nebraska Ave. Construction for US 41B/N Tampa St. and Florida Ave. from Tyler St. to Columbus Dr. was deferred from FY 24 to FY 25 (split out half of the project). Construction for US 41B/N Tampa St. And Florida Ave. from Columbus Dr. to MLK Blvd. was added to FY 26 (new project – split from previous project). Design and construction for Tampa St./Highland Ave. and Florida Ave. from MLK Blvd. to S of Waters Ave. was deferred to outside of the five-year work program. Construction for N. Highland Ave. from W. Violet St. to Hillsborough Ave. was deferred to outside of the five-year work program. Construction for the Green Spine Cycle Track 3B – 7th St. to 13th Ave. was advanced from FY 24 to FY 22. Construction of the Green Spine Cycle Track 2A – Howard Ave. to Willow Ave. was deferred from FY 22 to FY 25 due to a local agency request. Design of the Tampa Bypass Canal Trail from 34th St. to Bruce B. Downs Blvd. was deferred from FY 22 to FY 25. Design for the Park Rd. intersection at Coronet Rd. and E. Alsobrook St. was deferred from FY 22 to FY 25. Design for E. Alexander St. at Jim Johnson Rd. was deferred from FY 22 to FY 25. Design, ROW, and construction for Palm River Rd. at US 41/50th St. was added to the five-year work program. Design will take place in FY 22, ROW in FY 23, and construction in FY 25. The capital phase for the Tampa Downtown Streetcar Extension and Modernization was added to FY 22. The operating phase for HART Service Development Route 11 (Westshore) was added to FY 22. ROW for I4 Truck Parking Facility was added to FY 22 (Freight). ROW for Reo St. from Gray St. to Cypress St. was added to FY 22 with construction to begin in FY 23. Construction for the I4 FRAME from Westshore Blvd. to Polk County was added to FY 22. Construction for SR 60 from Channelside Dr. to Dover Rd was added to FY 22. This is also part of the I4 FRAME CAV Network. Construction for I4 from Mango Rd to WB Weigh Station On-Ramp was advanced to FY 22. Design from I4 WB auxiliary lane from 50th St. to MLK Jr. Blvd. was advanced to FY 22. Design for I4 EB exit ramp to I75 from Tampa Bypass Canal to I75 was added to FY 23 with construction beginning in FY 26. A series of Lighting Projects were added to FY 22. Resurfacing projects were also added to the five-year work program. These are expected to occur between FY 22 and FY 24. Bridge repair and rehabilitation has been added to the five-year work program. The total funding for this five-year program is $1.1 Billion. Mr. Benson asked if Mr. Henry could expand on the deferral of the Westshore interchange. Mr. Henry said that due to the funding restriction, the project was pushed back. Additionally, for this five-year program, they were focused more on smaller projects.

C. Review of attendance and declaration of vacant seats (Wade Reynolds, MPO)

Mr. Reynolds stated that Richard Johnson and Holly Simmons both resigned. Mr. Reynolds thanked both of them for their efforts and time on the committee. Mr. Reynolds stated that no action is needed on those vacant seats. There are some applications that hopefully can be considered at the next meeting. Mr. Reynolds wanted to recognize Alana Brasier as a member of the BPAC. Ms. Brasier stated that she is excited to come back and serve on the BPAC.
V. Status Report

A. HART TOD Pilot Project Update (Nicole McCleary, HART)

Due to the presenters not being present, the presentation had to be deferred. Mr. Reynolds did give out the website to the project (goharttod.org).

VI. Old Business & New Business

A. In Person Meetings

Mr. Reynolds stated that a quorum can be held on the 18th floor at the County Center. Mr. Reynolds stated that the capacity for that room is either 13 or 15, which is sufficient enough to establish an in-person quorum. Mr. Reynolds stated all the safety protocols in place to reassure any safety concerns the committee may have. Mr. Reynolds is asking for volunteers to be able to go to the in-person meeting. Chair Forbes moved on to members interests. Mr. Mosher stated that there are 21 women bicyclists being featured on the https://www.bikewalktampabay.org/ website and encouraged the committee to visit the page. Additionally, Mr. Mosher stated that they are gearing up for another Love to Ride challenge for March. Virtual events will likely be taking place. The website is https://www.lovetoride.net/tampabay for a resource. Mr. Davitt stated that he put in a request to the county and spoke about it at the last meeting. Since then, Mr. Davitt stated that some progress has been finally made and is continuing. Mr. Davitt also stated that the trail at Cypress point has a sign that said it would be closed on the 25th of January. Mr. Davitt asked the committee if anyone had knowledge of why it will be closed. Mr. Reynolds said he would find out and get back to Mr. Davitt. Ms. Thompson asked where the committee members are supposed to park since there is no longer free parking north of Kennedy. Mr. Reynolds stated that the County Garage offers free parking since it is after hours.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item:**
HART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Project

**Presenter:**
Nicole McCleary, HART Staff

**Summary:**
In March, HART, with the City of Tampa, Planning Commission, and MPO staff kicked-off a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) sponsored study to review and update the City’s TOD related policies. The study focuses on the Florida Avenue corridor, in coordination with the HART BRT Study and the Tampa Streetcar Extension, to look at Comprehensive Plan Policies to promote and incentivize TOD. The study will conclude in new policies that will be applied to the corridor and throughout the City and Hillsborough County.

**Recommended Action:**
None, information only.

**Prepared By:**
Sarah McKinley, MPO Staff

**Attachments:**
Project Website: [https://goharttod.org/](https://goharttod.org/)
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CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The MPO Chairman, Commissioner Harry Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance. The regular monthly meeting was held in-person and virtual via Webex. There was a moment of silence for Hillsborough County Corporal Brain Lavigne and U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

Commissioner Cohen welcomed new member Jessica Vaughn who was attending virtually and the City of Temple Terrace alternate Cheri Donohue who was attending in-person.

The following members were present in person:

Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Cheri S. Donohue, Melanie Williams, Councilman Joseph Citro, Gina Evans Commissioner Gwen Myers and Derek Dought. Charles Klug arrived at 10:25 am.

The following members were present via teleconference:

Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Commissioner Mariella Smith, Councilman Guido Maniscalco, Jessica Vaughn, Bob Frey and Mayor Rick Lott. Councilman John Dingfelder arrived virtually at 10:05am.

A quorum was met in person.

Recognition of Commissioner Miller and Cindy Stuart

Chair Commissioner Cohen recognized Commissioner Les Miller for his outstanding leadership and service to the Citizens of Hillsborough County as Chairman of the MPO Board 2015-2020 and Cindy Stuart for her outstanding leadership and service to the Citizens of Hillsborough County as the founding Chair of the School Transportation Working Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Vela thanked Commissioner Miller for allowing him to participate and Cindy Stuart for her service. Mr. Vela reviewed the figures for the Transportation budget and recommended to reject Tampa Bay Next and to talk to State leaders to boost funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and ADVANCE COMMENTS

CAC Chair Bill Roberts reported that the CAC and TAC met virtually and took no actions, however they heard status reports on Near Road Air Quality. Jason Waters from the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County and Dr. Amy Stuart, USF Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, updated the committees on evolving federal regulations governing air quality monitoring.
and potential exposure and risks to human health and welfare. We also heard about low-cost community-based personal air monitors that are becoming more widely available and could provide more air quality data in urban settings near busy roads. Committee members asked about specific measures such as roundabouts and alternative fueled buses that could mitigate harmful emissions. The TAC will take this topic up at its January meeting. There was a status report on Tampa Vision Zero Projects and Speed Reduction Program where City staff presented an array of multimodal, complete street and road diet projects taking place in Tampa. Several of our members expressed strong support and a desire to see such thinking extend to the unincorporated areas and other jurisdictions in Hillsborough County. There was an update on the Tampa International Airport Master Plan where Danny Valentine updated us on all the improvements taking place as the Aviation Authority implements its master plan. We’re excited to see TIA maintain its preeminent status among airports in the U.S.

Gena Torres provided updates of the other committees. The BPAC held a virtual workshop on bicycle and pedestrian facilities maintenance and 2020 construction projects highlights. The LRC heard status reports on the Tampa Vision Zero Projects and Speed Reduction Program, the Selmon PD&E Study Advanced Notification and update on the Tampa International Airport Master Plan. The TDCB heard status reports on UZURV/TBARTA Service and Innovation Grant Update, TDSP Update Kickoff and Sunshine Line Update.

Gena Torres also reviewed the emails received during the last month, including one from Paula Flores congratulating the Hillsborough MPO as recipient of the John W. Barr FLPRITE District Transportation Achievement Award at the ITE Florida Puerto Rico District Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony and a congratulations from Sheila McNamara for the LEED Certification. There was a thank you for support for the 2020 SRTS grant application support letters. A letter from Gary Cloyd who is the administrator from New Life Church, USF MURP achieves accreditation and ITE Tampa Bay Section project of the year.

There were no online comments.

**STATUS REPORT**

**A. FDOT Quarterly Report**

David Gwynn, FDOT Representative, presented the FDOT Quarterly Update for the Five-Year Work Program for fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2026. The five-year plan includes public transit, seaport, airport and rail projects along with transportation planning, intelligent transportation, highway design, right of way acquisition and construction activities. Every year on June 30, the current year of the work program ends and on July 2, year 2 moves up to become the new current year. New projects are added into the new fifth year based on Florida Transportation Plan Goals, statewide programs, and local priorities. At this time, a new fifth year is added to the program and funding is allocated to the next phase of projects programmed in the four prior years. New projects are added into the new fifth year based on the Florida Transportation Plan Goals, statewide programs, and local priorities. Currently this is where we are in the process. The proposed work program is submitted to the Florida Legislature later this year for review and then to the Governor for review and signature. After the Governor signs the work program, the first year is included in the state budget and the work program is considered adopted. First, FDOT will preserve existing programs then cover cost increases and finally add new projects. The revenues dropped last spring due to less cars on the road and less travel. The revenue council met and noted they lost significant amount of revenue. The governor signed an executive order to balance their budget. The I-275 Westshore interchange was deferred from FY24 to FY26 and I-275 Section 5 (Westshore Interchange to Downtown) was deferred from FY24 out of the 5 year work program. Secretary Gwynn gave a brief overview of the Hillsborough MPO Priorities, lighting, resurfacing projects, bridge repair and total funding.

Commissioner Cohen inquired if the Revenue Estimation Committee will be meeting again.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2020

Chair Commissioner Cohen sought a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes. Councilman Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Citro. No one opposed. Motion passes.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Committee Appointments

Rich Clarendon, MPO Staff, presented the committee appointments. The BPAC nominated Alana Braiser and Stephen Benson as alternate to represent the City of Tampa Transportation Division, CAC nominated David Bailey to represent Commissioner Overman, Carolyn Brown to represent Commissioner Myers and Beatriz Zafra to represent the at large seat under 30. The TD nominated Luis Viera and Gil Schisler, as alternate to represent HART.

Commissioner Overman wanted to commend all the volunteers for these committees.

Chair Cohen sought a motion to approve the Committee Appointments. Councilman Citro so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp. There was no one opposed. Motion Carries.

B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Fowler Ave Intersection Improvements

Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff, presented the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for Fowler Avenue Intersection Improvements. This an amendment to the Fiscal Year FY 2020/21 – 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested this amendment for intersection improvements along SR582/Fowler Avenue. This project was identified as a candidate in the FY 2020/21 -2024/25 TIP as a priority project for new funding under the Vision Zero Category. The amendment will add $1,774.33 as construction funds to FY 2021. The project includes pedestrian safety improvements to the signalized intersections of Fowler Avenue and Nebraska Ave, 15th St, 22nd St, Bruce B Downs Blvd and 56th Street. Improvements include tightening the curb radii at the corners of the intersection, shortening pedestrian crossing distances and promoting lower turning speeds, reducing vehicle/pedestrian conflicts and lighting improvements. In addition to this, potential transit alternatives and circulation enhancements were also evaluated. These improvements were identified based on a short-term safety assessment in conjunction with the larger University Area/Fowler Avenue multimodal feasibility study. This study evaluated potential short-and-longer term corridor improvements along SR 582 (Fowler Avenue) between I-275 and I-75. The Safety Action Plan conducted an in-depth analysis of the pedestrian bicycle crash and volume data and found concentrations of activity and crashes at these intersections. This project will be constructed using an innovative “design build” contract mechanism which will expedite the completion of the project. The recommended action is to approve the TIP Amendment for Intersection Improvements along SR 582/Fowler Ave at Nebraska Ave, 15ht St, 22nd St, Bruce B Downs Blvd and 56th St.

Commissioner Kemp noted thanks to Secretary Gwynn for the improvements on Fowler Avenue and when the project would begin. Commissioner Myers very elated to see improvements in District 3. Commissioner Smith echoes the elation and noted the CAC asked for more time but we don’t have time and if they more board direction. Councilman Citro inquired about the CSX track that runs parallel to Fowler Avenue to divert these funds for the bicycle lane along that path. Commissioner Overman noted this area desperately needs walkability and access to using bicycling and approves of this project.
Chair Cohen sought approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for Fowler Ave Intersection Improvements. Commissioner Kemp made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Myers. On a roll-call vote of 14-0, the motion was approved.

C. Bylaws Amendment for TDCB

Joshua Barber, MPO Staff, presented the second reading of the Bylaws Amendment for the TDCB. Lowering its requirements to five people. Their members range from elderly and people with disabilities. They would like to conduct business safely. They would like to amend Section 5.7 under quorum in the By-Laws shall constitute a quorum of 5 minutes.

Commissioner Smith is the Chair for the Transportation Disadvantaged Committee Board would like the support from the MPO Board because these members are citizens volunteers. It makes sense to allow people to attend virtually due to the health risks for this committee and all others for that matter.

Chair Cohen sought a motion to approve the Bylaws Amendment for TDCB. Commissioner Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Cheri S. Donohue. On a roll-call vote of 14-0, the motion was approved.

D. Vision Zero Corridor Studies for Hillsborough County

Lisa Silva, MPO Staff, provided a Vision Zero Corridor Study Overview. The Hillsborough MPO adopted its Vision Zero Action Plan in 2017. The data-driven action plan identified 20 High Injury Network (HIN) corridors with the greatest number of fatalities and serious injuries per mile. This study focuses on eight that are the responsibility of Hillsborough County using strategies from “Paint Saves Lives” as a guide, the goal is to recommend short-term, immediately implementable countermeasures to reduce serious injuries and fatalities. The project is co-managed by staff of the Hillsborough County Engineering and Operations Department and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The consultants provided a presentation of draft recommendations and public outreach results from the communities surrounding these HIN corridors:

Wiatt Bowers from Atkins Global provided corridor facts and corridor strategies along with crash data for Gibsonton Drive (I-75 to Balm Riverview Road) and 78th Street (Causeway Blvd to Palm River Rd).

Kelly Fearon, Kimley Horn provided the crash history on 15th Street (Fowler Avenue to Fletcher Avenue) and presented CR579/Mango Road (MLK Boulevard to US 92) corridor improvements that includes curb extension and ramps, crosswalks, raised median, signal backplates, lighting, ADA Detectable warning pads roundabout, raised median, left turn lane signal backplates and leading pedestrian interval (LPI) and refresh pavement markings.

Paula Flores from Greenman, Rederson, Inc. (GPI) presented the existing conditions summary, community input summary and initial countermeasures for Sheldon Road (Hillsborough Ave to Waters Ave). Ms. Flores provided a recommendation summary and concept recommendations for Sheldon Road.

Chris Keller from Tindale-Oliver provided corridor and crash trends along with online survey results for W. Fletcher Ave (Armenia Ave to Nebraska Ave). He presented the corridor-wide improvements and site-specific improvements for Fletcher Avenue. Mr. Keller then provided the corridor and crash trends for Lynn Turner (Gunn Highway to Ehrlich Road) with those survey results, corridor-wide improvements and site-specific improvements.
Matt Weaver from Element Engineering provided a corridor description and crash data for Bruce B. Downs (Fowler Ave to Bears Ave). Mr. Weaver also gave a list of upcoming projects and a showed a chart of the public outreach and corridor/spot recommendations.

Commissioner Overman made a comment on CR579/Mango Road and inquired if these recommendations being adopted by FDOT and by our Land Use engineers. Councilman Dingfelder suggested the next study needs to include some City locations. Commissioner Kemp pointed out Hillsborough county is the 2nd highest pedestrian and bicycle deaths. Commissioner Smith noted these are in top 20 corridors and it is a great start. Councilman Citro congratulated Paula Flores who noted no right turns on reds and he would like to know how effective it would be to have more no right on reds. Melanie Williams inquired next steps on evaluations.

Chair Cohen sought a motion to approve the Vision Zero Corridor Studies for Hillsborough County. Commissioner Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Myers. There were no opposed. The motion was approved.

Executive Director’s Report
Beth Alden noted the annual report is available and copy will be provided to the MPO Board members.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.
Greetings, and good evening readers! Your newsletter is arriving about 12 hours early because your writer has a number of things to accomplish tomorrow morning. It is your same newsletter and as always, it goes great with a cup of coffee. We have completed the first week of pre-session committees and it was not a particularly eventful week in the Florida capitol. Perhaps this is because in contrast to national events virtually nothing in Tallahassee this week could capture the attention of the nation or Floridians. If there is anything that stands out from this pre-session week, it is that the budget for the coming year is not going to be fun to build due to the expected reduction in state funds. Hard reductions will have to be made.

We are a transportation newsletter so let’s look at all things transportation. Leading off, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented to the Senate Transportation Committee. The presentation went well and the Senators asked questions which demonstrated that they understand the issues facing the department and our transportation system. One of the more interesting moments for me was when Senator Perry began asking about the impacts of electric vehicles on the revenues used to pay for our transportation system. In case you have not had your cup of coffee yet, every gallon of gas purchased has a fee on it that goes to the transportation trust fund. That money pays for our transportation system. Since electric vehicles don’t use gasoline, they don’t pay this fee. Effectively, electric vehicles are using our transportation for free while other drivers pay for the system. The big moment came when the Chair, Senator Harrell announced that a presentation on this topic would be held at a future committee meeting. This is good news and hopefully will produce legislation that balances how we pay for our transportation system. For those of you who attended the January 2020 MPOAC meetings, you may recall we had a presentation on the adoption of electric, automated and alternatively fueled vehicles. The presentation addressed the financial impacts expected. Here is a link to the presentation power points if you are interested:

Also in this presentation was a status update on M-CORES. If you wish to watch the discussion please visit this video link: https://flsenate.gov/media/videoplayer?EventID=1_3wpknnbb-202101121530&Redirect=true

The rest of the presentation addressed the current FDOT budget and here is a quick summary:

- Total transportation budget - $10.3B
- Of that - $2.2B for highway construction, 832.5M for resurfacing, $126M for seaports, $436 for bridge construction and $401M for aviation.
- Federal funds account for 25% of the budget, tolls are 18% and state funds are 51%, the rest is spread out in various revenues.
The recently passed federal relief funds are expected to bring an additional $473M to Florida. $66M is required to be used in Florida’s urban areas with populations over 200K.

As you read the last section of the newsletter you will see some new bills. There is one bill that appeared in last Saturday’s newsletter and it should be mentioned to you. SB 62 – Regional Planning Commissions is of importance to the MPO community. There is a small provision in an otherwise long bill that prohibits a Regional Planning Council (RPC) from staffing or hosting an MPO. This proviso can be found in the bill starting on line 1312. This section is a problem for five (5) of our Florida MPOs who are staffed and hosted by RPCs. I ask that you encourage your members to oppose either this bill or at the very least this provision. We may be able to have the bill re-worded and create a piece of legislation that does some very good things. The existing statutes for RPCs require the RPCs to undertake certain activities. Some of these planning activities are no longer required by statute and when those changes were made to the overall statutes, the RPC portion of Florida statutes was not cleaned up. The bill goes much further and seems to effectively end RPCs. Even though RPCs may still exist the bill would strip away the planning work and reasons for RPCs to exist. The bill is being heard in it’s first committee stop on the 26th at 3:30PM in Community Affairs.

The schedule of pre-session committee weeks is shown below along with key dates for the 2020 Florida Legislative Session. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below are in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. A few bills have been filed; many more will be filed over the coming months. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and changes to existing bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

**Important Dates for the 2021 Legislative Session**

- August 1, 2020 - Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
- January 29, 2021 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- February 26, 2021 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 2, 2021 - Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
- April 17, 2021 - Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4.(4)) All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)
- April 20, 2021 50th day – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))
- April 30, 2021 60th day – last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

**Committee Meeting schedule prior to the official Legislative Session beginning on March 2nd**

January 2021 — Week of the 11th
January 2021 — Week of the 25th
February 2021 — Week of the 1st
February 2021 — Week of the 8th
February 2021 — Week of the 15th
Committee Meetings Next Pre-Session Week

Monday - January 25, 2021
Not Yet Scheduled

Tuesday - January 26, 2021
Not Yet Scheduled
Senate Community Affairs – 3:30 PM

Wednesday - January 27, 2021
Not Yet Scheduled

Thursday - January 28, 2021
Not Yet Scheduled

Friday - January 29, 2021
Not Yet Scheduled

Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of January 15, 2021. More bills will be filed during the 2021 session and as they are made available the newly filed transportation bills will be added to this list. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below are in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

**HB 35: Legal Notices – (Fine; Co-Introducer: Grieco)** – Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires government agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Filed in the House. **Referred to Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee.**

**HB 57: Transportation – (Andrade)** – Revises provisions relating to motor vehicle sales tax, competitive solicitations, vehicles displaying flashing lights, annual cap on project contracts, airport restrictions, arbitration of contracts by & membership of State Arbitration Board, borrow pit operation, & performance standards for certain extraction locations. Filed in the House. **Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee.**

**HB 59: Growth Management – (McClain; Co-Introducer Sabatini)** – Similar Bill SB 496 by Perry. Requires local governments to include property rights element in their comprehensive plans; provides statement of rights that local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; prohibits local government's property rights element from conflicting with statutorily provided statement of rights; provides that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes; prohibits municipality from annexing specified areas; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to
certain individuals; provides requirements & procedures for right of first refusal; authorizes certain developments of regional impact agreements to be amended. Filed in the House. Referred to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 62: Regional Planning Councils – (Bradley) – Revising a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data, and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan; eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency, etc. This bill would prohibit RPCs from staffing MPOs. Not yet referred to Committees. Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 01/26/21, 3:30 pm, 37 Senate Building.

HB 91: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Slosberg; Co-Introducer: Grieco) – Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises information that may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones. Filed in the House. Referred to Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee; Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee.

SB 138: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related Bill SB 140 by Brandes. Revising the Department of Transportation's goals relating to mobility; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; specifying that certain rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may not require specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used in, and services provided in, this state, etc. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 140: Fees/Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related Bill SB 138 by Brandes. Creating additional fees for electric vehicles; creating a license tax and an additional fee for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; requiring, on specified dates, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to increase the additional fees, subject to certain requirements; providing that certain vehicles are exempt from specified fees, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 139: Electronic Transactions for Title Certificates and Registrations – (Fernandez-Barquin) – Authorizes tax collectors to accept applications for motor vehicle & vessel certificates of title by electronic or telephonic means, to collect electronic mail addresses for use as method of notification, & to contract with vendors to provide electronic & telephonic transactions; provides that electronic signature that meets certain requirements satisfies signature required for application for certificate of title; specifies tax collection systems for which certain fees may be used for integration with Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System; requires DHSMV to provide tax collectors & approved vendors with certain data access & interface functionality; specifies authorized uses; requires DHSMV to ensure approved vendors protect customer privacy & data collection. Filed in the House.
HB 205: Requirements for Establishing or Increasing Tolls – (Borrero) – Requires increase of current toll or development of new toll collection facility in county with certain population to be approved by board of county commissioners. After July 01, 2022 a toll increase or new toll in a county of over 1 million population will require a two-thirds vote of board of county commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. Filed in the House.

HB 229: Hazardous Walking Conditions for K-12 Students – (Salzman) – Requires DOT to develop & adopt standards & criteria to identify hazardous walking conditions; Revises provisions relating to the transportation of students subjected to hazardous walking conditions & funding for such students. Filed in the House.

SB 278: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley) - Creating the “Vulnerable Road User Act”; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Now in Transportation.

SB 342: Vehicle and Vessel Registration – (Diaz) – Requiring tax collectors to determine service charges collected by privately owned license plate agents for motor vehicle titles; requiring that additional service charges be itemized and disclosed to the person paying them; requiring a license plate agent to enter into a contract with the tax collector for a certain purpose; requiring tax collectors and approved license plate agents to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department for a certain purpose, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Finance and Tax; Rules.

SB 376: Jacksonville Transportation Authority Leases – (Gibson) – Related Bill HB 6015 by Duggan. Removing a limitation on the term of a lease into which the authority may enter, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules.

SB 422: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson) – Renaming the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee as the Chairs Coordinating Committee; providing that a mayor’s designated alternate may be a member of the governing board of the authority; revising a provision requiring the authority to present the regional transit development plan and updates to specified entities, etc. Filed in the Senate.

SB 496: Growth Management – (Perry) - Similar to HB 59 by McClain. Specifying requirements for certain comprehensive plans effective, rather than adopted, after a specified date and for associated land development regulations; requiring local governments to include a property rights element in their comprehensive plans; prohibiting a local government’s property rights element from conflicting with the statement of rights contained in the act; providing that the consent of certain property owners is not required for development agreement changes under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Transportation to afford a right of first refusal to certain individuals under specified circumstances, etc. Filed in the Senate.
SB 514: Resiliency – (Rodrigues) - Establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force adjunct to the office; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force’s recommendations, etc. APPROPRIATION: $500,000. Filed in the Senate.

SB 566: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) - Specifying the applicable sales tax rate on motor vehicle leases and rentals by motor vehicle rental companies and peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifying the applicable rental car surcharge on motor vehicle leases and rentals by motor vehicle rental companies and peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifying insurance requirements for shared vehicle owners and shared vehicle drivers under peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; providing an exemption from vicarious liability for peer-to-peer car-sharing programs and shared vehicle owners, etc. Filed in the Senate.

HB 6009: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Sabatini; Co-Introducers: Borrero; D. Smith) - Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Commerce Committee.

HB 6015: Jacksonville Transportation Authority Leases – (Duggan) – Related Bill SB 376 by Gibson. Removes limitation on term of lease into which authority may enter. Filed in the House.
Throughout history, discrimination has been evident in community planning. Plan Hillsborough needs your help to understand how community planning has contributed to quality of life differences among Hillsborough County's diverse communities. Our goal is to reshape community planning to improve the lives of underserved people.

Want to help plan for equity?

Take the Community Equity Survey:

www.bit.ly/hcequity

Has being part of any of the following groups* affected your access to safe and healthy places to live, work, or play?

**Women and the LGBTQ population**
(protected by sex, gender & orientation)

**People with physical, intellectual, developmental, and mental disabilities**
(protected by disability)

**African American, Latinx, Asian, Native American, and other racial and ethnic minority groups**
(protected race, ethnicity, color & national origins)

**Youth and older adults** (protected by age group)

**Unemployed people and people with low and very-low income** (protected income levels)

**People who speak English less than “very well”**
(protected due to Limited English Proficiency)

*Groups protected under a variety of Federal laws.

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Sign up to advise Plan Hillsborough's equity work and Nondiscrimination Plan at the project page link below.

www.planhillsborough.org/title-vi-and-nondiscrimination-plan
A lo largo de la historia, la discriminación ha sido evidente en la planificación comunitaria. Necesitamos su ayuda para comprender cómo la planificación comunitaria ha contribuido a las diferencias en la calidad de vida entre las comunidades diversas del condado de Hillsborough. Nuestro objetivo es reorientar la planificación comunitaria para mejorar las vidas de las comunidades históricamente desfavorecidas.

¿Quiere ayudarnos a planificar para la equidad?

Tome la encuesta de alcance sobre la equidad:

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¿El formar parte de alguno de los siguientes grupos* ha afectado su acceso a lugares seguros y saludables para vivir, trabajar o jugar?

**Mujeres y la población LGBTQ**
(protegidos por sexo, género y orientación)

**Personas discapacidades físicas, intelectuales, de desarrollo y mentales** (protegidos por discapacidad)

**Afroamericanos, Latinx, Asiáticos, Nativos Americanos y otros grupos raciales y étnicos minoritarios** (raza, etnia, color y origen nacional protegidos)

**Jóvenes y adultos mayores** (protegidos por grupos de edad)

**Personas desempleadas y personas con ingresos bajos y muy bajos** (niveles de ingresos protegidos)

**Personas que no hablan inglés "muy bien"** (protegidos debido a su limitado dominio del inglés)

*Grupos protegidos por varias leyes federales.

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O visite la página del proyecto Plan Hillsborough para leer el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles y el Plan de No Discriminación enlazado abajo.