Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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I. Call to Order
II. Members’ Interests
III. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please
IV. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2021
V. Status Reports
   A. Franklin Street Vision Project (Karen Kress, Downtown Partnership)
   B. Non-discrimination Plan Update (Joshua Barber, MPO)
   C. CUTR Equity Needs Assessment (Tia Boyd, CUTR)
   D. MUTCD Update (Paula Flores, P.E., GPI Consulting)
VI. Old Business & New Business
VII. Adjournment
VIII. Addendum
    A. MPO Meeting Summary & Committee Report
    B. MPOAC
    C. Dangerous by Design
    D. Editorial: Going for a Walk Shouldn’t Kill You
E. Plan Hillsborough Website User Experience Survey
F. iCan Bike Camp

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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.


Others Present: Alex Henry, Albert Marrero, Christopher English, Christopher Fellerhoff, Wade Reynolds, Emily DeGaetano

II. Members Interest

Ms. Nguyen stated a concern from her workplace. Ms. Nguyen works in South Tampa near the construction along Gandy and a safety issue for pedestrians and bicyclists has come up as it is difficult to turn on to Manhattan and it makes it difficult for anyone to cross the street. Mr. Henry stated that THEA is managing that construction but will notify them to address the issue.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021

Chair Forbes noted that a change was needed to include Mr. Sapper present. Chair Forbes asked the committee if any changes or edits were needed to be made. Hearing no answer, Chair Forbes stated that no adjustments other than Mr. Sapper being present will be made to the minutes.

V. Status Report

A. HC School Route Program Development Process and SRTS Projects (Diana Ramirez, Public Works Dept., Hillsborough County)

Ms. Ramirez gave a presentation on the School Routes Safety Improvement Program which consisted of the program initiation, prioritization methodology, project development process, and what their next steps would be. Ms. Ramirez gave a brief history of how this program came to be. In 2017, Hillsborough County Public Schools ended courtesy (non-funded) busing for middle and high school students who live within 2 miles of their schools and do not meet state hazardous walking conditions criteria. In 2018, the school district changed starting (bell) times for elementary, middle, and high school students. The changes meant more students had to find their own way to and from campus, and elementary school students began some school days in the dark. After these policy changes, the County investigated how to improve the safety along the pedestrian routes the students were taking. All county schools were
prioritized by their access needs, staff are developing plans to improve walk/bike safety to and from each school. The project development process consists of desktop analysis/field review, community engagement phase 1, field review/RSA, group improvements into tier 1,2, and 3, community engagement phase 2, tier 1 improvement implementation, feasibility report, and funding, design, and construction of tier 2 and tier 3 improvements. Improvements can be physical features such as sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, turn lanes or signage, which will be implemented in phases. Three schools in northwest Hillsborough County will be the first to see changes under the SRTS program, Pierce Middle and Alexander Elementary schools are adjacent campuses just north of Hillsborough Avenue. Leto High is less than 1 mile north on Sligh Avenue. Currently they are in the middle of tier 1 improvements which are expected to be constructed by end of FY 21. After these improvements are made, staff will make similar safety enhancements at other schools in Hillsborough County. Chair Forbes asked to confirm if the tier 1 improvements are still scheduled to be completed for FY 21. Ms. Ramirez stated that they are expected to be completed before the start of the school year.

B. In-road Safety Lights (Wael Majdalawi)

The presenter was not present, so Mr. Reynolds gave a brief overview of what the presentation was about. These in-road safety lights are designed to promote safer crosswalks, making roads safer for bicyclists and cars, and safer medians and traffic separators. These lights are embedded in pavement less than 6mm above road surface and at depth of 1.5in. They are also FDOT and FHWA approved, as well as MUTCD compliant. Mr. Henry wrote in the chat that they piloted these at MLK Blvd in West Tampa. Chair Forbes to expand more on his statement. Mr. Henry stated that those were installed a couple years ago and stated he was not sure if there were any before and after reports on the lights and that he also has not heard if there were any maintenance concerns since at the beginning that was one aspect that was questioned. Mr. Henry stated that he can check and see if there are any updates.

C. Flamingo Fares Update (Lynda Crescentini, HART)

Ms. Crescentini gave a project update of Flamingo Fares. Flamingo is an electronic fare payment system that offers access through a contactless smart card and a mobile app with barcode. It has the ability to support/integrate with various new ways to pay for fares. Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) partnered with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) as the two lead agencies that developed a contactless regional fare collection system for the Tampa Bay area. This new system allows riders in 5 participating transit systems (Pasco, Pinellas, HART, Hernando, and Sarasota) to use one Smartcard and mobile app to pay their fares. Fares can be purchased via smartphone, current transit centers, website, future retail network and is valid on HART, PCPT, SCAT, Thebus, PSTA bus services and Jolley Trolley. The benefits of Flamingo Fares consist of fare capping (pay as you go), pay the lowest fare, one way to pay for Tampa Bay area, balance protection, and faster boarding. There is a minimum load of $5 through online or at retail stores. There is a discount Flamingo card for individuals that meet the requirements. A typical project of this size takes 3-5 years, with some taking up to 10. Flamingo is currently at 4years with live testing beginning in 2020. The project total cost is $12 million. The project is Title VI compliant. There were no questions or comments.

D. Florida Department of Health Hillsborough County Health Assessment (Allison Nguyen, FDOH)
Allison Nguyen, Florida Department of Health, stated the Hillsborough Community Health Assessment and The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Hillsborough County completes a comprehensive assessment of their communities every five years. The results are used to develop the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and provides direction for many of the DOH’s efforts during the five-year cycle. The DOH have been using the mobilizing for action through planning and partnerships (MAPP) model in 6 phases. The primary data was collected February – June 2019 that included 5304 surveys, 25 key informants interviewed and 4 focus groups. There was secondary data collected from various websites. There was a prioritization meeting on July 24th, 2019 where the survey results were presented along with the secondary data. Ms. Nguyen reviewed the top 10 health problems and high need zip codes. Through the pandemic, they have been doing updates and revisions. The top 2 reasons (behavioral health and access to health services) remain the same. There were 7 high need zip codes that were shown as examples. There was a follow up survey for key informants on impact of COVID and they identified the top health issues as: access to health care, mental health and mental disorders, hunger/food insecurity, and poverty/unemployment, tied with substance abuse. The next steps will be to review the inventory of existing assets, programs, initiatives in those areas and continuing to implement action plans and monitor. A link was included to the Community Health Assessment in the agenda packet. There were no questions or comments.

VI. Old Business & New Business

A. National Bike Summit

Mr. Shirk stated that the National Bike Summit happened last week, and that the most interesting presentation was the talk by Charles Brown, professor of planning at Rutgers University, and the need for equity as opposed to enforcement of the “5 E’s” of bicycling when talking about the communities of Color. These groups are at a disproportionate level when it comes to being impacted by pedestrian and cyclist deaths. The title of his talk is named Arrested Mobility. Mr. Shirk highly encourages the committee to watch the video. There was a link provided to the committee in the chat where they can view the presentation: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUKQlobwJQk&ab_channel=BikeLeague).

Chair Forbes asked if the County Center will be open in April. Mr. Reynolds stated that not for typical business, but if wanted, 11 committee members can meet in person at the County Center. As of this meeting there are still only 3 people interested in the open positions so it would be possible to take action on this if the committee did meet in person.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item:**
Franklin Street Vision Project

**Presenter:**
Karen Kress, Tampa’s Downtown Partnership

**Summary:**
Franklin Street has a great history as a bustling commercial street in Tampa. Over the years, there have been many changes. Tampa’s Downtown Partnership solicited input from the community through a series of surveys. The presentation will cover the community’s feedback, projects that have transpired and what’s next in re-imagining Franklin Street for tomorrow.

**Recommended Action:**
For information only

**Prepared By:**
Lisa Silva, AICP, PLA, MPO Staff

**Attachments:**
Project website
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item:**
Nondiscrimination Plan Update

**Presenter:**
Joshua Barber, MPO Staff

**Summary:**
Under federal law, the MPO is required to prepare a plan to address Title VI of the Civil Rights Act every 3 years to ensure nondiscrimination in the provision and execution of MPO activities. The Hillsborough MPO Title VI & Nondiscrimination Plan was adopted by the MPO Board in 2018, and an updated Title VI & Nondiscrimination Plan will need to be adopted in 2021.

This update will be guided by the Resolution on Racial Discrimination adopted by the MPO in August, which states that as “racial discrimination has been evident in transportation planning, transportation planning is one of those systems that must change.” This update will therefore include an examination of how planning has contributed to racial inequities in our area.

This update also presents an opportunity to expand the Nondiscrimination Plan to address the work of the Hillsborough City-County Planning Commission. This proactive step by the Planning Commission will better ensure nondiscrimination in the provision and execution of land use and community planning activities, in coordination with transportation, and further the advancement of equitable processes and outcomes. The resulting plan will thus be a Plan Hillsborough Non-Discrimination Plan.

At this meeting, staff will provide a presentation on the steps to be taken to collaboratively review, update, and expand the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Plan to better achieve equitable outcomes and processes throughout the Hillsborough MPO’s and City-County Planning Commission’s work.

**Recommended Action:**
For information and discussion

**Prepared By:**
Joshua Barber, MPO Staff

**Attachments:**
PPT Slides
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item:**
Center for Urban Transportation Research Equity Toolkit

**Presenter:**
Tia Boyd or Kristine Williams, CUTR

**Summary:**
Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and local governments use a variety of methods to ensure that local and regional transportation plans and projects meet community needs. Increasingly, transportation planning agencies are also evaluating proposed projects from an equity perspective.

Transportation needs assessments and project prioritization must inform improvement strategies that address identified needs and improve transportation for system users, particularly those experiencing transportation inequities. Agencies involved in transportation planning must understand how people use the transportation system to have a lasting impact on the communities they serve. This understanding is especially critical for traditionally underserved communities. The Transportation Equity Audit Tool is a set of questions to evaluate community needs from an equity perspective.

This toolkit focuses on equitable transportation practices in traditionally underserved communities. Throughout this document, these communities are also referred to as communities of concern (COCs), transportation disadvantaged populations, and target populations. Traditionally underserved communities include low-income, minority, elderly, young, persons with disabilities, zero-vehicle, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), single-parents, rent-burdened households, and others whose needs have been historically underserved.

**Recommended Action:**
None.

**Prepared By:**
Joshua Barber, MPO Staff

**Attachments:**
None.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item:**
Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Update

**Presenter:**
Paula Flores, P.E., GPI Consulting

**Summary:**
The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is a document issued by the Federal Highway Administration to specify the standards by which traffic signs, road surface markings, and signals are designed, installed, and used. These specifications include the shapes, colors, and fonts used in road markings and signs. The manual is used by state and local agencies as well as private construction firms to ensure that the traffic control devices they use conform to the national standard.

The last comprehensive update to the MUTCD was in 1971 and much has changed since then, which led to FHWA proposing an update which is now under review. The link to the FHWA presentation below provides highlights of the suggested changes. Concerns have been raised by municipalities, transportation agencies, and other organizations that the draft update does not go far enough to ensure the safety of all road users. Quoted from the NACTO link below:

As proposed, Federal standards would prohibit colorful crosswalks in the name of safety, but still endorse the 85th percentile for setting speed limits, even if engineers consider it too fast to be safe. The manual is contradictory, stifles the implementation of innovative new designs cities have developed on their streets, and is actively harming people using American streets.

Committee members will have an opportunity to discuss if they would like to weigh-in on the proposed changes and how best convey any concerns prior to the May 14, 2021 deadline.

**Recommended Action:**
For information and discussion

**Prepared By:**
Gena Torres, MPO Staff

**Attachments:**
1. [Link to FHWA presentation on proposed changes]
2. [Link to National Association of City Transportation Officials’ concerns]
3. [Link to America Walks Urgent Action Letter to Sec. Buttigieg]
MPO Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The MPO Vice Chairman, Commissioner Pat Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance. The regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Webex.

The following members were present via teleconference:

Commissioner Pat Kemp, Cheri S. Donohue, Melanie Williams, Councilman Joseph Citro, Commissioner Gwen Myers, Derek Doughty, Joe Waggoner, Charles Klug, Joe Lopano, Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Commissioner Mariella Smith, Councilman Guido Maniscalco, Nate Kilton, John Dingfelder and Jessica Vaughn.

The following members were absent: Commissioner Harry Cohen (medical leave).

Presentation of Awards for MPO Speed Management Action Plan

Beth Alden, MPO Executive Director, introduced the presentation of awards for the MPO Speed Management Action Plan. Ms. Alden noted they are very honored to be the recipient of two awards.

Jodi Godfrey and Michelle Cod from the Institute of Transportation Engineers were present. Jodi Godfrey was pleased to award Hillsborough County with the 2020 Tampa Bay ITE Project of the Year Award for their outstanding performance and lasting contribution on their Speed Management Action Plan. Gena Torres with MPO Staff and Paula Flores with GPI Consultants accepted this award.

Jodi Godfrey recognized the project of the year is awarded to the Hillsborough MPO for the commitment to Vision Zero.

The John W. Barr Transportation Achievement Award was presented by Vishal S. Kakkad, President of Institute of Transportation Engineers Florida-Puerto Rico District to MPO project managers Paula Flores, GPI MPO Consultant and Gena Torres, MPO Staff. This award speaks for the MPO’s diligent work in introducing fatal crash rate in Hillsborough County for the last five years.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 10, 2021

No action was taken on the minutes. This meeting is totally virtual with no quorum in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Vela noted his comments on the expressway projects through the CAC and commented on the THEA bond validation authority. Mr. Vela made a reference to relining in the Tampa area in correlation with Dana Lazarus presentation.
Gina Robles, Assist Principal, St. Stephens Catholic School, pointed out the dangerous intersection of Carr Road/Boyette Road and noted they requested a traffic light. Their need has been acknowledged but there is no funding for the new design or installation.

Commissioner Kemp urged that Ms. Robles comments be brought to the BOCC and recognized Mr. Vela concerns with THEA and this could be a future item with the MPO and include Mr. Vela in that presentation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and ADVANCE COMMENTS**

Davida Franklin, MPO Staff, gave an update on the MPO committees. On March 1, the TAC committee held status reports on Flamingo Fare Update, In-Road Safety Lights, Hillsborough County School Route Program Development Process and SRTS Projects, Selmon Expressway Project Development & Environment Studies and Port Tampa Bay Master Plan. The BPAC heard status reports on HART Transit Oriented Development Study – Members asked if bike-sheds were being considered around station areas as well as safe bicycle parking at stations. Members also commented on necessary densities to support transit, including the allowance of Accessory Dwelling Units as a strategy. Members also mentioned the need to allow greater numbers of bicycles on buses (they currently hold two each) and the committee also heard from interested potential members but did not take action to approve membership due to lack of an in-person quorum. On Feb 17, the committee heard status reports on new members, Florida Department of Health Hillsborough Community Health Assessment and Selmon Expressway East PD&E. Under Action items, the TDCB approved Election of Officers and Gloria Mills was reelected as Vice Chair and Mark Harshbarger was elected as Officer at Large. The TDCB adopted the 2019-2020 FY Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation. While not required for this FY, staff in coordination with the CTC decided to conduct an evaluation this to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on CTC operations and performance standards. The Community Transportation Coordinator is designated every 5 years. The Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners has served as the CTC for Hillsborough County since 1990. The next designation is due by June 2021. The Board approved a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the re-designation as the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners as the CTC and the Sunshine Line as the operator and forward this recommendation to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and approve MPO Resolution 2021-1. The Board approved a renewed contract with Life Concepts, Inc d/b/a Quest. This is in line with Section 5310 program requirements and Board processes. Glenn Brown and Kristina Melling volunteered to serve on the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Subcommittee. The TDCB heard status reports on Florida Department of Health Hillsborough Community Health Assessment and Sunshine Line Update.

We received correspondence from J. Caughey regarding the I75x bus line, a story telling forum thank you, Chris Vela noting Mr. Prasad, Janet Scherberger regarding walk bike Tampa sidewalk code support, emails regarding BLM, Eric Holt regarding road construction that will effect Westchase commuters, email regarding South Selmon from Chris Vela and newspaper article, article regarding Bayshore speed limit 30MPH, IOC thank you from Robert Hunter, letter of support from the Ybor City Development Corporation Board Chair, and communication regarding transportation methodology and school siting.

We received social media comments from Sarah H. regarding road widening does not make things safer, Chris Vela regarding self driving cars will make streets will deadlier and Karen Mullins who shared a historic photo from 1924 that demonstrated efforts to increase driver safety awareness.

Beth Alden, MPO Director, provided an update on the Policy Committee that met this morning. They were given a presentation on the Hillsborough County Non-Discrimination Plan.
Bill Roberts, CAC Chair, presented the committee report on the CAC. On March 3, the committee nominated the At-large business Representative. Sharon Gaumond was nominated, with Eric Lam as her alternate. The committee heard status reports on Port Tampa Bay Master Plan Update; several members were concerned about recent state legislative proposals to preempt decision-making by local port authorities. They also heard status reports on Hillsborough County School Route Program Development Process and SRTS Projects and Flamingo Fares Update. Under new and unfinished business, the CAC discussed THEA’s proposed expansion of the South Selmon Expressway. Several members echoed comments made by a member of the public questioning the need for the expansion, concerns about traffic impacts to the surrounding community, and reactions received from nearby neighbors.

The Chairman also appointed an ad hoc subcommittee to dig into the Transportation Improvement Program, to make sure members understood the process as well as the substance of the TIP’s projects and priorities.

Joe Lopano thanked Bill Roberts for his service. Commissioner Kemp also agreed Bill Roberts has great dedication to his years of service.

**STATUS REPORT**

**A. Near Road Air Quality**

Sterlin Woodard with EPC Introduced the EPC Air Monitoring Network for public health protection and research. Mr. Woodard explained there are 11 air monitoring stations that continuously monitor for Ozone, NO2, Co, SO2 and particulate matter. The near-road monitoring station near I-275 is to enhance understanding of mobile source impacts. The Purple Air PA-II-SD PM 2.5 Air Sensor is $250.00. Jason Waters, Air Monitoring Manager for EPC reviewed the EPA’s criteria air pollutants. The EPC Air Monitoring Program during COVID-19 emergency has continued without interruption, EPA/FDEP declared air monitoring mission critical and essential. The PEC operates the near-road site at Munro Street to meet specific requirements and Mr. Waters reviewed the daily near-road site data and air pollutions. Amy Stuart, Professor at USF, presented the traffic-related air pollution (TRAP). Ms. Stuart explained the complex mix of air pollutants that are elevated near roadways, the important pollutants and health effects. The inequality in health effects of air pollution include asthma, cardiovascular mortality, lung cancer mortality and overall life expectancy is lower for those with lower incomes and for blacks. Black, low-income and Hispanic populations typically have higher TRAP exposure level’s and this is true for the Tampa area too. The mitigating measures include transportation system design, roadway design, traffic management, land use specifications, building specification and enabling person choices. The pros of traditional monitoring are accurate, reliable, high standard of quality, and long lifetime equipment. The limitations are expensive, sparse in spatial and pollutant representation, time lag in data availability, difficult for non-expert to access and understand and lack of trust in government data. The emerging monitoring methods are systematic mobile monitoring on government and industry vehicles and smart cities sensor systems in government infrastructure. Ms. Stuart reviewed the low-cost monitors/sensors and provided examples of community monitoring. In summary, traffic-related air pollution is an important public health problem, low-income and black people are impacted, there are many systems scale policy options for mitigation, low-cost monitoring is likely to expand and there is an opportunity for EPC and MPO to engage with communities to meet their needs by providing necessary expertise and advice.

Commissioner Kemp pointed out the intersection of transportation and air quality and then noted the Micro plastic pollution in our water is caused by our tires and commented on crowd sourcing and pollution. Ms. Alden thanked the EPC for their presentation and pointed out there has been a lot of questions of crowd sourcing and pollutions and would like to discuss further with EPC.
B. Community Health Assessment

Grisel Cisneros, Florida Department of Health, stated the Hillsborough Community Health Assessment and The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Hillsborough County completes a comprehensive assessment of their communities every three to five years. The results are used to develop the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and provides direction for many of the DOH’s efforts during the three to five-year cycle. The DOH have been using the mobilizing for action through planning and partnerships (MAPP) model in 6 phases. The primary data was collected February – June 2019 that included 5304 surveys, 25 key informants interviewed and 4 focus groups. There was secondary data collected from various websites. There was a prioritization meeting on July 24th where the survey results were presented along with the secondary data. Ms. Cisneros reviewed the top 10 health problems and high need zip codes. The next steps will be to review the inventory of existing assets, programs, initiatives in those areas then prepare an action plan and monitor. A link was included to the Community Health Assessment in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Kemp noted it was an excellent presentation. Cheri Donohue noticed her zip code was included as a community in need and wanted to know how she could help mitigate.

C. FDOT Safety Program News: Busch Blvd

Ginger Regalado, FDOT District 7, provided highlights from the District’s safety program on the recent constructed project to improve pedestrian safety on East Busch Blvd. FDOT District 7 conducted a Pedestrian Safety Study and Road Safety Audit to determine the best locations for the recently installed Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs) along Busch Boulevard in Hillsborough County. In addition, through the District's Walk Bike Drive initiative, District 7 launched a comprehensive safety initiative to education the public about the PHBs. Ms. Regalado provided video on PSA to promote Safety and asked if everyone could put on their website to promote safety. A social media quiz, large billboards, law enforcement partnerships and on street education are other examples of educating the public on pedestrian safety and PHB. FDOT has a working relationship with local partnerships of Hillsborough County which is essential to get the word out and noted FDOT has completed signal cabinet wraps and aesthetic treatment that show all communities are involved.

Commissioner Overman would like a link to these videos so she can share on social media and websites.

D. Plan Hillsborough Annual Report

Melissa Zornitta, Planning Commission Director, presented the Plan Hillsborough Annual Report. This report describes the progress over the past year to implement the Strategic Plan and uses the framework of the Plan’s seven Strategic Priorities. Ms. Zornitta highlighted 57 plan amendments and 297 consistency reviews to link land use and transportation. Strategies for Transportation Alternatives and New Development Scenarios (STANDS), City and County Policy Workshops, South County policy workshops, South County studies and Speed Management Action Plan. They have enhanced digital communication and digital forms, pivoting remote work and virtual meetings, new video productions and leveraging technology. Ms. Zornitta provided an update on citizen engagement, planning partnerships, enabling transportation choices, opportunities for Regional Collaboration and internal agency enhancements. The 2021 Strategic Plan Implementation Activities continue to be a focus and priority for staff, agencywide sharing of implementation ideas of all staff, surveying staff for new and innovative ideas, continued cross-functional teams and potential fall/winter staff retreat. A consolidated annual report is attached in the agenda packet that provides detailed information regarding the performance and progress from a strategic perspective.
E. Bylaws Amendment for Policy and Livable Roadways Committees

Lisa Silva, MPO Staff, presented the bylaws amendment for Policy and Livable Roadways Committees. In November 2020, during New Business at the LRC meeting, there was a discussion about adding a School District and/or School Parent Representative to the LRC membership. All new members require Bylaw Amendments. In January 2021, the Policy Committee discussed a name change for the MPO, consistent with the Fictitious Name Act, to Hillsborough Transportation Planning Agency and a limit a term for officers to two consecutive years. A copy of the Bylaws Amendment with revisions highlighted are included in the agenda packet.

Executive Director’s Report

The Legislative developments includes funding from federal Pandemic Recovery Act is coming to our area what that means in terms of our ability to apply additional funds to MPO priorities. We will be talking about that next month at our MPO Policy Committee which will be a workshop on our priorities for the Transportation Improvement Program this Year. You will be hearing from all of the local government agencies like HART who are submitting priorities for consideration. At the State level there are a couple of Regional Bills that are affecting TBARTA. Our MPO Regional Planning the MPO Chair’s Coordinating Committee for West Central Florida has been part of the TBARTA Organization of a number of years. TBARTA has narrowed to focus on a smaller geographic area and transit specifically so the MPO will take the lead again in Multimodal Transportation Planning but to reflect that in the State Law so one of the TBARTA Bill would make that change. The other would be to remove both TBARTA and the MPO Chair’s Coordinating Committee from the State Statue. This doesn't mean that our Regional Coordination would go away for the MPO’s because we have signed the interlocal agreement. Lastly, they have been talking about a fictitious name for the Regional Coordination as well so to more clearly describe what they are doing the name that has been suggested is Gulf Coast Transportation Planning Council. There is a TMA Leadership Group virtual meeting this Friday at 9:30am and the link is on our website. Lastly, the MPO Staff has created two different Financial scenarios in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. One with the sales tax and one without the sales tax. The funding estimates are a result of the coordination with all four local governments and HART about their needs and their process in it to address those needs and the sales tax. The financial scenario in the Long-Range Plan is not only based on their cost estimates and needs it also forecasts our system performance in these two financial scenarios so maintenance, safety, travel time reliability, access to bus service, performance metrics are already calculated out in those two different scenarios.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Overmen would like to make sure the MPO Staff meet with stakeholders to bring heighten level of coordination and analysis of the 2045 LTRP. Councilman Dingfelder requested for a report from FDOT on technical options for wrong way driver. Councilman Dingfelder would also like staff to look for potential funding for the entire North Florida Avenue on traffic calming right now there are funds up to MLK and he pointed out South of Gandy issues up to Kennedy has been two lanes and would like to discuss possible solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.
Committee Reports

Meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on March 1

On March 1, the committee held status reports on:

- Flamingo Fare Update
- In-Road Safety Lights
- Hillsborough County School Route Program Development Process and SRTS Projects
- Selmon Expressway Project Development & Environment Studies
- Port Tampa Bay Master Plan

Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) March 3

On March 3, the committee nominated the At-large business Representative. Sharon Gaumond was nominated, with Eric Lam as her alternate.

The committee heard status reports on:

- Port Tampa Bay Master Plan Update; several members were concerned about recent state legislative proposals to preempt decision-making by local port authorities.
- Hillsborough County School Route Program Development Process and SRTS Projects
- Flamingo Fares Update

Under new and unfinished business, the CAC discussed THEA’s proposed expansion of the South Selmon Expressway. Several members echoed comments made by a member of the public questioning the need for the expansion, concerns about traffic impacts to the surrounding community, and reactions received from nearby neighbors.

The Chairman also appointed an ad hoc subcommittee to dig into the Transportation Improvement Program, to make sure members understood the process as well as the substance of the TIP’s projects and priorities.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on February 10

The BPAC heard status reports on:

- HART Transit Oriented Development Study – Members asked if bike-sheds were being considered around station areas as well as safe bicycle parking at stations. Members also commented on necessary densities to support transit, including the allowance of Accessory Dwelling Units as a strategy. Members also mentioned the need to allow greater numbers of bicycles on buses (they currently hold two each).
• The committee also heard from interested potential members but did not take action to approve membership due to lack of an in-person quorum.

**Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) on February 17**

On Feb 17, the committee heard status reports on:

- New Members
- Florida Department of Health Hillsborough Community Health Assessment
- Selmon Expressway East PD&E

**Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) on February 26**

Under Action items, the TDCB approved:

- Election of Officers
  Gloria Mills was reelected as Vice Chair and Mark Harshbarger was elected as Officer at Large

- CTC Evaluation
  The TDCB adopted the 2019-2020 FY Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation. While not required for this FY, staff in coordination with the CTC decided to conduct an evaluation this to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on CTC operations and performance standards.

- CTC Designation
  The Community Transportation Coordinator is designated every 5 years. The Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners has served as the CTC for Hillsborough County since 1990. The next designation is due by June 2021. The Board approved a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the re-designation as the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners as the CTC and the Sunshine Line as the operator, and forward this recommendation to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and approve MPO Resolution 2021-1.

- Coordination Contract for Life Concepts, Inc.
  The Board approved a renewed contract with Life Concepts, Inc d/b/a Quest. This is in line with Section 5310 program requirements and Board processes.

- TDSP Subcommittee
  Glenn Brown and Kristina Melling volunteered to serve on the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Subcommittee.

The TDCB heard status reports on:

- Florida Department of Health Hillsborough Community Health Assessment
- Sunshine Line Update
Greetings readers! This week has brought us some movements on bills in the legislature, the one I want to focus on is SB 100 which for all intents and purposes undoes the M-CORES legislation of a few years ago. I say this with a caveat though. The legislation recognizes the need for the proposed routes in the M-CORES for emergency evacuations, think a pending hurricane. The bill does not explicitly go into what the study groups for the corridors recommended but it recognizes that the initial planning studies showed that there is not enough demand on a regular basis for the expenditure to build access-controlled interstates where M-CORES identified. What SB 100 does propose is to use the existing US-19 corridor and improve it to create efficiencies so that during an emergency Floridians can evacuate effectively. I wrote about this last week, but it bears repeating, thank you for letting the planning study do the work needed and then following the study group’s recommendations. SB 100 is headed to the Senate floor for a full vote of the Senate.

If you are looking for excitement, this legislative session has it. In years past I have written that some drama is fine by me if it doesn’t involve transportation. In fact, some drama in other areas keeps the focus away from transportation, that makes me feel a little more comfortable. So, what is happening? There is a look at abolishing the Constitutional Revision Commission, changing the voting laws related to absentee ballots and drop boxes for ballots, changing the bright futures program to favor certain degrees and discourage other degrees, and requiring that free standing Emergency Room facilities are clearly distinguished from Urgent Care facilities. The short term rental bill is back again this year, we have a bill limiting the potency of medical marijuana, undoing a local referendum on how many cruise ships, and what size of cruise ship, can dock at a port, expanding the allowable size for wine containers and requiring that ballot initiatives to change the constitution would need 2/3 approval instead of the current 60%. Come to think of it, that might be a good limit for passing a bill through the legislature. There are many more issues that we can talk about, this is to give you a good sample of the hot topics. Any of these could make for some exciting committee meetings and floor debate if these bills make it through the committee process. There is one big issue that came up this week and we should spend a little space on it, let’s explore.

The federal government passed another relief package and it looks like Florida is going to receive about $10B in federal funds to assist our economy. This is a lot of money when you consider that our state budget for the current year is about $91B. The Governor announced that he knows what he wants to spend about $4B on, that leaves about $6B for someone else to figure out how to spend it. We will have presume that is going to be the legislature…… As Matt Dixon wisely pointed out, $6B to figure out how to spend is a lobbyist’s dream and yet the Capitol is locked. No visitors! This should be
fun to watch the scramble to plead for money via zoom or other avenues that don’t involve opening the capitol doors.

Let’s wrap this up with a shout-out to Senator Keith Perry who has regularly championed traffic safety issues and every year brings forward solid bills that make sense for our safety. He is sponsoring a bill to require kids in booster seats through age 6. His bill SB 380 passed a full Senate Floor vote without a single dissenting vote! Thank you Senator for your work on this bill, you have been a good friend to transportation and we appreciate you.

Key dates for the 2021 Florida Legislative Session are shown immediately below. All new bills and any updates to bills shown in the last section of the newsletter 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 Florida MPOs 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)
Legislation of interest

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of March 20, 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 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) – Comparable bill SB 402 by Rodrigues. 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. On Committee agenda—Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee, 02/03/21, 4:30 pm, Webster Hall. Passed Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee, now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary, Now on House Floor, 1st Reading. Passed the House YEAS 85, NAYS 34.

HB 53: Public Works Projects – (DiCeglie) – Revises definition of term "public works project"; prohibits state or any political subdivision that contracts for public works project from requiring specified acts by certain persons engaged in such project or prohibiting certain persons from receiving information about public works opportunities. Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Public Integrity and Elections Committee; State Affairs Committee. Added to Government Operations Subcommittee agenda. Passed Government Operations Subcommittee. Laid on the table and Committee Substitute filed. Referred to Public Integrity & Elections; State Affairs. Now in Public Integrity & Elections.

SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Burgess; Co-Introducers: Rouson) – Related Bill HB 273 by Plakon, SB 420 by Hooper and HB 719 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; providing an exception to the circumstances under which a person who is damaged may bring a civil action against an insurer; revising coverages subject to premium discounts for specified motor vehicle equipment; specifying persons whom medical payments coverage must protect, etc. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Banking and Insurance; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda--Judiciary, 02/15/21, 2:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Judiciary; 7 YEAS, 2 NAYS. Now in Rules. Passed Rules, 12 YEAS, 3 NAYS. On the full Senate Floor, on 2nd reading.
HB 57: Transportation – (Andrade) – Similar Bill SB 1194 by Hooper. Similar to SB 1500 by Harrell (this bill seems to be moving). 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. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Original reference to Ways and Means Committee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee removed. Now in 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. On Committee agenda-- Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/04/21, 12:00 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 12 YEAS, 6 NAYS. Added to Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee agenda. Passed Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee. Passed out of State Affairs. Now on the House Floor for a full House vote, on 1st reading. On 2nd reading.

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. RPCs would be able to host MPOs under the bill as currently written. Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 01/26/21, 3:30 pm, 37 Senate Building. CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 6 NAYS 3. Now in Judiciary. Watch this bill, looks to be advancing to it’s next committee which is Judiciary.

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. Identical Bill HB817 by Toledo. 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. Passed Transportation, 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/23/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building.

SB 140: Fees/Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Related Bill SB 138 by Brandes. Identical Bill HB819 by Learned. 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. Passed Transportation, 7 YEAS, 1 NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/23/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building.

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. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda.

SB 178: Public School Transportation – (Cruz) – Comparable Bill HB 229 by Salzman. Revising the requirement that district school boards provide transportation for certain students; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student; requiring, rather than authorizing, a district school board to initiate a specified proceeding relating to hazardous walking conditions, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations.

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

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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. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee.

**HB 229: Hazardous Walking Conditions for K-12 Students – (Salzman) –** Comparable Bill SB 178 by Cruz. 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. Referred to Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee; Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Education and Employment Committee.

**HB 267: State Preemption of Seaport Regulations – (Roach; Sirois) –** Identical Bill SB 426 by Boyd. Preempts to state regulation of commerce in state seaports; provides exceptions; provides construction. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, Laid on Table and Committee Substitute taken up. Referred to Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

**HB 273: Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Exclusions – (Plakon) –** Similar to SB54 by Burgess, SB 420 by Hooper and HB 719 by Grall. Provides private passenger motor vehicle policies may exclude identified individuals from specified coverages; provides exceptions. Filed in the House. Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee. Favorable by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee.

**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.

**HB 297: Child Restraint Requirements – (Hinson) –** Identical Bill SB380 by Perry - Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.

**HB 337: Impact Fees – (DeCeglie) –** Identical to S750 by Gruters - Specifying instances when a local government or special district may collect an impact fee; requiring local governments and special districts to credit against the collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities; providing annual limitations on impact fee rate increases; requiring school districts to report specified items regarding impact fees, etc. Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Committee.
Affairs Subcommittee; Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Referred to State Affairs Committee. On committee agenda of Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Passed Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Now in Ways & Means Committee.

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. Passed Transportation 7 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

HB 353: Bicycle Operations Regulations – (Hage) – Identical to SB738 by Baxley - Providing an exception to the requirement that a person operating a bicycle ride upon or astride a seat attached thereto, etc. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee. On the House Floor for a full House vote, on 2nd reading.

HB 357: Photographic Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits – (Duran and Rodriguez) – Authorizes county or municipality to contract with vendor to install cameras in school speed zones to enforce speed limits; provides civil penalty for violation found through recording of photographic images; provides for disposition & use of funds; provides for determination of liability; provides nonapplication of violation to driver license points assessment, conviction, driving record, or provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage; requires referral to DHSMV resulting in prohibition of motor vehicle registration renewal & transfer of title; provides for removal of penalties. Filed in the House. Referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee; Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. Now in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee.

HB 365: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Caruso) – Similar to SB 566 by Perry and S 708 By Brandes - Provides requirements for sales taxes & surcharges on motor vehicle leases & rentals by motor vehicle rental companies & peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; specifies insurance requirements for shared vehicle owners & shared vehicle drivers; provides for liability; provides for exclusions; provides right of contribution to shared vehicle owner's insurer for certain claims; requires provision of certain information regarding liens; specifies recordkeeping, record-sharing, disclosure, & driver license verification & data retention requirements; provides for consumer protections. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. On the agenda for Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Ways and Means.
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. Favorable by Transportation; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. Passed Community Affairs, now in Rules.

SB 380: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical Bill HB297 by Hinson - Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Transportation; Rules. On Committee agenda- Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 02/03/21, 9:00 am, 37 Senate Building. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Rules. Passed Rules, next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. Passed Senate YEAS 38 NAYS 0. Now being sent to the House.

HB 389: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Mariano) – Identical to SB 422 By Rouson - Renames Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee as Chairs Coordinating Committee; removes requirement that authority provide administrative support & direction; authorizes mayor's designated alternate to be member of governing board of authority; requires that alternate be elected member of & approved by city council; requires alternate to attend meetings in mayor's absence & have full voting rights; revises quorum requirements; requires simple majority of members present for action to be taken; deletes requirements for authority to present regional transit development plan & updates to TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee, coordinate plans & projects with committee, & participate in regional M.P.O. planning process. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.

SB 420: Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Exclusions – (Hooper) – Similar to SB54 by Burgess, HB273 by Plakon and HB 719 by Grall - Providing that private passenger motor vehicle policies may exclude certain identified individuals from specified coverages under certain circumstances; providing that such policies may not exclude coverage under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Banking and Insurance. Passed Judiciary. Now in Rules.

SB 422: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson) – Identical to HB 389 by Mariano - 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. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Community Affairs.
SB 426: State Preemption of Seaport Regulations – (Boyd) – Identical Bill HB 267 by Roach. Preempting to the state the regulation of commerce in state seaports; providing exceptions, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. Passed Transportation, Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building.

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. Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Rules. Passed Community Affairs, On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 03/15/21, 3:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Passed Judiciary; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

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. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Environment and Natural Resources, 02/15/21, 3:30 pm, 37 Senate Building. Passed Environment and Natural Resources; 6 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government.

SB 566: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) – Similar to HB365 by Caruso and SB708 by Brandes - 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. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Transportation; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 03/16/21, 9:30 am, 412 Knott Building. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 412 Knott Building.

HB 605: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – (Hunschofsky) – Identical to SB950 by Book - Revising and providing requirements for the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an awareness campaign, and include information in certain educational materials, regarding certain safety precautions; exempting a motor vehicle driver from certain provisions relating to no-passing zones when overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; revising requirements for vehicles

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turning at intersections; prohibiting persons riding bicycles in a bicycle lane from riding more than two abreast, etc. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda.

SB 684: Department of Transportation – (Brandes) – Identical to HB 707 by Chaney - Requiring the Department of Transportation to allow persons to purchase certain commuter passes for their motor vehicles; requiring that funds collected from the sale of the commuter passes be deposited in specified trust funds and used for the operation and maintenance of the Pinellas Bayway System; requiring the department or the enterprise, as appropriate, to use a specified portion of funds collected from the sale of commuter passes during a specified period of time for landscaping and beautification, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

HB 707: Department of Transportation – (Chaney) – Identical to SB 684 by Brandes - Requires DOT to allow persons to purchase commuter passes for motor vehicles; requires funds collected from sale of commuter passes be deposited in specified trust funds & used for operation & maintenance of Pinellas Bayway System; requires DOT or Florida Turnpike Enterprise to index annual commuter pass costs to inflation indicators; requires DOT or Florida Turnpike Enterprise to use specified portion of funds collected from sale of commuter passes during specified periods of time for landscaping & beautification. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.

SB 708: Peer-to-peer Car Sharing – (Brandes) – Identical to HB 785 by Busatta Cabera - Specifying motor vehicle insurance requirements for peer-to-peer car-sharing programs; authorizing peer-to-peer car-sharing programs to own and maintain certain policies of motor vehicle insurance; requiring peer-to-peer car-sharing programs to assume certain liability; authorizing motor vehicle insurance policies to exclude specified coverages under certain circumstances; authorizing specified insurers to seek contributions against indemnifications under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to Banking and Insurance; Transportation; Appropriations.

HB 719: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall) – Similar to SB54 by Burgess, HB 273 by Plakon and SB 420 by Hooper - Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network companies or TNC drivers or vehicle owners. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Filed in the House. Referred to Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee. Now in Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee.
HB 729: Transportation Projects – (Gregory) – Identical Bill SB 1364 by Brodeur. Limits amount of State Transportation Trust Fund revenues to be committed for certain public transportation projects; revises amount of funding allocated by DOT to transportation construction projects for purchase of plant materials; revises types of projects receiving allocation; removes requirement that certain amount of allocation be for purchase of large plant materials; requires purchased plant materials to be grown in this state; authorizes DOT to enter into certain contracts without advertising & receiving competitive bids; authorizes DOT to combine certain work phases. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.

SB 738: Bicycle Operations Regulations – (Baxley) – Identical to HB353 by Hage - Providing an exception to the requirement that a person operating a bicycle ride upon or astride a seat attached thereto, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 02/16/21, 3:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Transportation; 8 YEAS, Zero NAYS. Now in Community Affairs. Passed Community Affairs. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 03/18/21, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building --Not Considered (Note: This usually means that the committee ran out of time before this bill could be considered).

HB 745: School Bus Safety – (Slosberg) – Identical to SB1050 by Berman - Authorizes school district to install cameras on school buses; authorizes DHSMV, county, or municipality to authorize traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue & enforce citation for failing to stop for school bus; requires notification to be sent to owner of vehicle involved in violation; prohibits receiving commission or remuneration based on use of camera; requires payment of citation unless certain information is established in affidavit; provides penalties for submitting false affidavit; requires annual reports to DHSMV, Governor, & Legislature; provides hearing procedures; authorizes appeal of final order; provides disposition of civil penalties. Filed in the House. Referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee. Now in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee.

SB 750: Impact Fees – (Gruters) – Identical to HB337 by DiCeglie - Specifying instances when a local government or special district may collect an impact fee; requiring local governments and special districts to credit against the collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities; providing annual limitations on impact fee rate increases; requiring school districts to report specified items regarding impact fees, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building.

HB 763: Repeal of the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and Reversion of Program Funds – (Diamond) – Identical to SB1030 by Polsky - Repeals provisions relating to M-CORES Program & related funding; requires portions of certain annual license tax revenues to be deposited into General Revenue Fund; revises period during which certain revenues shall be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Filed in the House. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee.
HB 785: Peer-to-peer Car Sharing – (Brusatta Cabera) – Identical to SB708 by Brandes - Provides motor vehicle insurance requirements for peer-to-peer car sharing; provides that peer-to-peer car-sharing programs have insurable interest in shared vehicles; authorizes such companies to own & maintain certain policies of motor vehicle insurance; provides primary liabilities; provides exemptions from vicarious liabilities; authorizes insurance policies to exclude specified coverages; authorizes specified insurers to seek contributions against indemnifications; provides requirements for notifications of implications of liens, recordkeeping & specified disclosures to shared vehicle drivers & owners. Filed in the House.

HB 817: Electric Vehicles – (Toledo) – Linked bill HB819 by Learned. Identical to SB138 by Brandes - Authorizes DOT to adopt rules; revises DOT's goals relating to mobility; requires that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; requires that certain funds remain in State Transportation Trust Fund; requires DOT to establish program; provides for distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; provides grant requirements; provides requirements for equipment installed using grant funds; provides duties of DOT; authorizes DOT to develop model plan for local governments; requires DOT to adopt rules; specifies that certain rules adopted by DACS may not require specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used in, & services provided in, this state; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Filed in the House.

HB 819: Fees/Electric Vehicles – (Learned) – Linked bill HB817 by Toledo. Identical to SB140 by Brandes - Creates additional fees for electric vehicles; creates license tax & an additional fee for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; provides for distribution of proceeds from additional fees; requires DHSMV to increase additional fees, subject to certain requirements; exempts certain vehicles from specified fees; provides for future expiration & reversion of specified statutory text. Filed in the House.

SB 924: Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program – (Hooper) – Revising the allocation of certain funds, for specified fiscal years, that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 950: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – (Book) – Identical to HB605 by Hunschofsky - Revising and providing requirements for the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an awareness campaign, and include information in certain educational materials, regarding certain safety precautions; exempting a motor vehicle driver from certain provisions relating to no-passing zones when overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, an electric bicycle, or a pedestrian; revising requirements for vehicles turning at intersections; prohibiting persons riding bicycles in a bicycle lane from riding more than two abreast, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.
**SB 1030: Repeal of the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Program and Reversion of Program Funds – (Polsky)** – Identical to HB763 by Diamond - Repeals provisions relating to M-CORES Program & related funding; requires portions of certain annual license tax revenues to be deposited into General Revenue Fund; revises period during which certain revenues shall be transferred to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**SB 1050: School Bus Safety – (Berman)** – Identical to HB745 by Slosberg - Authorizes school district to install cameras on school buses; authorizes DHSMV, county, or municipality to authorize traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue & enforce citation for failing to stop for school bus; requires notification to be sent to owner of vehicle involved in violation; prohibits receiving commission or remuneration based on use of camera; requires payment of citation unless certain information is established in affidavit; provides penalties for submitting false affidavit; requires annual reports to DHSMV, Governor, & Legislature; provides hearing procedures; authorizes appeal of final order; provides disposition of civil penalties. Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Appropriations.

**HB 1113: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine)** – Similar to SB 1412 by Perry - Requires study to be conducted which recommends installation of specified pedestrian crosswalk before installation occurs; requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to conform to specified requirements; provides coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over public highway, street, or road with certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk conforms to specified requirements or authorizes entity to remove any such crosswalk; requires DOT to submit certain request for authorization to Federal Government; requires applicable entities to replace or remove specified traffic control devices within specified timeframe after date of federal authorization or denial, as applicable; authorizes retrofitting. Filed in the House. Added to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee agenda. Passed Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee. Now in Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

**SB 1126: Department of Transportation – (Harrell)** – Clarifying that the Department of Revenue is responsible for a certain transfer from the State Treasury to the General Revenue Fund of a portion of documentary stamp tax distributions credited to the State Transportation Trust Fund; deleting a requirement that the department provide space and video conference capability at each of the department’s district offices as an alternative to physical appearance by a person requesting a hearing before the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board within the department; requiring the department, when proposing any project on the State Highway System which will close or modify an existing access to an abutting property owner, to provide notice to affected property owners, municipalities, and counties at least 180 days before the design phase of the project is completed, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Passed Transportation. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda— Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/24/21, 2:30 pm, 110 Senate Building.
SB 1194: Transportation – (Hooper) – Similar to HB57 by Andrade - Providing that certain governmental entities may not prohibit certain vendors from responding to competitive solicitations of certain contractual services; requiring contractors wishing to bid on certain contracts to first be certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified; exempting airports from certain restrictions regarding entities performing engineering and inspection services; revising and providing definitions; revising requirements for arbitration of certain contracts by the State Arbitration Board, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building.

SB 1248: Racing Motor Vehicles – (Book) – Revising prohibitions on persons driving motor vehicles in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed, a stunt, agility, or acceleration or for other specified purposes on any highway, roadway, or parking lot; prohibiting a person from coordinating via social media any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; prohibiting persons from operating a vehicle in a manner that would constitute participation in an organized ride, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Rules.

SB 1276: Fees – (Hooper) – Requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to publish notice when electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles make up 5 percent or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; providing fees for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles beginning after the department publishes such notice; requiring that the proceeds of certain fees be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Transportation; Finance and Tax; Appropriations.

SB 1332: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Brandes) – Urging Congress to authorize installation of electric vehicle charging stations in rest areas on the interstate highway system and to allow charging station providers to charge a fee for public use of charging stations installed in such rest areas, etc. Filed in the Senate.

SB 1364: Transportation Projects – (Brodeur) – Identical Bill HB 729 by Gregory. Limiting the amount of State Transportation Trust Fund revenues to be committed for certain public transportation projects; revising the amount of funding allocated by the Department of Transportation to transportation construction projects for the purchase of plant materials; removing a requirement that a certain amount of such allocation be for the purchase of large plant materials; requiring purchased plant materials to be grown in this state; authorizing the department to enter into certain contracts without advertising and receiving competitive bids under certain circumstances, etc. Filed in the Senate.

SB 1412: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry) – Similar Bill HB 1113 by Fine. Citing this act as the "Sophia Nelson Pedestrian Safety Act"; requiring a traffic engineering study to be conducted which recommends installation of a specified pedestrian crosswalk before such installation occurs; requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to conform to specified requirements; providing coordination requirements for certain devices and signals; requiring that traffic control signal devices at adjacent intersections be taken into
consideration, etc. Filed in the Senate. On Committee agenda-- Transportation, 03/24/21, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building.

**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. Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee.