There are three ways to participate in this hybrid meeting:

1. In person at FDOT District 7, 11201 N. McKinley Blvd., Tampa

   Please RSVP to cmikyska@pascocountyfl.net to ensure room capacity.

2. Virtually from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

   https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3372206978927507216

   Register in advance to receive a personalized link for your calendar.


AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Introductions (Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Alliance Fall Quarter Chair, and Commissioner Kimberly Overman, TMA Leadership Group 2021 Chair)

2. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker, please

3. Alliance Business Meeting – 30 minutes
   a. Approval of Minutes, SCTPA Meeting of June 25, 2021
   b. Approval of Minutes, TMA Leadership Group Meeting of September 17, 2021
   c. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar (Carl Mikyska, Pasco MPO)
   d. Adjustments to Regional Priorities for Major Projects (Carl Mikyska, Pasco MPO)
   e. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit 2021 Report & Save the Date for November 2-4, 2022 in Lakeland (Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas)

4. State Passenger Rail Workshop - 60 minutes
   a. Introduction (Jennifer Carver, FDOT)
   b. Statewide Vision (Brad Thoburn, FDOT)
c. Moving from Vision into Implementation (Kenyatta Lee, FDOT)
d. Facilitated Discussion (Jennifer Carver, FDOT)
e. Next Steps (Brad Thoburn, FDOT)

5. **Rail in the West Central Florida Region** – 60 minutes
   a. Introduction (Beth Alden, Plan Hillsborough)
   b. Rail Corridor Assessment (David Green, TBARTA)
   c. Regional Needs for 2050 (Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas)
   d. Discussion

6. **Old & New Business**

7. **Adjourn**
Agenda Item 1

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

SUMMARY

The Chair will call the meeting to order and attendees will be asked to introduce themselves. A quorum will be determined.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

ACTION: DETERMINE QUORUM
Agenda Item 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

SUMMARY

Members of the public will be invited to address the Board. All speakers are respectfully asked to keep their comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

ACTION: NONE
Agenda Item 3a

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SCTPA MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2021

SUMMARY

Attached are the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2021 meeting of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance meeting. Staff requests review and approval of the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS: JUNE 25, 2021 MEETING MINUTES OF THE SCTPA MEETING

ACTION: APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2021 SCTPA MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Summary of June 25, 2021

There were three (3) ways provided to participate: in person at FDOT District 7; virtually from computer, tablet, or smart phone; and by phone in.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. COMMISSIONER LIZ ALPERT, CHAIR, SARASOTA/MANATEE MPO, WELCOMED EVERYONE AND CALLED THE MEETING FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
COMMISSIONER LIZ ALPERT, CHAIR, SARASOTA/MANATEE MPO
COMMISSIONER HARRY COHEN, HILLSBOROUGH TPO

2. WELCOME
SECRETARY DAVID GWYN, FDOT DISTRICT 7, WELCOMED EVERYONE TO DISTRICT 7 AND STATED HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MOVING FORWARD WITH MORE IN PERSON MEETINGS AND COLLABORATION.
SECRETARY L.K. NANDAM, FDOT DISTRICT 1, STATED HE IS EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION REGARDING REGIONAL PLANS.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no one from the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. TMA Leadership Group
Commissioner Kimberly Overman, TMA Chair, reported on the activities of the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group:
   - Discussed the many issues associated with the TRIP as well as multiuse trail priorities
   - Reviewed and updated the priorities ranking for the next cycle
   - Priority setting for of intercounty transit as discussed
   - Received an update on the Cross Bay Ferry

2. Staff Directors Committee Report
Mr. Dave Hutchinson, Chair, reported on the following:
   - Presented the Regional LRTP summary pamphlet
   - Provided an overview of data sharing platform for performance metrics
Announced Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit 2021 will be hosted by Forward Pinellas

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Minutes from July 2020 and November 2020
   A quorum was not present; these items were deferred to the next meeting.

2. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities
   Mr. Carl Mikyska, Pasco MPO, presented the West Central Florida Regional Roadway Network MPOs CCC Priority Projects; TBARTA MPOs CCC 2021 TRIP Priority Project List, and the Polk TPO-Sarasota/Manatee MPO Adopted 2021 TRIP Priority Project List.

3. Regional Multi-Use Trails Priorities
   Ms. Tina Russo, Pasco MPO, presented the 2021 Regional Multi-Use Trails Priority Projects for FDOT District 7 (Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas) and Network Map.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Update on Brightline/Rail
   Mr. Tracy Hood, FDOT, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Brightline Rail and timeline of a proposed Orlando to Tampa Extension.

2. Regional Website & Brand/Logo
   Mr. Whit Blanton and Ms. Amy Elmore of Forward Pinellas presented the newly built website and new organizational name and logo for the CCC:
   Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA)
   website [https://SuncoastTPA.org/](https://SuncoastTPA.org/)

**CHAIRS’ ROUNDTABLE**

Transportation/Planning Highlights from Around the Region

- Commissioner Harry Cohen noted the number 1 priority on the list, SR 60/I-75/Kennedy Boulevard/Howard Frankland Bridge/Tampa International Airport/Veteran Expressway interchange is in the largest business district in Florida and the cranes are in the water to construct the new bridge, but the work must be done so that it does not bottleneck; it is dependent on the things going on around it. Also, at Big Bend Road at I-75 (with a lot of commuters each day) work is being done to improve that intersection; but on either side of this intersection is Priority #8 which is unfunded; without those connections this is applying a band aid that is not fixing the problem. Both are of regional significance and affect many people from all our regions and counties.

- Commissioner Liz Alpert noted Sarasota/Manatee have been focusing on technology and transit to enhance the transportation system and reduce congestion. Also making a lot of progress with regionals trails. The Legacy Trail (part of the Sun Trail system) is being extended into downtown Sarasota and connecting to the City of North Port. Further north, the Palmetto Trails system PD&E will be completed soon. Our Destination Zero safety action plan is underway and involved numerous stakeholders using a “Safe Systems” approach to end traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting will be held December 2021, location to be determined.
Agenda Item 3b

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SCTPA TMA LEADERSHIP GROUP OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

SUMMARY

Attached are the meeting minutes from the September 17, 2021 meeting of the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Transportation Management Area Group. Staff requests review and approval of the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES OF THE SCTPA TMA LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING

ACTION: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 SCTPA TMA LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING MINUTES
Hosted by Forward Pinellas

The Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group held this public meeting at the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Headquarters on September 17, at 9:30 a.m. A recording of the meeting is available here: https://youtu.be/WcpshgA8F_E.

Review of Proposed 2022 Priorities
Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas

Chelsea Favero presented proposed changes to the list of major priority projects for 2022 with a focus on projects that would benefit from collective advocacy of the region. A final priority list will be presented in December.

- Commissioner Starkey noted that there were no longer any Pasco projects on the priority list, given the success in advancing major regional projects there. Commissioner Eggers made a motion that the SR 54/US 41 intersection be added to the priority list before final approval. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Starkey and passed with unanimous approval.
- The TMA Leadership Group voted to hold a workshop with FDOT and other regional partners in order to develop a strategy for potential use of the CSX right-of-way for some form of passenger transportation.
- Commissioner Long suggested having a conversation about the consolidation of MPO/TPOs in order to strengthen the regional funding.
- Mr. Blanton noted that the regional MPO/TPOs have a high level of coordination and a merger would not improve regional funding. Working together with one voice and ensuring a local funding match is the best way to find a funding solution.
- Commissioner Mariano agreed that demonstrating successful regional collaboration, especially on projects like developing the CSX corridor and Regional Rapid Transit, is the best way to secure additional funding.

Flexibility of Transportation Funding
Beth Alden, Hillsborough TPO

In 2020, the TMA Leadership Group adopted a policy position statement advocating to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for flexible funding policies and discouraging earmarks. Ms. Alden presented comments on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan and requested support from the group of sending those in the form of a letter to continue to encourage more flexibility in SIS.
funding especially related to transit operations, for consideration of transmittal as a group or as individual MPOs.

- FDOT Secretary Gwynn noted that funding policies are still evolving to take a holistic look at mobility, hopefully encouraging flexibility in funds to encourage more transportation options.
- Mr. Blanton proposed addressing this letter from the SCTPA.
- Commissioner Mariano and Commissioner Starkey supported addressing this letter from the SCTPA to promote speaking with one voice as a region.
- The TMA Leadership Group voted to support the Flexibility of Transportation Funding letter of comment coming from SCTPA.

Federal Infrastructure Bill
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Whit Blanton reviewed details in the draft bipartisan infrastructure bill regarding funding programs and how each program may look. The Senate-adopted bill is currently pending action by the U.S. House of Representatives and includes significant increases in funding in core formula programs and several new competitive grant programs, such as the following: climate program, resilience activities specifically for planning, Transportation Alternatives Program, federal vision zero program to fund safe streets, housing coordination linking homes and jobs access, increased support for transit and rail, equity planning, and smart cities. Money for transit and many grant programs is still contingent on local match and it is competitive, so we have to speak with one voice on these.

- Commissioner Mariano would like the SCTPA to take a closer look at $12B in funding available for non-amtrak intercity rail projects once more information is available.
- Commissioner Overman echoed Mr. Blanton’s comments to continue to explore how our region can capitalize on new federal funding options by having a strong strategic plan and financial plan that reflects our work as a region.
- Commissioner Long expressed a desire to discuss local match funding at the previously discussed regional workshop.
- Commissioner Starkey clarified with Mr. Blanton that while rules for the bill have not been defined, planning is emphasized.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at Mid-block Crosswalks
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Whit Blanton presented a draft letter to the Legislative Delegation to express concern with previously proposed legislation that may return this Session to further regulate or prohibit the placement and function of Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) throughout the state, and to bring more awareness to the effectiveness of these safety devices. Such bills could actually make pedestrians crossings less safe, even though the purported intent behind them is to improve safety. The recommendation from the staff directors is to put the letter on SCTPA on letterhead and create a regional social media campaign highlighting the primary goals of the letter including the negative
impact on equity and safety, especially in underserved communities, and the data on the success we’re seeing with these devices.

- Commissioner Eggers expressed that RRFBs are a vital tool toward creating safer streets and by putting them in the right place they can be extremely impactful.
- Commissioner Mariano clarified with Mr. Blanton that RRFBs are not used for higher speed, multi-lane roads.
- Mr. Blanton noted Pinellas County alone has more than 300 RRFBs, that with the proposed legislation, many would have to be removed completely unless the lights could be redesigned to red, along with other conditions. These devices are also located across Hillsborough, Pasco and many other counties.
- Commissioner Starkey expressed her support for RRFBs throughout the state.
- Commissioner Overman suggested we work together to create best practices for implementing RRFBs correctly.
- Secretary Gwynn noted that FDOT policies ensure RRFBs can’t be installed on high speed, multi lane roads. Efforts are also in place to perform a pilot project in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration to increase the effectiveness of RRFBs.
- The TMA Leadership Group voted to support the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons Letter and social media campaign from the SCTPA.

Regional Transportation Roundtable

- Commissioner Starkey: FDOT held an open house for design solutions for the intersection of SR 54 and US 41 crossing.
- Commissioner Kemp: Hillsborough is requesting $1M in funding for the Upper Tampa Bay Trail to connect to the Coast to Coast Trail.
- Commissioner Eggers: Pinellas County is working on closing gaps in the Pinellas Trail loop, including seeking more funding for overpasses across higher volume roadways for safety.
- Commissioner Overman would like to see the SCTPA provide clearer messaging about transportation funding and believes using the new website and social media is a vital tool.
- Commissioner Mariano expressed his hope that the business community will be involved in future workshops.
- Charles Klug announced that cruises are returning to Tampa.
- Mr. Blanton announced early bird registration for the free 2021 Gulf Coast Safe Streets Hybrid Summit is now open. Register today: www.GulfCoastSafeStreetsSummit.org/Register.
- Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Kemp and Commissioner Overman acknowledged the affordable housing crisis and would like to see the SCTPA emphasize planning for homes and connecting job opportunities.
- Check out the new SunCoastTPA.org and follow us on Facebook & Twitter @SunCoastTPA.
Agenda Item 3c

APPROVAL OF 2022 SCTPA MEETING CALENDAR

SUMMARY

Attached is a list of the proposed meeting dates for the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and the SCTPA TMA Leadership Group. Staff is seeking review and approval of the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: LIST OF MEETING DATES FOR 2022

ACTION: APPROVAL OF 2022 MEETING DATES
2022 Regional Meeting Schedule

Friday, March 11th
TMA Leadership Group Only
Hillsborough County Location

Friday, June 10th
SCTPA Board & TMA Leadership Group
Joint Meeting with Central FL Alliance
Polk County Location
Topics: SunTrax, Brightline

Friday, September 23rd
TMA Leadership Group Only
Pinellas County Location

Friday, December 9th
SCTPA Board & TMA Leadership Group
Hernando County Location

Staff Directors
All meetings virtual
Fridays, 1:30 pm
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 8
May 6
June 3
July recess
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2
Agenda Item 3d

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2022 PRIORITIES

SUMMARY

This agenda item is to approve the list of major priority projects for 2022. At this time, staff is not recommending any additions to the priority list, as there are still a number of priorities that can still benefit from the collective advocacy of the region. Changes to the list bring the project descriptions more in alignment with MPO priorities. This item was presented at the September 17, 2021 TMA Leadership Meeting as a discussion item with the intent to approve the list at the December 10, 2021 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: PROPOSED 2022 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR SCTPA
PROPOSED 2022 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR SCTPA TMA GROUP
POWER POINT SLIDE PRESENTATION

ACTION: APPROVAL OF 2022 SCTPA TMA GROUP PRIORITY PROJECTS
APPROVAL OF 2022 SCTPA PRIORITY PROJECTS
Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group

2021 Top Priorities
For Approval on December 10, 2021

Funded Priorities

❖ Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement
❖ Gateway Expressway
❖ I-75 Interchange at Overpass
❖ I-75 Interchange at Big Bend Road
❖ I-275/SR 60/Westshore Interchange
❖ Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit
❖ I-275 Safety & Operational Improvements at downtown Tampa/ I-4 interchange

Top Priorities for the Tampa Bay Region

❖ I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton
❖ I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to Gandy Blvd.
❖ Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
❖ Support HART’s exploration and negotiation for use of the CSX right-of-way for passenger transportation
❖ SR 54/US 41 Intersection Improvement
2022 Regional Transportation Priorities For Approval
December 10, 2021

Funded Regional Priority Projects – Thank you for your support!
❖ Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement
❖ Gateway Expressway
❖ I-75 interchange at Overpass Rd
❖ I-75 Interchange at Big Bend Road
❖ Suncoast Parkway 2 Expansion
❖ I-275/SR 60 Tampa Westshore District Interchange
❖ Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit
❖ I-275 Safety & Operational Improvements at Downtown Tampa/I-4 Interchange

Top Priorities for the Greater Tampa Bay Region
❖ I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton Dr
❖ I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to Gandy Blvd.
❖ SR 54/US 41 Intersection
❖ Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
❖ Support HART’s exploration and negotiation for use of the CSX right-of-way for passenger transportation

❖ Central Polk Parkway Segment 1
❖ US 41 from SR 44 to SR 200
❖ Desoto Bridge Replacement
❖ Bradenton-Palmetto Connector
❖ CR 557 from US 17/92 to I-4

~ ONE REGION, ONE VOICE ~
Major Regional Priorities

Carl Mikyska
Pasco County MPO
Planning For Tomorrow

• Tampa Bay is one of the top 20 most populated regions in the country and one of the fastest-growing.

• Regional coordination of plans and priorities is essential for an integrated, multimodal regional network

• MPOs and TPOs plan, prioritize and fund the improvements that will shape our shared future
Who We Are

Transportation doesn’t stop at county lines. We’re speaking as one voice for the region.
Regional Priorities

• Develop annually

• Major projects that advance the RLRTP

• Projects funded because of our collective support:
  • Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail
  • Gateway Expressway
  • Westshore Interchange
  • University Parkway Interchange
  • Suncoast Parkway Extension
  • SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit
Unfunded Priorities – TMA Group

- I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton
- I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to Gandy Blvd (pending TIP amendment)
- Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
- Support HART’s exploration and negotiation for use of the CSX right-of-way for passenger transportation
- SR 54/US 41 Intersection
SCTPA Unfunded Priorities

- I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton
- I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to Gandy Blvd (pending TIP amendment)
- Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
- Support HART’s exploration and negotiation for use of the CSX right-of-way for passenger transportation
- SR 54/US 41 Intersection

- Central Polk Parkway Segment 1
- US 41 from SR 44 to SR 200
- Desoto Bridge Replacement
- Bradenton-Palmetto Connector
- CR 557 from US17/92 to I-4
Next Steps

- Seeking your approval of:
  - The TMA Priorities
  - The SCTPA Regional Priorities
Looking forward to meeting everyone!

Also, thank you for the warm welcome!

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Agenda Item 3e

GULF COAST SAFE STREETS SUMMIT 2021 REPORT

SUMMARY

More than 320 people attended the 2021 Gulf Coast Safe Streets Hybrid Summit November 2-4, 2021. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Safety Policy Robin Hutcheson opened the three day safety event. We heard wonderful feedback that participants enjoyed learning about how the region is working to improve safety and accessibility for all. This Summit plays a key role in reinforcing the mission of reducing to zero the number of serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways. Reaching zero is a group effort, and its everyone’s responsibility to help make it happen. Summit sessions are available on-demand. Visit www.gulfcoastsafestreetssummit.org/register to get access. We can’t wait to keep the conversation going next year in Polk County!

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

ACTION: NONE REQUESTED
Agenda Item 4

STATE PASSENGER RAIL WORKSHOP

SUMMARY

Our partners from the Florida Department of Transportation will provide an overview and lead a discussion about rail strategies for intercity, regional and urban rail.

ATTACHMENTS: OVERVIEW DOCUMENT ON PASSENGER RAIL

ACTION: NONE REQUESTED
Passenger rail systems move large numbers of people while reducing roadway congestion, providing safer travel options, improving air quality, and promoting economic development. They can play an important role in creating a robust multimodal transportation system and addressing the mobility needs of our growing state. Florida’s geographic profile and proximity between major urban areas are ideally suited for providing efficient and effective intercity and regional passenger rail service in multimodal corridors. The Department’s policy initiatives, new federal funding sources, and partnership opportunities have aligned to create perfect synergies to advance passenger rail in Florida.

SUCCESS FACTORS

Successful passenger rail systems from around the globe and in the US have the following characteristics:

- Activity Center Connectivity
- Service Frequency & Reliability
- Sustainable Funding
- Accessibility & Affordability
- Political Support & Community Consensus
- Multimodal Integration

GETTING THERE TOGETHER

To achieve a successful passenger rail system, communities, local and regional agencies, federal partners, railroads, and FDOT will need to collaborate on:

- Visioning & Consensus Building
- Strategic Planning
- Technical Capacity Building
- Funding & Partnership
Agenda Item 5

RAIL IN THE WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION

SUMMARY

The conversation surrounding passenger rail service in the Tampa Bay region is not new. For many years, opportunities to introduce some form of fixed-guideway transit service to our region have been explored but have not yet been implemented due to a lack of funding.

The MPOs and TBARTA will provide a brief overview of some of the concepts that have been studied in the past, highlight outstanding issues and questions surrounding the implementation of passenger rail in the region, and discuss a proposed path forward for the region to undertake to be ready to advance rail service in Tampa Bay.

ATTACHMENTS: RAIL MAP OF THE TBARTA REGION

ACTION: NONE REQUESTED
Agenda Item 6

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Members are asked to bring forward items of interest and concern to the group.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

ACTION: NONE REQUESTED
Agenda Item 7

AJOURN

SUMMARY

The schedule of meetings for calendar year 2022 were brought to the membership under agenda item 3c – Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar. The committee will have approved a date for the next meeting under that agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

ACTION: NONE REQUESTED