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Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 5:30pm. – 7:30pm

County Center, 18th Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

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Agenda

I. Call to Order & Introductions

- II. Roll Call, Declaration of Quorum, Welcome of Other TPO Board Members (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)
 - A. Vote of Consent for Remote Member Participation if applicable
- III. Public Comment 3 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes.

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IV. Approval of Minutes: April 26, 2023

V. Action Items

- A. Hillsborough County Bicycle Network Evaluation (Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff)
- B. FY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program Update (Johnny Wong, TPO Staff)

VI. Status Report

A. Updates on Fowler Avenue Studies: FDOT's PD&E, HART's Tampa Arterial BRT & Plan Hillsborough's Vision Plan (Amber Russo, Jay Collins/Alvaro Gabaldon, Jesus Peraza Garcia)

VII. Old Business and New Business

- A. Top Ten Walk/Bike Barrier Project
- B. BPAC July Workshop Planning
- C. New Plan Hillsborough Website

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Addendum

A. TPO Meeting Summary and Committee Reports

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horst called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

Members Present In-Person: Tim Horst, Jim Shirk, Katrina Corcoran, Christopher Fellerhoff, Noliyanda James, Alain Watson, Kelly Fearon, Robyn Baker, Daniel Rodriguez, Peter Davitt, John Kubicki, Victoria Klug, Martin Santiago, Sally Thompson, David Cilitti

Members Present Virtually: Jason Jackman, Faye Miller

Members Absent/ Excused: Abigail Flores, Svana Vidal, John Marsh, Karla Price, Jamie Morris, Jonathan Forbes, Wanda Vinson

Others Present: Ben Gordon, Christopher English, Jason Krzyzanowski, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Jensen Hackett, Craig Fox (FDOT); Gordon Mullen (RK&K); John Merine, Sarah Caper (Hillsborough County)

An in-person quorum was met. Alain Watson moved to approve remote participation, seconded by Jim Shirk. The voice vote passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker) (Timestamp 0:00:00 / 0:04:14) - None

III. MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Timestamp 0:04:40)

- **A.** Jim Shirk Walk Bike Tampa has an event on May 11th, details are on their Facebook page.
- **B.** Peter Davitt Critical Mass Tampa Bay on April 28th, meeting at Curtis Hixon Park.
- **C.** Katrina Corcoron the Planning Commission is updating the Unincorporated County Future Land Use, inviting everyone who lives in Unincorporated County to participate and share it. The information is on the website.
- D. Tim Horst noted the presentation on dangerous bike corridors and the possible lands that could be used. Has asked that a top 10 list be put together to be addressed. Requested each member send in 3 barriers and locations that should be addressed. This will be a discussion topic for May.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Timestamp 0:14:51) - March 22, 2023

Updated spelling of Public Comment speaker's name (corrected on 5/1/2023). Change "Grey" to "Gray" in Status Report item A. Change the spelling of "Nolyanda" to "Noliyanda" in the In-Person Attendance section. Corrections made on 4/27/2023 by the recorder, Gail Reese.

Jim Shirk moves to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Sally Thompson. The voice vote passes unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed US Bicycle Route 15 (Chris Fellerhoff, Hillsborough County) (Timestamp 0:16:03)

- Reviewed the US Bike Routes and Route 15 through the region. Went over the history of this route and the steps needed to officially adopt it. Noted that there are no specific requirements for the facilities of the routes.
- Went over the specific roads Route 15 will take through Hillsborough County.
- Went over the review process that has taken place so far and is recommending approval by the HC BPAC.

Recommended Action: To approve US Bicycle Route 15 through Hillsborough County.

Discussion:

There was discussion on how much local users would use this route and if it would be promoted. This route is for experienced riders and is not going to be promoted to local users. In the future, that may change if facilities are improved. FDOT is not in the habit of posting the US Bike Routes. There is no reason for Hillsborough County to object to the route.

Jim Shirk moved to approve US Bicycle Route 15 through Hillsborough County as presented, seconded by Sally Thompson. The voice vote passed unanimously with one abstention from Chris Fellerhoff.

VI. STATUS REPORTS

- A. US 41/CSX Grade Separation Project Development & Environment Study (Craig Fox, FDOT) (*Timestamp 0:35:45*)
 - US 41 and Causeway Blvd.
 - Went over the purpose and project need supporting truck and vehicle traffic, there are no bike lanes
 - Initially approved in May 1994 being reevaluated now
 - Review of the project location approximately 0.6 miles on Causeway and 1.3 miles on US 41
 - These are important corridors, industrial and commercial, freight networks, evacuation routes
 - Went over typical sections and the proposed typical sections Causeway will remain four-lane with additional turn lanes; US 41 will remain six-lane with widening additional turn lanes
 - Review of stormwater management
 - Went over estimated project costs
 - Consistent with 2045 LRTP

• Review of project schedule – public hearing will be June 1, 2023

Project Website: US 41/SR 45/ South 50th Street at CSX Grade Separation Design Change Reevaluation

Presentation: 440749-1 US 41 at CSX TPO Presentation (planhillsborough.org)

Discussion:

There were questions on where the bike lanes will go through and what type of facilities they will be; they will be on the frontage road. There was some discussion on how the frontage lanes will transition from the elevated area and how they will cross under the elevated area. It was noted that good lighting is going to be very important along the main road, the frontage road, and the underpasses. Clarification was provided on how the frontage road will connect to the local roads. It was noted that the intersection of US 41 and Causeway will be increased with safety measures put in place. It was requested that a graphic is in place that shows the bike/ped movements. It was brought up that signage will be important for the bike/ped users. It was asked that shared use paths are included instead of a separated bike and sidewalk facilities.

- **B.** 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 1:12:35*)
 - Went over the purpose of the needs assessment.
 - Review of performance measures: system performance, freight movement, congestion management and air quality, safety performance measures
 - Looked at the background, data selection, methodology, and tool structure.
 - Review of potential safety and operational improvements.
 - Went over the next steps summer of 2023 through 2024 and the 2050 plan adoption in November.

Presentation: 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation

Discussion:

It was asked if there are any other specific bike/ped measures in this report. Yes, they will be dependent on the type of roadway. The crash modification factor helps to understand the benefits of projects. There was discussion around the measurements in regard to improving bike/ped.

- C. City of Tampa Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Implementation (Alex Henry, City of Tampa) (*Timestamp 1:50:00*)
 - Went over the overview of the Safe Streets for All program nationwide, \$800 million, Tampa was ahead and had construction projects ready.
 - Provided a brief look at the City of Tampa Vision Zero Action Plan
 - Looked at the data behind the High Injury Network in the city.
 - Reviewed the City of Tampa award \$20 million; took a public health approach and used an equity lens.

- Looked at the project scopes quick-build improvements, safety counter measures.
 - East Tampa/ Ybor City
 - o West Tampa
 - o North Tampa
 - \circ Downtown
 - o Transit routes
- Next Steps further developing the projects, take that to the public for input, working to execute the grant agreement (approx. 1 year); a few corridors are being implemented now.

<u>Tampa – Systemic Applications for Equity (planhillsborough.org)</u>

Discussion:

There was a discussion about the schools on the list and what type of improvements were going to be made there.

VII. Old Business (Timestamp 1:39:00)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM

A recording of this meeting may be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos



Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Hillsborough County Bicycle Network Evaluation

Presenter:

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

Summary:

Committed to improving the mobility and safety of all residents, Hillsborough County and the TPO are looking to identify, evaluate, and prioritize bicycle facility needs along the County's roadway transportation network. Establishing a data-driven methodology and process to address the mobility and safety needs of people on bicycles will assist in realizing the commitment and desire to provide a safe, connected, and inviting network of bicycle facilities. As a result of this screening, four (4) corridors have been prioritized for initial conceptual design:

- Waters Avenue Sheldon Road to Veterans Expressway
- Causeway Blvd/W Lumsden Rd S Falkenburg Road to Brandon Parkway
- Shell Point Road US41 to 24thStreet SE
- Balm Riverview Road Boyette Rd to McMullen Rd

Recommended Action:

Recommend Approval to TPO Board

Prepared By:

Wade Reynolds, TPO Staff

Attachments:

Project Webpage

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Agenda Item

FY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Presenter

Johnny Wong, TPO Staff

<u>Summary</u>

Staff have prepared the annual update to the Transportation Improvement Program document for the fiscal year period of 2023/24 – 2027/28. The TIP document includes three important lists, which are integral parts of the plan and organized into the following tables:

- 1. **Existing priorities funded for construction**: under construction or have funding to begin construction within the next five years. This list also includes partially funded projects listed to show community support while they await completion.
- 2. **Candidates for new funding**: need federal and state funding because they address urgent transportation needs in the community. This list organizes projects into the appropriate investment program and ranks them in priority order based on their estimated impact on the community's goals.
- 3. All projects to be funded in the next five years: a large list of projects programmed by FDOT District 7 based on the previous year's priority list. It also catalogs all projects in local Capital Improvement Programs, even though the TPO does not control what projects appear in the CIPs. The table indicates the status of each project, what type of project it is, and the costs associated with each phase.



Staff will present the updated TIP document, including the three lists mentioned above, and describe any changes or additions made during this annual update.

The TPO Board will hold its annual public hearing to review and adopt the TIP on June 14th, 2023. Following the hearing, the TPO must submit the adopted TIP to FDOT by August 1st. Federal funds expenditure may be authorized using this TIP starting October 1, 2023.

Recommended Action

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Prepared By

Johnny Wong, PhD, TPO Staff

Attachments

- 1. <u>TIP Flyer for June 14 Public Hearing (English version)</u>
- 2. Folleto del TIP para Junio 14 Audiencia Pública (versión en Español)
- 3. DRAFT Transportation Improvement Program for FYs 2024-2028
- 4. DRAFT Table 1: Existing Priorities Funded for Construction
- 5. DRAFT Table 2: List of Candidates for Funding



Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Updates on Fowler Avenue Studies: FDOT's PD&E, HART's Tampa Arterial BRT, & Plan Hillsborough's Vision Plan

Presenters:

Amber Russo or Craig Fox, FDOT/Jay Collins or Alvaro Gabaldon, Plan Hillsborough

Summary:

There are multiple transportation and land use studies in progress in the Fowler Avenue corridor. They include the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E), Plan Hillsborough's Vision Plan, and Hillsborough Transit Authority's Tampa Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study. These studies are closely coordinated.

Staff will give an update on their respective studies as a follow-up from the introductory presentations given earlier this year and in late 2022.

For more information see the project websites:

- FDOT's Fowler PD&E <u>https://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/fowler-florida-to-56th/</u>
- HART's Tampa Arterial BRT http://gohart.org/Pages/brt-arterial.aspx
- Plan Hillsborough's Fowler Avenue Vision Study https://planhillsborough.org/fowler-avenue-vision-study/

Recommended Action:

None, for information only.

Prepared By:

Elizabeth Watkins, TPO

Attachments:

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None.

HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD HYBRID MEETING APRIL 12, 2023 DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance (Timestamp 0:05:00)

Mayor Ross, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held in person and virtually via WebEx.

II. Roll Call_ (Gail Reese, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:00:00*)

The following members were present in person: Mayor Andew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Joshua Wostal, Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Joseph Citro, Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Councilmember Guido Maniscalco, Charles Klug, Greg Slater, Angela Paye

The following members were present virtually: Board Member Jessica Vaughn, Gina Dew, Planning Commissioner Hemant Saria

The following members were absent/excused: Mayor Nate Kilton, Commissioner Gwen Myers

A quorum was met in person.

A. Vote of Consent for Remote Member Participation.

Councilmember Maniscalco moved to allow remote participation, seconded by Commissioner Cohen; the voice vote passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Ross read Chair Myers's memo of absence.

III. Approval of Minutes (*Timestamp 0:07:09*) – March 8, 2023.

Vice Chair Ross sought a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes. Councilmember Citro so moved, seconded by Commissioner Cohen; the voice vote passed unanimously.

- IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items (*Timestamp 0:00:00*) (30 minutes total, with up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via <u>Social Media</u> and <u>Email</u> can be found at the end of these minutes.
 - Michael Maurino Executive Director of the West Shore Alliance. The Alliance provides a letter in support of the TIP Amendment for the safety improvements on Boy Scout Blvd. Received a note from International Plaza also provided support. This was started by citizens of the area as the intersection is very dangerous.
 - Chris Vela Commented on regionalizing the MPOs; there is already the SCTPA Board with the regional TPO/MPOs represented in existence. The MOU is not a "check box" item, and Mr. Vela is opposed to the combining of the MPOs/TPOs. The combined MPO would allow people from Pinellas and Pasco Counties to fund projects using Hillsborough tax dollars.

- V. Committee Reports & Advance Comments (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair; Gena Torres, TPO Staff; and Beth Alden, TPO Executive Director) (*Timestamp 0:12:19*)
 - A. CAC April 5, 2023 (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair)
 - Action Items
 - TIP Amendments on the TPO Board agenda today, West Boy Scout Blvd and US 301. There was a lack of design features of the intersections provided.
 - Performance Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition Travel Time Reliability was approved. Asked TPO Staff to explore the reliability of benefits of ramp metering on limited access facilities; to consider supplementary metrics to communicate a more holistic explanation of the factors impacting congestion and reliability; and to explore the health effects of congestion for those sitting in traffic jams.
 - Put forth a resolution intended to publish the sense of the committee related to agency participation in support of requested committee action. Expect to have some action on this within a couple of months.
 - Status Reports
 - Bike Boulevard Presentation from Chris Vela. Well received and expressed appreciation of the mapping concept. Approved recommending publication of the report to the Board.
 - THEA connected vehicle pilot results
 - City of Tampa Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Implementation.

Other Committee Reports

Regarding the Board's two action items today, you've heard from the Citizens Advisory Committee, in addition, both the Technical Advisory and Intelligent Transportation Systems Committees received presentations on those two items.

The ITS Committee approved the TIP Amendment for W. Boy Scout Blvd & US 301 Traffic Signalization and Intersection Improvements with a discussion on whether signal preemption for emergency vehicles and the option of roundabouts were considered in the study.

The ITS Committee also approved the Performance Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition and for Travel Time Reliability, commenting on how traffic flow has changed after the pandemic and the target should change in the coming years.

The TAC did not attain a quorum to take action; the committee did not pose any questions or concerns on either of the action items.

Many other great presentations were heard

- FDOTs Safety Outreach on High Injury Network
- Connected Vehicles Pilot Results
- City of Tampa Quick Build Program & Safe Streets and Roads for all grant application
- Bicycle Boulevard Special Presentation
- Regional Resiliency Action Plan (RRAP)
- TPO's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (EVIP)
- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps (this one is on your agenda today)

B. Public Comments Received Through Email & Social Media (Gena Torres, TPO Staff).

No Facebook comments were received.

On Twitter, in response to a post on bus accessibility, Kevin O'Hare complimented the cover photo of "Tampa legend" Arizona Jenkins.

In response to a post about the Tampa Streetcar, Daniel Brightls asked what HARTs ridership is for the entire transit network for the same 3 months.

And in a post about Tampa ranking in the top 15th for riskiest drivers, Sarah H asked about the safety ranking for pedestrians.

Emails were exchanged with Mr. George Niemann who requested that the full correspondence is shared with the TPO Board, and indeed it is included in your folder. The subject centers around better defining what is appropriate or inappropriate to include in meeting minutes, specifically social media posts. TPO staff will be sure to exclude extraneous commentary.

Mauricio Rosas submitted 3 emails:

- 1. He shared a letter to Federal Highway from the National Association of City Transportation Officials regarding Improving Safety for All Users on Federal Aid Projects. Mr. Rosas calls specific attention to the letter highlighting:
 - In the United States, "highways" are commonly thought of as high-speed, limited access roads designed for motor vehicle travel only. However, 70% of the National Highway and Federal-aid Highway Systems is not limited-access, and millions of people live, walk or roll, ride bikes, take transit, push strollers, go to work and school on these roadways. In many places, these streets are the main streets of a community–and Federal regulation and practice contributes to making them unsafe. By overhauling regulations the U.S. can remove impediments to rapidly saving lives on some of the most dangerous streets in the country.
- 2. Mauricio also emailed his opposition to forming a regional MPO. He included into the record a 1989 report commissioned by Governor Bob Martinez highlighting:
 - MPOs should be the lead agency for public transit investment.
 - FDOT should be funding capital transit projects.
 - The local jurisdiction should have taxing authority.
- 3. Mr. Rosas' last email was regarding I-275 north of downtown, Mr. Rosas emphasized the damage the highway has had on Tampa's historic neighborhoods causing illness, death, and displacing thousands. A video link was included from the Los Angeles DOT on the inequitable, long-lasting damage to their urban core neighborhoods due to highway building.

A letter of support was received from the City of Tampa for the action item regarding the TIP amendment for intersection and pedestrian improvements at Boy Scout Blvd and Manhattan Ave. The letter speaks to the number of serious injury crashes and praises the collaboration between

the City, TPO, FDOT and the business groups and residents who have all supported this muchneeded project.

- Please note: The email Cheryl Wilkening sent to board members on April 11, 2023 is available on request.
- C. TPO Policy Committee (Beth Alden, TPO Executive Director)
 - The focus was on this year's update of the Transportation Improvement Program. There was an overview of the process; heard from the jurisdictions on the projects they would like prioritized.

VI. Consent Agenda (Timestamp 0:22:36)

A. Committee Appointments

- LRC Larry Josephson and Anna Grundmann as alternate (Hillsborough County Public Works); Rebecca Hessinger (Hillsborough County Development Services)
- BPAC Abigail Flores and John Merine as alternate (Hillsborough County Public Works); Daniel Rodriguez (HART)
- ITS Bryan Zayas (Hillsborough County)
- TAC Omar Alvarado as alternate (HART)
- CAC Steven Hollenkamp (Plant City Commission); Christina Bosworth (resident of the Wimauma area, at-large seat); Sarah Thomas (resident of the Brandon area, at-large seat); Kit Werremeyer (resident of the Valrico area, at-large seat); Chris Vela (American Indian resident, at-large seat); Chris Gonzalez (Hispanic resident, at-large seat)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Maniscalco; the voice vote passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

- A. **TIP Amendment: West Boy Scout Blvd & US 301 Traffic Signalization and Intersection Improvements** (Johnny Wong, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:22:55*)
 - Reviewed project summaries.
 - Secure federal authorization from FHWA.
 - Went over project improvements. W Boy Scout Blvd. is the top priority in the TIP priority list. Initially put on the TIP as a signal project, was reevaluated as a major safety project.
 - The improvements on US 301 were reviewed and safety implications were noted. Will align trails as well.
 - o Looked at financial breakdowns. All construction will be completed in FY24.
 - Went over Public Outreach of this amendment.
 - TAC did not have a quorum to approve but had positive comments. CAC did not approve due to a lack of design documents. ITS did approve.

Recommended Action: Approve the FY 22/23 TIP Amendment: W Boy Scout Blvd & US 301 Traffic Signalization and Intersection Improvements.

Comparative Report

Presentation: TIP Amendments April 2023

Discussion:

It was asked if the lack of information being provided to the CAC is a one-off and if that will be prevented in the future. TPO Staff is working very diligently on receiving as much documentation as possible prior to the meetings. It was asked that a presentation in the future be made on how to get signals and the warrants required. There is a manual on Uniform Traffic Devices that are required for traffic signals. Warrants can be overruled based on engineering judgment. It all comes down to the engineer's recommendation. Signals increase crashes but can mitigate severe or incapacitating crashes. It was asked if the same rules apply to two county or city roads. FDOT does not approve those, it would be the jurisdictions. FDOT would be the enforcement of the rules. It was asked if there is a list where everything is rated by where crashes occur. The TPO website has a lot of that information and can be provided. It was requested that that information be presented to the TPO Board on an annual basis.

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the TIP Amendments; seconded by Commissioner Kemp. Roll call vote passed 14 – 0.

- B. Performance Targets for Pavement & Bridge Condition and Travel Time Reliability (Connor MacDonald, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:43:40*)
 - Went over the background and due date of June 14, 2023.
 - Review of pavement and bridge condition evaluations
 - Pavement and bridge performance measures
 - Data used to calculate pavement and bridge conditions.
 - Previous Board action was in 2018 supported FDOT's targets and submitted a letter asking D7 to continue to invest in pavement & bridge conditions in order to exceed the statewide target.
 - Looked at the proportion of lane miles by maintaining agency: 59% Hillsborough County, 20% City of Tampa, 3% Plant City, 1% Temple Terrace, 17% FDOT // Proportion of bridges by maintaining agency: 50% FDOT, 33% Hillsborough County, THEA 9%, City of Tampa 4%, Turnpike Authority 2%, Other 2%.
 - Went over Pavement and Bridge Condition Measures meeting and/or exceeding in all areas.
 - TIP Projects to Improve Pavement and Bridge Condition went over the projects.
 - Travel Time Reliability system performance went over what it means and how it is measured.
 - The TPO elected to establish its own targets in 2018 as reliability is trending downward across Hillsborough County and is projected to continue in the future.
 - Went over projects to improve reliability.

Recommended Action: Approve supporting the statewide Pavement & Bridge Condition Targets; transmit letter to FDOT requesting that NHS pavements & bridges continue to be maintained in

a condition exceeding the statewide target; approve establishing the Hillsborough-specific Travel Time Reliability Targets.

Presentation Slides: <u>Performance Targets for Pavement & Bridge Condition and Travel Time</u> <u>Reliability</u>

Discussion:

It was pointed out that the presentation noted FDOT roads but the FAST Act had provisions for all roads and conditions. It was asked if the performance targets were for FDOT federal aid roads only or all federal aid roads; they are for the FDOT roads only. Clarification was asked about how Travel Time Reliability is measured. It would be collected at the same time over several weeks. It was noted that the number one impact on travel time reliability are crashes. It was brought up that the data is being collected differently by different providers. It could be from Blue Tooth-enabled devices registering on the network. Peak travel times are compared against non-peak travel times excluding holidays and weekends. It was asked if that information is available on a real-time basis. FDOT maintains the contracts with the vendors. Based on the TPO partnership, it is a lot of data and staff is using partners to assist in analyzing it. Smart cameras and lights are monitoring traffic along with the overhead notification boards. FDOT is currently in the process of redoing the signals, they have the ability to be programmed for emergency and transit prioritization both in the programming and manually. These are starting to come online now.

Commissioner Kemp moved to approve supporting the statewide Pavement & Bridge Condition Targets; transmit letter to FDOT requesting NHS pavements & bridges continue to be maintained in a condition exceeding the statewide target; approve establishing the Hillsborough-specific Travel Time Reliability Targets; seconded by Councilmember Maniscalco. The voice vote passes unanimously.

VIII. STATUS REPORTS

- A. **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps** (Vishaka Shiva Raman and Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 1:03:38*)
 - Section 1 Initial Steps
 - Provided background on what the LRTP is updated every five years and it is a twentyfive-year plan.
 - Looked at the 2020 map with the population and employment.
 - Went over the population and employment growth and projections to 2050 by jurisdictions.
 - Showed the map showing the projections of where traffic volume will be in 2050 and went over the timeline of the update.
 - The three major pieces of the update are Public Engagement, cost Feasible Scenarios (local and regional), and Forecasting System Performance in 2050
 - Reviewed the major areas, what is needed, and how much it costs. Also look at freight needs and equity needs.
 - Section 2 Revenue Forecast

- Went over how it is estimated what the community can afford federal, state, and local.
- Looked at an example of possible project funding based on specific revenues.
- Showed existing funding sources.
- Went over possible unlevied sources for future consideration.
- Showed overview of Next Steps

Presentation: 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps and Revenue Forecast

Discussion:

There was a discussion around adding a \$0.01 sales tax. It was asked if there is consideration given to EV charging and the impact of EVs on the gas tax. It was suggested that TPO Staff reach out to Tampa Bay Water so that they see the growth projections being used for the LRTP. At this time, there is no consensus on the BOCC for future funding. There are going to be discussions on the reauthorization of the CIT. The gas tax is dwindling due to EV and vehicle efficiency. There was a discussion about the regional travel demand model; that information will be part of the LRTP.

- B. **Transportation Disadvantaged Program Update** (Joshua Barber, TPO Staff and Jerry Stickney, Interim Director Hillsborough County Sunshine Line) (*Timestamp 0:00:00*)
 - Provided a review of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program
 - Went over the Sunshine Line and the services provided
 - Looked at the role of the TPO Staff
 - Review of the System Evaluation, 5-Year Trip Trend, and TD Tampa Bay
 - Went over current challenges and opportunities
- C. Role of the Policy Committee (Beth Alden, TPO Executive Director)(Timestamp 1:36:30)
 - Went over the summary of Peer MPO's Policy Committees.
 - Review of upcoming topics at the TPO Board and Policy Committee for the remainder of the year. Noted that there will be careful consideration for duplication of presentations.
 - The committee would limit public comment because the item will come back to the Board for action and public comment would be heard then.

Discussion:

There was discussion on the number of candidates being presented as semi-finalists for the Executive Director position. It was noted that it was helpful to take deeper dives on the Policy Committee for things that are of particular interest to specific members and that other Board members are welcome to attend.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Timestamp 0:00:00)

- A. May 10: cancel Policy Committee and convene Board at 9 AM.
- B. TMA Leadership Group meeting of March 24 highlights: draft MOU "Creating a Tampa MPO" to be discussed at the May 10th TPO meeting.

C. Options to accelerate executive director hiring schedule. Options are limited due to calendars.
 Could be accelerated by two weeks if there is a special meeting of the TPO Board in August.
 Decided to keep the schedule as is.

X. OLD & NEW BUSINESS (Timestamp 1:47:37)

- A. Next meeting is on May 10, 2023.
- B. It was noted that this is Councilmember Citro's last meeting. Appreciation of service was expressed.

Councilmember Citro expressed his pleasure in serving on the Board and working with TPO Staff.

Commissioner Kemp expressed gratitude for serving with Councilmember Citro on the regional TMA

Commissioner Cohen expressed thanks for serving with Councilmember Citro on the Tampa Bay Regional Council.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

The recording of this meeting may be viewed on YouTube: Meeting Recording



Committee Reports

Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on March 22

The LRC heard public comment and status reports on:

- Public Comment on 2022 Bicycle Boulevard presentation
- Bicycle Boulevard Special Presentation and Public Comment on last year's Bike Blvd)
- Walk, Bike Safety Outreach on High Injury Network with Geofencing
- Connected Vehicles Pilot Results
- City of Tampa Quick Build Program

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting on March 22

The BPAC heard status reports on:

- Bicycle Boulevard Special Presentation
 - Cal Hardie suggested that some of the proposals could be incorporated into the City of Tampa Quick Build Program
 - BPAC members asked about the potential for the proposed bike boulevard network to be expanded outside the 15-mile radius presented, and were told that this is already underway.
- City of Tampa Quick Build Program
 - Committee members pointed out that cars parking on Cass Street, particularly concrete trucks, are slowing bicyclists and pedestrians down.
 - Members also asked about the limited extent of the bike lane on the Cass Street Bridge, and were told that the lane does not extend the entire way due to the cycle track on the other side of the bridge.
 - BPAC members asked about future projects and the funding source of the project, and were informed that projects for Main Street and 14th Street are underway, and that the funding will come from grant money and CIP funds.
 - BPAC members asked if bike boulevards would be part of the project and were told that they will be; Gray Street and other projects are being worked on.

- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps
 - BPAC members had no major questions or comments on this item.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting of April 3

- The TAC did not achieve a quorum, but heard reports on the following action items:
- TIP Amendment: W Boy Scout Blvd and US 301 Traffic Signalization and Intersection Improvements
 - \circ $\,$ No questions but comments noted the need at Boy Scout and Harney Rd/US 301 $\,$
 - Performance Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition Travel Time Reliability
 - No questions or comments
- Status Reports:

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- Hillsborough TPO Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (EVIP)
 - Several questions and comments were received and answered
 - Airport has several chargers and they have heavy utilization. Also Hertz is coming into an electric heavy fleet and they will need more chargers
 - Question: Is ADA compliance required for parking spaces? Still working this out
 - Question about number of level 2 vs. 3 and why there are more level 2s.
 Answer Level 3s may be more expensive to install
 - Noted that private facilities are seeming to provide most chargers currently. The plan is for more public. Should we be pursuing grants for implementation?
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
 - Q: How do safety improvements fit with other types of projects? A: Implementing agencies try to include safety components with other types of projects as well.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting of April 5

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.