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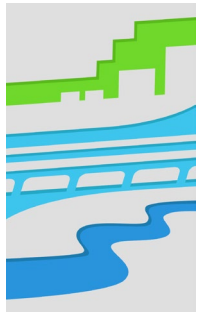
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Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

County Center, 18th Floor – Plan Hillsborough Committee Room

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum** (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)
- III. Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes.**

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- IV. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2023**

V. Action Item

- A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029 (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff and FDOT Staff)
- B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff)

VI. Status Reports

- A. 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios (Lisa Silva, TPO Staff)

VII. Old Business and New Business

- A. West Tampa Elem Painted Car Line Eagle Scout Project Flyer (Lisa Silva, TPO Staff)
- B. TAC Workshop: Roles & Designs of Arterial Streets - Ian Lockwood

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Addendum

- A. TPO Meeting Summary and Committee Reports
- B. NICR MPO Congestion Reduction Training
- C. FDOT Project Factsheet – US 301 SR 43 from S. of Balm Rd. Paseo Al Mar Blvd to S. of Whitt Rd.
- D. FDOT Project Factsheet – US 301 SR 43 Intersection Improvements at Symmes Road
- E. FDOT Project Factsheet: Median Modification at US 301 meeting flyer
- F. FDOT Project Factsheet: SR 583 N 56th Street and SR 50 Cortez Boulevard Safety Improvements at Various Locations
- G. Florida Gulf Coast Trail Logo Voting Contest

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
LIVABLE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE (LRC)
HYBRID MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

David Hey called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Cal Hardie, Yeneka Mills, Kevin O’Hare, David Hey, Emily Hinsdale, Danielle Riffenburg, Larry Josephson, Rebecca Hessinger, Jason Jackman, Glorimar Belangia, Catherine Coyle, Arizona Jenkins, Brynn Daughinais, Justin Willits

Members Absent/Excused: Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Karen Kress, Anna Quinons, Carlos Ramirez, Oona Johnsen, Melissa Collazo, Gus Ignas

Other Attendees: Lisa Silva, Jason Krzyzanowski, Gena Torres, Elizabeth Watkins, Ben Gordon, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Amber Simmons, Beneeta Jose, Johnny Wong, Harmoni McGee, Wade Reynolds, Jocelyn DanielsGail Reese (TPO Staff)

An in-person quorum was met.

II. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker) *(Timestamp 0:02:47)* – None

III. Approval of Minutes *(Timestamp 0:02:57)* – August 16, 2023.

Rebecca Hessinger moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023, seconded by Brynn Daughinais; the motion passed by voice vote.

IV. Action Item

A. Memorandum of Understanding on Creating a Tampa Bay MPO (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff)
(Timestamp 0:03:26)

- Reviewed the background of the MOU – consolidating the MPOs of Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties feasibility report as directed by the Florida State Legislator
- Looked at the Pros and Cons of a merger
- Went over a summary of the MOU – Apportionment, Governance Structure, Balancing Local and Regional Needs, Funding, Outreach, Federally Required Plans and Programs, Agreements, Existing Staff
- Looked at the proposed timeline from 2023 – end of 2026

- Reviewed the committees in each MPO
- Went over possible structures of the committees
- Reviewed the next steps for the rest of 2023

Recommendation: Recommend the Hillsborough TPO Board sign the Creating a Tampa Bay Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding.

Presentation: [Memorandum of Understanding on Creating a Tampa Bay MPO](#)

Discussion:

It was noted that having regional transportation is very important. It will help those with disabilities and bring in more jobs. Having transit ranked as a top regional priority was good to see. It was brought up that schools are a concern as they are the largest transportation element. Each of the three counties has different ways of doing things. Transportation planning around the schools will need localized planning. An observation regarding Pasco County being split by East and West was made. It was asked if there is a concern that Hillsborough and Tampa are going to be driving the merged TPO. There is a lot of trust that is going to have to be developed. It was asked if Hillsborough developed the survey. It was developed jointly between all three counties. It was questioned if this is a response to the legislation or if the counties want this. It has been both advocated for and against for many years locally and in Tallahassee. There was a discussion that losing the LRC lens would be losing a unique perspective. There was clarification that the MOU does not commit to anything. There was a question on what happens if one county doesn't agree to the MOU. A narrative could be written to explain that things are still moving or it could be dictated by Tallahassee.

Catherine Coyle moved to accept the MOU with the addition that there is school board representation of all three counties and that Livable Roadways be a committee of the merged MPO; seconded by Danielle Riffenburg. The voice vote passed with one abstention from Larry Josephson.

B. 2050 Plan Revenue Forecast (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:31:08)*

- Review of the development process: jurisdictions, operators, FDOT 2050 Revenue Forecast Handbook
- Went over CAC Feedback from the July workshop and responses
- Additional ideas were investigated but there is no statutory authority
- Looked at existing sources: estimates and projections between 2031 and 2050, for this time frame, a growth rate was applied
 - Went over the breakdown amounts
 - Went over innovative financing, local option fuel taxes, extension if CIT, transportation surtax (no sooner than 2029), Ad Valorem tax, off-street parking fees
 - Forecasted additional funding sources that would need to have legislative action
- Went over next steps

Recommended Action: Approve the 2050 Plan Revenue Forecast and forward to the TPO Board for consideration.

Presentation: [2050 Plan Revenue Forecast](#)

Technical Memo: [2050 Plan Revenue Forecast Technical Memo](#)

Discussion:

Clarification was asked about CIT being voted on by referendum; it is. All fuel taxes now have to be voted on by referendum per legislative changes. There was a question about the potential off-street parking fee and what is comprised of. It is based on parking lots owned by the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County lots and what can be used for transportation. It was noted that a tax could be implemented for all parking spaces that are off-street. People in suburban areas, people drive all day doing things and are not subject to paid parking and potential funding. Clarification was asked on how much the CIT is and how it is divided up. It was brought up that the City of Tampa moved all parking revenue to transportation instead of a parking guidance system. It was asked if the new enforcement fees could be used as a funding source. Clarification was asked about the HART revenue amount and whether or not operating costs are included in that. The HART revenue is included in various places. Operating costs are factored in.

Cal Hardie moved to approve the 2050 Plan Revenue Forecast and forward to the TPO Board for consideration, seconded by Danielle Riffenburg. The voice vote passed unanimously.

V. Status Reports

A. FDOT Resiliency Action Plan (Jennifer Carver, FDOT) *(Timestamp 0:52:45)*

- Resilience Action Plan is required by statute and focuses on the state highway facilities; will be updated and approved every three years
- Went over the implementation – has strategies, integrating into all plans and guidance, utilizing several tools
- Looked at the Federal Protect Program – funding for projects that focus on resilience
- Did an overview of the plan
 - Requirements and components
 - Coordinated with the Hazards Mitigation Plan
 - Went over the asset selection
 - Using a systemic approach and plan alignment coordination
- Went over the milestones and next steps

Action Plan: [FDOT Resilience Action Plan](#)

B. Coordinated Planning for Trails and Greenways (Ben Gordon, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 1:09:38)*

- Review of statewide initiatives.
- Went over regional trails planning history – West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee, TBARTA, Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance
- Looked at regional trail projects – Friendship Trail Bridge, Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail, Gulf Coast Trail
- Looked at countywide trail planning – Greenways Master Plan and trail studies
- Went over city-level trail planning for all three municipalities
- Looked at future opportunities – gaps in the network, TECO challenges, Tampa Bay Water

Presentation: [Working Together: Coordinated Trails Planning in Hillsborough County](#)

Discussion:

It was brought up that the Tampa Bay Water pipeline is proposed to go under the road for a majority of it in South County. It was asked if Tampa Bay Water Legal is being worked with to use some of the easement for the pipeline. This is in the early stages. It was asked if, as a county, when the agreements come up with the utilities if use of their right-of-way comes up. No, it is not part of franchise use. There was further discussion about TECCO right-of-way being used. It was asked if there has been a thought to having the utilities on this committee. It was offered to have them come as a presenter.

VI. Old Business & New Business *(Timestamp: 1:26:17)*

- A. Next meeting is on October 18, 2023
- B. HC Community and Infrastructure letter of Comment on HC Technical Design Manual
- C. Looking to bring Hillsborough County in for a landscape update; the HC landscape manual is going to be updated soon
- D. Car Free Day on September 23, 2023.
- E. National Walk to School Day is October 4, 2023

VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on YouTube: [Hillsborough County TPO YouTube Channel](#)



Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Work Program FY 2025 - 2029

Presenter:

Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff and FDOT Staff

Summary:

The Tentative Work Program includes projects scheduled for Fiscal years 2025 to 2029. FDOT staff will provide an overview of the projects within Hillsborough County listed in their draft Tentative Work Program. This presentation will focus specifically on highlighting the funded projects that will have a positive impact on either State of Good Repair & Resilience, Vision Zero, Smart Cities, Real Choices When Not Driving, or Major Investments for Economic Growth.

FDOT created a website, which functions as an online public hearing tool. The public is encouraged to visit and review the draft Tentative Work Program and provide comments. The comment period will be open from October 23 to November 13, 2023. Additionally, FDOT will host an Open House on **Thursday, October 26, 2023**, from **9:00 am to 6:00 pm** at the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7 office (11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612). Information regarding the online public hearing and the Work Program can be found by visiting: <https://www.d7wpph.com/>.

Once the comment period is closed, the Tentative Work Program will be reviewed by the Florida Legislature and the Governor. If there is support, then the Work Program will be adopted by the State Secretary of Transportation on July 1, 2024.

Recommended Action:

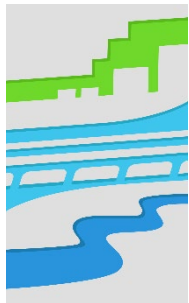
None; for informational purposes only.

Prepared By:

Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff

Attachments:

None.



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation

Presenter:

Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff

Summary:

Funding secured from the Federal Highway Administration's *Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2)* was used to develop a Project C11 tool to assist MPOs with transportation investment planning. The C11 is a post-processor sketch planning tool used to evaluate the economic, safety, and travel time reliability benefits of transportation improvement projects.

TPO staff and its consultant used the C11 tool to update the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation. Using 2050 forecasted population and vehicle volume data from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model, the C11 tool applied a series of algorithms to those model results and estimated future crashes, minutes of delay, and travel reliability for major roads across the county. This analysis yielded a list of corridors expected to perform poorly in each of those categories.

TPO staff then tested the impacts of applying safety and reliability treatments to each poorly performing corridor to determine which needs could be addressed given the amount of funding available.

Results from this needs assessment will be incorporated into the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and will inform both performance target-setting and Transportation Improvement Program project prioritization.

Recommended Action:

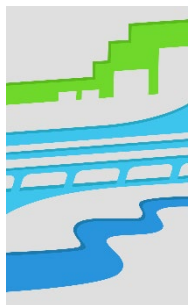
Approve the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation.

Prepared By:

Johnny Wong, PhD, TPO Staff

Attachment:

1. [Draft Report](#)
2. [Presentation slides](#)



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2050 Plan Revenue Forecast and Initial Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios

Presenter:

TPO Staff

Summary:

This is a preliminary presentation and discussion of the 2050 Plan Cost Feasible Plan scenarios.

Traditionally, an LRTP includes various Cost Feasible Scenarios to illustrate long range investments that could be funded within the constraints of forecasted revenues. For example, the 2045 LRTP included just two scenarios: “Current Trend” and “Current Trend plus Sales Surtax”, whereas the 2040 LRTP considered many performance and financial scenarios as options for the community to advance transportation investments.

Staff is seeking input from the TPO Board to help formulate initial scenarios to be considered in development of the 2050 LRTP. Initial scenarios serve as a beginning point to open conversations about what performance is desired and what revenue sources may be needed to achieve that.

To be considered “cost feasible,” the Plan must demonstrate that future costs can be funded with funding available through 2050. Therefore, the investment programs identify available funding allocated to:

- **Good Repair & Resiliency** includes pavement & bridge maintenance, transit asset maintenance, stormwater and resiliency projects;
- **Vision Zero** includes safety projects for walking, biking, and driving;
- **Smart Cities** includes reliability and congestion projects like advanced traffic management and intersection improvements;
- **Real Choices When Not Driving** includes transit and disadvantaged services, and trails; and
- **Major Projects** includes specific capacity and fixed-guideway projects for economic growth.

Goods movement and equity are also being assessed and incorporated into the investment programs.

The final 2050 Plan will be adopted at a public hearing in October 2024.

Recommended Action:

None, for information only.



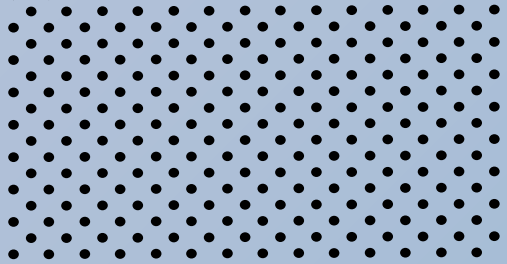
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Attachments:

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December 4, 2023

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Ian Lockwood

Livable Transportation
Engineer



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**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
HYBRID MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance *(Timestamp 0:05:07)*

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 08:31 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 0:09:23)*

The following members were present: Commissioner Gwenn Myers, Mayor Andrew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Joshua Wostal, Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Alan Clendenin, Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Councilmember Guido Maniscalco, Mayor Nate Kilton, School Board Member Jessica Vaughn, Charles Klug, Gina Dew, Greg Slater, Scott Drainville, Planning Commissioner Hemant Saria

The following members were absent/excused: None

A quorum was met in person.

III. Approval of Minutes *(Timestamp 0:10:52) – August 9, 2023.*

Chair Myers sought a vote to approve the August 9, 2023 minutes. The voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment On Agenda Items *(Timestamp 0:06:07)* (up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via [Social Media](#) and [Email](#) can be found at the end of these minutes.

Rick Fernandez – TPO CAC Chair Pointed out that the CAC conducted a straw poll to determine the committee's TPO Executive Director Candidate preference. Dr. Johnny Wong emerged as the number one candidate among the candidate pool being considered by the TPO Board. Personally, he believes that the recommendation should carry great weight. It was noted that the unique and valuable role of the CAC is captured in your backup materials for agenda item 5A. Quote read from this item. It was expressed that the CAC and TAC are required committees. The CAC plays a valuable role in the TPO ecosystem. The CAC membership has been appointed by the TPO Board to represent them or their agency and each member of the CAC must be approved by the Board. The CAC is the direct line to the community and Dr. Wong is the liaison to the committee. Mr. Fernandez has come to know Dr. Wong over the course of five years. Although they may have disagreements, he knows his business, is excellent in his public-facing roles, and has earned Mr. Fernandez's trust. It is his opinion that Dr. Wong has earned this career advancement and that the TPO and the public will benefit greatly from his leadership.

V. Consent Agenda *(Timestamp 0:10:04)*

A. Committee Appointments

- CAC – Christine Acosta by Councilmember Maniscalco

- ITS – Tim Garrett, as an alternate by THEA

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

Greg Slater asked to remove Tim Garrett from the Consent Agenda as he is in a new role. Commissioner Owen so moved, seconded Councilmember Maniscalco. The voice vote passed unanimously.

VI. Action Items

A. Local Government Comments regarding MOU on Creating a Tampa Bay MPO (Beth Alden, TPO Executive Director) (Timestamp 0:11:34)

- TMA Leadership Group meeting September 22, 2023. Will be discussing the merger of the three MPOs.
- Reviewed the history of the MOU and input from the three counties.
- Went over the feedback from the four local governments after going over the MOU with them.
- Edits to the MOU are in the agenda packet and would like approval to bring them back.
- Went over the edits
 - Striking language about FDOT committing funds to support the MPOs financially after a merger as it is no longer necessary. The three base funding amounts will be kept until the formula is revisited in 10 years, after the new census.
 - Add that the regional MPO will continue to serve local needs
 - Add that some cities and towns that are too small to have a seat on the regional board, a mechanism will be put into place to ensure that they have a vote in the decisions
 - Added language to allow the largest cities in the three counties to take formal action prior to moving forward with regionalization
 - Add a new clause regarding public engagement and access to the new board.

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed edits to the draft MOU for the purpose of discussion at the TMA Leadership Group Meeting.

Discussion:

Under the assumption that all three MPOs agree to the MOU, it was asked what happens after that. All three MPOs will have to do a study. It is recommended that the legislature be asked for funding for the study. It is also recommended that a third-party facilitator/ organizational consultant be hired to facilitate the study. This will start a three-year process for a merger. It was noted that Hillsborough County needs to lean into this more so that the other counties do not drive the decisions. It cannot wait until everything is perfect. Mayor Ross suggested a special committee be appointed to work on this with the other counties. It was brought up that operating in the face of fear is not a good idea. It was noted that more bureaucracy and a bigger government can result in much larger challenges. When you try to do too much with too little, you don't do anything well. Councilmember Clendenin agreed that additional due diligence needs to be done on this. It was offered as a point of information that the City of Tampa's approval will be required

to approve the consolidated MPO as the county's largest city, per federal statute. The language extends this to the largest cities in Pinellas and Pasco. There was discussion around recognizing the bigger picture in the regional area. Additional information was asked about the federal statute and how the merger is ratified. It was asked if the City of Tampa could choose to not certify. This MOU is not a decision to merge, it is a study of concepts of a merger. If the MOU is approved, it will be studied over the next three years. At the end of that time, the City of Tampa will have to be a party to the designation. If they do not approve it at that time, the designation will remain the same. It was reiterated that members of this board need to be designated to engage in the study. But directions from the board must be provided. The TPO Board needs to get ready to engage and discuss the overall direction. It was noted that if the studies ended up in something that the City of Tampa can't support, then it isn't a good merger proposal anyway.

Mayor Ross moved to approve the proposed edits to the draft MOU for the purpose of discussion at the TMA Leadership Group Meeting, seconded by Commission Kemp. The voice vote passed with one Nay from Councilmember Maniscalco.

B. TIP Roll Forward and Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendments (Connor Trejos-MacDonald, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:35:02)*

- Went over the TIP and Work Program Timeline
- Review of what a "Roll Forward" Amendment is
- FDOT requested Roll Forward Amendment 2023 to roll 3 projects into FY2024: Kennedy Blvd Resurfacing and the I-4 Eastbound and Westbound Weigh Station Truck Parking
- Went over the Water Works Park Sidewalk Gaps Amendment including project area, anticipated start of construction in late 2024, costs, and public outreach

Recommended Action: Approve the Roll Forward and Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendments to the FY23/24 TIP.

Presentation: [TIP Roll Forward and Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendments](#)

Discussion:

It was asked where the funding for the sidewalk was coming from. It is one of the new federal grant programs, Carbon Reduction.

Councilmember Clendenin moved to approve the Roll Forward and Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendments to the FY23/24 TIP, seconded by Councilmember Maniscalco. The roll call vote passed 15 – 0.

VII. TPO Executive Director Recruitment Finalist Interviews – Part 2 *(Timestamp 0:41:38)*

A. Three facilitated interviews (Methan Betourney, TPO Staff)

Six questions were pre-prepared and asked of each candidate

[\(Questions and blank scoring sheet located at the end of the minutes\)](#)

- **Johnny Wong** (*Timestamp 0:42:19*)

Questions from the TPO Board were asked by

- Councilmember Maniscalco
- Commissioner Wostal
- Commissioner Cohen
- Councilmember Clendenin
- Charles Klug
- Commissioner Kemp
- Commissioner Owen
- Councilmember Hurtak

- **Vinod Sandanasamy** (*Timestamp 1:33:27*)

Questions from the TPO Board were asked by

- Commissioner Owen
- Councilmember Hurtak
- School Board Member Vaughn
- Charles Klug

- **Stephen Benson** (*Timestamp 2:20:35*)

Questions from the TPO Board were asked by

- Councilmember Maniscalco
- Commissioner Cohen
- Councilmember Hurtak
- Councilmember Clendenin
- Commissioner Owen
- Commissioner Wostal
- Charles Klug

VIII. Return to Regular Business During Score Tabulation

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Timestamp 2:59:35*)

- In the Board folder received on 9/12/2023, there are the updated committee reports from the past month; the quarterly invoice report on planning grants; and there is a concept to apply for a federal grant (Smart XX Grant), proposal in submitting with Hillsborough County to address Lithia Pinecrest.
- Tri-county TMA Leadership Meeting is Friday 9/22 at FDOT District 7
- Cleared a number of topics from the agenda today. Suggest that the TPO Board convene at 8:30 AM in October to begin the 2050 Plan groundwork. Kicks off the discussion of the Board's priorities for the LRTP.

B. OLD & NEW BUSINESS (*Timestamp 3:03:26*)

- Mayor Ross thanked people for supporting the Executive Director selection process: Beth Alden, Meghan Betourney, Melissa Zornitta, Gail Reese, and Cheryl Wilkening. Commissioner Owen thanked Mayor Ross
- Commissioner Kemp – asked if Ms. Alden has a retirement party plan. Ms. Alden will share it with the TPO Board.
- Commissioner Owen – asked staff to include a new interchange in south county north of the Manatee line in the 2050 Plan update.
- FDOT – US 301 PD&E Study (Brian Hunter, FDOT District 7): provided an update on the study. Re-evaluated the plan for US 301, held a second public hearing; incorporated a lot of changes suggested by the TPO Board. Reviewed those changes.

Discussion:

It was asked what needs to happen in order for this project to be re-prioritized. The TPO Board asked FDOT to focus on safety. They have done that as quicker fixes. For the long term, this would need to be considered on the LRTP. It was noted that the additional homes being built at the top end of US 301 were approved many years ago, but the developer chose not to build them at that time

C. The next meeting is October 11, 2023, at 8:30 AM on the 26th Floor of County Center.

IX. The final candidate decision (*Timestamp 3:28:42*): rankings have Johnny Wong with the highest 477, Stephen Benson second 432.5, and Vinod Sandanasamy third 343.5. Mayor Ross went over the possible outcomes: the Board could pick none of the candidates; the Board could pick only one candidate; the Board could choose their ranked picks and negotiate with them in that order until an agreement is reached. Mayor Ross asked the TPO Board to pick a number one and number two candidate and authorize staff to negotiate with number two without coming back to the Board if necessary.

Councilmember Maniscalco moved to select Dr. Wong as the first choice and Mr. Benson as the second choice should the first choice not materialize, seconded by Mayor Kilton. The motion passed 14 – 2

Discussion:

Councilmember Maniscalco spoke about the qualifications of each of the candidates. Noted that Mr. Benson is a great asset to the City of Tampa and the city would hate to lose him. Dr. Wong is his first choice and Mr. Benson is his second. Councilmember Clendenin advocated for Mr. Benson as the first choice and noted that Dr. Wong would be a good second choice. Councilmember Hurtak advocated for Mr. Benson as the first choice. Noted that Dr. Wong had the most limited breadth of knowledge. Commissioner Owen advocated for Dr. Wong and that he stood out as the candidate ready to hit the ground running. Commissioner Wostal noted that you don't want to hire someone fully qualified but someone who can grow into the role. He advocated for Dr. Wong. Commissioner Kemp appreciated all three candidates and their experience. Is comfortable supporting the point system. Commissioner Cohen noted that he wishes to consent to the will of the TPO Board. There is clarity in the rankings. School Board Member Vaughn noted that this is a

hard decision. Appreciates rank choice voting and supports the methodology. Planning Commissioner Saria asked for clarification on how the vote is going to go on this motion. Mayor Ross thanked the Board for their discussion. Noted these are three candidates that could easily fill this position. Noted that Dr. Wong spoke strongly in all three interviews about the development of the staff. Councilmember Clendenin noted that someone could have scored very low and he is not comfortable accepting the numbers from the top to the bottom without analysis of the breakdown. Expressed concerns regarding decisions being made on numerical value alone. Ms. Betourney noted that this tabulation was done with straight adding and tabulating. The numbers help start the discussion and it is never a fully objective process.

Councilmember Clendenin offered a substitute motion to include for rank choice voting the 1,2,3 versus the numerical scores, seconded by School Member Vaughn. The motion failed 12 – 4

Discussion:

There was a discussion on the ranking and how the Board should vote.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM

The recording of this meeting may be viewed on YouTube: [Meeting Recording](#)

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Use the following scale to rate each question. Circle the rating that you feel best describes the candidate's ability to address the question. You may write any additional comments under each rating scale. Add each question score to get a total score for the candidate and write on last page where indicated.

Rating	Rating standard
1 Low	<p><i>Candidate's response contained very few of the desired behaviors. Either the behaviors they discussed were not at, or even close to, the level indicated in desired behaviors, or the person did not give you enough information for you to have confidence that they have that competency at the level needed for success.</i></p>
2 Low-Moderate	
3 Moderate	<p><i>Candidate's response covered some of the desired behaviors, but not quite at the level that would be ideal for that competency. Still, the quality of the person's answers leads you to believe that they would be successful with some additional exposure and/or training.</i></p>
4 High-Moderate	
5 High	<p><i>Candidate's response contained many, if not all, of the desired behaviors. Their responses indicate well-developed skills and aptitude for that competency, which would most likely lead to job success. The person's responses are of superior quality for this job.</i></p>

1. The TPO Board is comprised of members of various organizations who often have different priorities. How would you balance these priorities and synthesize them into a unified strategy? How will you listen to the voices of all stakeholders while preventing a vocal minority from taking over?

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

2. Today's employment market is extremely competitive; please share with us the strategies you intend to use to attract and retain top talent.

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

3. Most, but not all, of the funds that support this TPO are federal and state grants dedicated to planning. Please share with us how you intend to prioritize the funding needs of the organization while still meeting the needs of the community.

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

4. Please share with us your plans for establishing diversity amongst the leadership team.

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

5. Share with us your thoughts on the proposed merger. What challenges do you anticipate and how will you address them?

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

6. How well do you know the mission and vision of the TPO? Give an example of a project you will consider that meets the mission and vision of the TPO.

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

7. The strength of response to additional Board questions.

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Low-Moderate	Moderate	High-Moderate	High

Total Points _____



Committee Reports

Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on August 16

The LRC heard status reports on:

- 2050 Needs Assessment for Equity
- Hillsborough County Transportation Design Manual Update
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Major Projects and Brainstorming

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting August 23

The BPAC approved action items:

- ✓ Memorandum of Understanding on Creating a Tampa Bay MPO
 - This item led to discussion not just about the MOU directly, but also about the relative merits of an MPO merger.
 - Members expressed a desire for committees to stay local to maximize community input and accommodate BPAC members who rely on bicycles and transit.
- ✓ BPAC Top Ten Project Finalization
 - There was a discussion on how to break ties for locations that received the same average rating. Staff will bring crash numbers and Level of Service data to assist with this.

The BPAC meeting heard status reports on:

- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity
- Parking Policy Ideas from “Shoupista” perspective
- Hillsborough County Transportation Design Manual Update

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Meeting August 25

The TDCB approved action items:

- ✓ Memorandum of Understanding on Creating a Tampa Bay MPO roll call vote 12-0 in favor.
- ✓ Election of Officer – Councilmember Gil Schisler appointed Vice Chair; Member at Large Position is now vacant.

The TDCB heard status reports on:

- Hurricane Season Briefing from Emergency Management
- Section 5310 Grant Program Update
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving
- Ride Guide Update
- Sunshine Line Update
- HART Update

New Business:

- New TDCB TPO Staff Liaison, Wally Gallart was introduced.
- Upcoming TDCB meeting changed from October 27th to October 13th.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting of September 6

The CAC had another well-attended meeting on the evening of September 6th.

The committee approved the action item:

- TIP Roll Forward and Water Works Part Sidewalk Gap Amendments

Following a concise presentation, there were no questions regarding the routine Roll Forward Amendment and only a few questions pertaining to the Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendment. One member sought general information on the average cost per mile of a sidewalk construction as well as specific information about how many linear feet of sidewalk will be constructed near Water Works Park. Other members raised questions about the extent of project coordination among FDOT, TPO staff, and the City of Tampa regarding the source of funding for project design and coordination with the City's Ashley Drive project. Prior to the action, some members reiterated their desire for affected agencies to attend committee meetings to answer detailed questions.

The CAC voted to table the following action item until October:

- 2050 Plan Revenue Forecast

A lengthy discussion ensued following this presentation and several members offered suggestions for the TPO to explore additional innovative financing instruments including vehicle emissions testing, a range of public-private partnership strategies, and others. A few members expressed interest in using the forecasts to demonstrate underinvestment in the transit system and asked how transit could be satisfactorily addressed in the forthcoming LRTP. Finally, one member asked a number of detailed questions about the data sources informing the revenue estimates and about a difference between the 2045 and 2050 forecasts. TPO staff will coordinate with the member to respond to any questions and return in October for a follow-up.

The committee approved the following action items without much discussion:

- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation

The committee approved the following action item:

- Hillsborough TPO Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (EVIP)

Following up from a presentation in August, the presenter returned to the CAC to demonstrate how the committee's concerns had been addressed in the Plan. While all of the comments received are documented in the draft plan, a sample of the primary concerns are noted here:

- In the previous month, some members expressed concern that EV parking requirements may increase the number of spaces needed. Staff resolved this by modifying language to recommend a reduction in minimums in exchange for charger-equipped spaces.
- Members inquired whether TECO had participated in plan development. While TECO had participated in stakeholder meetings, TPO staff further documented their involvement and shared plan recommendations with TECO, which did not express any concerns.
- A concern was raised about EV infrastructure increasing the cost of multifamily residential developments and, therefore, impacting housing affordability. TPO staff modified plan language to emphasize that this recommendation is non-binding and needs to be considered by local government staff prior to adoption into Land Development Codes.

The Committee Chair then excused the committee liaison and moderated a brainstorming session for members to discuss their approach to the Executive Director candidate meet and greet on September 12th.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting of September 11

The TAC approved the following Action Items:

- TIP Roll Forward and Water Works Park Sidewalk Gap Amendments
 - Members noted that this project had been requested by neighborhoods east of the project to provide better access to the Riverwalk
- 2050 Plan Revenue Forecast
 - Members noted that gas tax proceeds are likely to decline over time and asked how this was accounted for in the plan.
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
 - It was noted that the analysis is largely based on Arterial roadways, which are disproportionately State roads.
- Hillsborough TPO Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (EVIP)
 - The EVIP was brought back to the Committee to respond to questions posed at the previous meeting. Concerns over parking requirements and the availability of utilities to provide adequate power were provided.



NICR MPO Congestion Reduction Training

Good afternoon,

The National Institute for Congestion Reduction (NICR) has announced the arrival of brand-new training program designed especially for MPO Board members!

This FREE training program consists of five self-paced video lessons and an in-depth training manual. Videos can be watched alone or MPO staff can use the video/training manual combo to educate their MPO Board members. The facilitator-led training section includes a variety of suggestions for hosting training sessions both in-person and virtually.

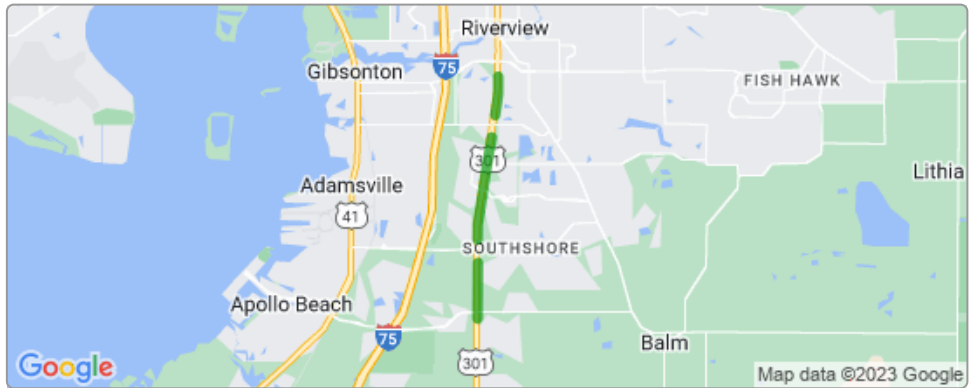
The first three videos provide background necessary to understand the role and responsibility of the MPO. The last two focus on the nature of congestion, techniques for reducing or mitigating congestion, and the MPO role in managing congestion.

This training program was funded through the National Institute for Congestion Reduction (NICR) and created by faculty at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) with guidance from staff at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and the Florida MPO Advisory Council (MPOAC). The training is specifically designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of MPO Board members.

To access the training program, please visit the [NICR MPO Congestion Reduction Training YouTube Channel](#).

US 301/SR 43 from S. of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to S. of Whitt Rd. 445936-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Resurfacing, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Also included are associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
Phase	Design
Limits	From south of Balm Rd./Paseo Al Mar Blvd. to south of Whitt Rd.
Length	4.771 Miles
City	Riverview
County	Hillsborough
Road	US 301
Design Cost	\$1.48M



About

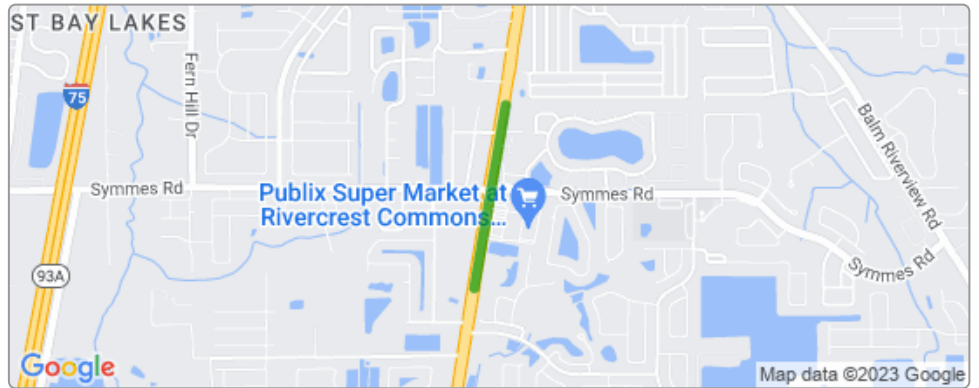
The purpose of this RRR project is to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement through milling and resurfacing. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

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US 301/SR 43 Intersection Improvements at Symmes Road 445392-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Rigid Pavement Reconstruction, Traffic Signals, and Signing/Pavement Markings. Associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
Phase	Design
Limits	Intersection of US 301/Symmes Rd, extending along US 301 from one quarter-mile south of Symmes Rd to one quarter-mile north of Symmes Rd
Length	.530 Miles
City	Riverview
County	Hillsborough
Road	US 301
Design Cost	\$482000



About

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the intersection of US301 at Symmes Rd. with rigid pavement to provide a sustainable pavement with a longer service life. The work also includes minor drainage improvements, bringing ADA features into conformance with current standards, and perform general safety modification work.

Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Summer 2024.

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Median Modification at US 301



US 301 at Cowley Road/SR 43 From South of Balm Road/
Paseo Al Mar Boulevard to South of Whitt Road
Hillsborough County, Florida

FPID: 445936-1

YOU'RE INVITED Public Meeting

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Public Meeting for the proposed median modifications on US 301 at Cowley Road, Riverview, Hillsborough County, Florida. The public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

FDOT is proposing improvements to the US 301 intersection at Cowley Road by adding a permanent directional median opening replacing the current temporary configuration. The median will improve safety for drivers traveling to Cowley Road from US 301.

To allow for maximum participation, the public meeting will be held in two formats including online and at an in-person location. The information presented will be identical at all options.

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for Project Details



Project Limits and Meeting Location



TWO MEETING OPTIONS

In-Person

October 3, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Parking lot at South Bay Church

13498 US-301 S, Riverview, FL 33578

Attendees will have the opportunity to view project information provided by FDOT and submit comments and feedback.

Online Virtual

Starting at 5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2023

A link for the online Virtual Component will be posted on the project website

www.fdottpabay.com/project/991/445936-1-52-01

Virtual information materials will remain online for viewing. Comments can be submitted online through October 13, 2023.

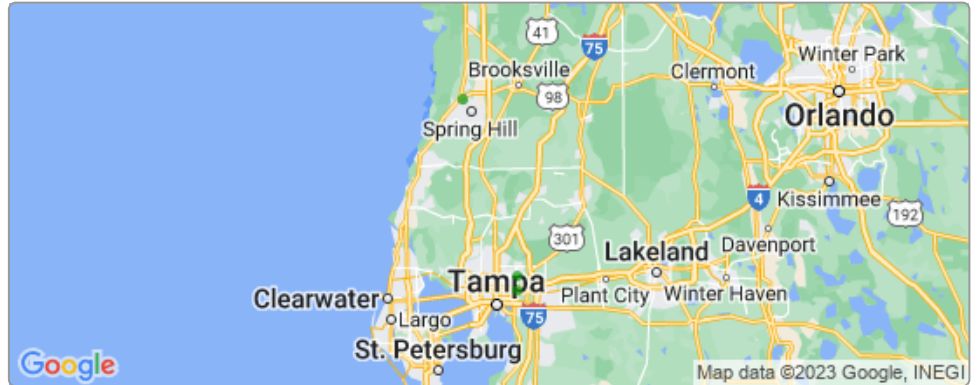
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SR 583/N 56th Street and SR 50/Cortez Boulevard Safety Improvements at Various Locations 452412-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Resurfacing, Sidewalk, Traffic Signals, Signing/Pavement Markings, and Lighting. Also included are associated drainage, ADA, and safety improvements.
Phase	Design
Limits	At North 56th Street at East Lake Mall Entrance; North 56th Street at Temple Heights Road; and Cortez Boulevard at Deltona Road
Length	4.554 Miles
City	Spring Hill Tampa
County	Hernando Hillsborough
Road	56th St Cortez Blvd
Design Cost	\$309,000



About

This project consists of safety improvements at three separate intersections.

The safety improvements entail providing missing crosswalks at the intersections of 56th St./East Lake Mall (Net Park), and 56th St./Temple Heights Road in Tampa, as well as the intersection of SR 50/Cortez Blvd. at Deltona Blvd in Spring Hill.

Improvements include the installation of crosswalk striping, median reconfiguration, ADA compliant ramps, pedestrian signals, lighting, and milling and resurfacing as needed to replace pavement markings.

**Please see project map images below for specific safety improvement locations.

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