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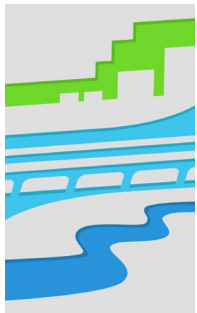
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Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:00PM – please log on at 5:45p to test audio
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| I. Call to Order & Introductions | 6:00 |
| II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum (Gail Reese, TPO staff) | |
| III. Chairman's Request: <i>Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate; and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.</i> | |
| IV. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, please | 6:10 |
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| V. Chair's Report | 6:15 |
| VI. Minutes | |
| A. Approval of Minutes (November 1, 2023) | 6:20 |

- VII. Action Items**
 - A. [2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving](#) (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) 6:25
 - B. [2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Good Repair and Resilience](#) (Dr. Pedro Serigos, Cambridge Systematics) 6:45
 - C. [2024 Draft Meeting Calendar](#) (Gena Torres, TPO Staff) 7:05
- VIII. Unfinished Business & New Business**
 - A. Next CAC Meeting January 3rd
- IX. Members' Interests & Future Topic Requests** 7:15
- X. Adjournment** 7:30
- XI. Addendum**
 - A. [TPO Summary and Committee Reports](#)
 - B. [Attendance Roster](#)
 - C. [Hands Free Florida Flyer](#)
 - D. [FDOT Project Factsheet – Water Works Sidewalk Gap Various Locations](#)

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

I. Call to Order

Chair Rick Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introductions (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)

Members Present: Bill Roberts, Rick Fernandez, Jim Davison, Hoyt Prindle, Michael Decker, Joseph Citro, Aiah Yassin, Steven Hollenkamp, Dayna Lazarus, Matt Sienk, Artie Fryer, Don Skelton, Terrance Trott, Hodges William, Joshua Frank, Christina Bosworth, Chris Vela, Greg James, Chris Gonzalez

Members Excused or Absent: Carolyn Brown, Christine Acosta, Ed Mierzejewski, Ilia Lachinov, Chris Vela, Sarah Thomas

Others Present: Gena Torres, Michael Rempfer, Elizabeth Watkins, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Wade Reynolds, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Suzanne Monk, Brian Hunter (FDOT D7); Siao Si Fine, Katina Kavouklis

An in-person quorum was met.

Members must be in person to vote on Action Items.

III. Chairman's Request: Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.

IV. Public Comment (*Timestamp 0:04:57*)

- A. Jose Ramirez** – Likes the bike lanes in the downtown area, particularly the Cass Street bicycle track. He would like to see more bike/ped facilities around the county, specifically in the area of Tampa Stadium. He also supported more connected trails, like extending Flatwoods into Pasco County.

V. Chair's Report (Rick Fernandez, Chair CAC) (*Timestamp 0:07:52*)

- A.** Last month, there was a suggestion of surveying committee members on their desired meeting day and time for 2024. The votes supported the CAC committee continuing to meet at the County Center on the 18th Floor on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.
- B.** Among the action items last month, the CAC approved the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity. It is on the TPO Board's agenda in November. Encouraged members to go to the TPO Board for public comment on November 8th.

VI. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2023 (Timestamp 0:10:44)

Joseph Citro moved to approve the minutes for October 4, 2023; seconded by Jim Davison. The voice vote passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

A. SCTPA Regional Priorities for Major Projects (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:11:38)

- Looked at the Tampa Bay Regional area including the urbanized area, CCC region, and SIS regional roads
- Went over the Regional Priorities
 - Developed annually, major projects that advance the RL RTP
 - Reviewed projects funded from collective support
 - Reviewed the 2023 unfunded priorities
 - Went over the new unfunded priorities

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed list of projects to be presented to the Sun Coast Transportation Alliance at its December 1st meeting.

Presentation: [SCTPA Major Regional Priorities](#)

Discussion:

It was asked if it is possible to break up the list or if it is voted on as a complete list. Staff answered that it is usually voted on as a complete list. There was interest in suggesting new priorities to add to the list. The projects should be regional in nature and preferably already in the LRTP or TIP. A CAC member agreed that the new project for the regional passenger rail transit connection is something coming to our area in the future and they remarked that a multi-modal hub would be needed to allow passengers to continue on their trip using other modes of transportation. It was brought up that Amtrak isn't going anywhere either. It was asked if this project is different from Brightline and if it would be a third operator. The intention behind this is that the region is open to passenger rail service regardless of the provider. It was brought up that most of the projects are related to cars and highways; it was suggested that connecting the bike trails as Pinellas has done would be a good idea for the region. It was asked who proposed the regional priorities and why none are major bike/ped. It was also asked when it would be before the Hillsborough TPO and if it would be appropriate for them to propose specific projects. The projects come from the local MPO/TPO TIP and LRTP projects. Projects need to have some sort of planning done before going on this list. It was recommended that projects that have not had some planning can be brought up during the Work Program. SUNTrail is the primary funding source for the multimodal trails and side paths that do not fall under the major projects. It was asked when this will go before the TPO Board; at a special meeting on November 17th. It was asked if there is time for new projects to be added before the November 17th meeting. Yes, this is the time. It was asked if the projects are submitted by Staff or the Board. For this cycle, working with Staff would be appropriate and/or speaking with a member's elected or appointed. This will be voted on by the TPO Board. It was brought up that the Streetcar Extension is not on this list and is regionally significant, it is partially funded, and there is a sponsor. Clarification was asked on the Regional Rapid Transit on I-275; now that TBARTA doesn't exist, FDOT D7 is the temporary owner and holding the project for a local owner.

Terrance Trott moved to approve the proposed list of projects with the amendment to add the Streetcar Extension to the list to be presented to the Sun Coast Transportation Alliance at its December meeting; seconded by Steven Hollenkamp. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 11 – 0.

Dayna Lazarus offered an amendment to add the Streetcar Extension to the list, seconded by Joseph Citro. The amended motion passes by roll call vote 11 – 0

It was asked how additional projects be added for the next cycle. It would need to be brought up for the Work Program. Staff will discuss it and see how to move it forward. This committee needs to start thinking about the multi-modal hub now. It was brought up that there has been a mock-up presented and it was asked if it could be brought back to the committee.

Chair Fernandez passed the gavel to Steven Hollenkamp (VC).

Rick Fernandez moved to remove the Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor from the 2023 Unfunded Priorities list; seconded by Joseph Citro. The motion fails by roll call vote 6 – 5

It was asked why this amendment was made. He doesn't feel it makes any sense and is a losing proposition. Feels it needs to be removed. It was noted that this project is a hidden interstate expansion, it is bad transit, it is designed to fail and once the work that is needed is done and the route fails, the lanes will be brought back to FDOT as vehicle lanes. It was brought up that BRT is typically successful when it is at grade and not elevated. It was noted that elevated BRTs have been successful in other cities and burning the bridge now, out of fear, for an unfunded project is not necessary. It was asked if this will be adding a lane to I-275 for bus use only. That was a proposal at one time under TBARTA. FDOT clarified that it would not be an additional lane it would be hardening the shoulder and allowing the bus use. It was brought up that the people that will benefit most do not live around I-275. The study was done by TBARTA. The BRT would operate in regular lanes and express lanes until the speed drops below a certain threshold. At that point, the bus can operate on the shoulder but not exceed 15 mph over the through traffic. It was asked how this can be classified as a BRT project when it will operate in mixed lanes. It was expressed that this design is bad transit, stations will need to be built, it has challenges with ADA, and often the buses have to jump back into traffic. It was noted that this committee continues to ask for additional transit and this motion is striking transit from a priority list.

B. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Turnpike Enterprises (FTE) Tentative Work Program FY 2025 – 2029 (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff; Brian Hunter, FDOT and FTE Staff) *(Timestamp 1:04:19)*

- Went over what the Tentative Work Program is, when it starts and ends, and where it is now
- Reviewed the programming strategy – preserve existing, fund next phases, add new; MPO/TPO priorities, regional priorities, FDOT/SIS priorities
- Looked at new projects, newly funded project phases, deferred projects, projects of interest
- Went over the funding
- Went over the timeline

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of the FDOT Tentative work programs to the TPO Board for consideration.

Presentation: [FDOT & FTE Tentative Work Program](#)

Discussion:

The committee thanked FDOT for being at this meeting and presenting this item in person. It was brought up that the documents that go to the committees, and an explanation of the acronyms, would be appreciated and helpful. It was asked how many of the projects are road widening. No. The Plant City project is in Phase 1, it was asked where that is. Snowden to Cherry. It was asked if the delay of the Gibsonton and I-75 interchange could be moved up. Clarification was asked about the sidewalk gap projects and if they are related to the schools. No, they are around the state highway system. Working with the TPO for prioritization. It is an additional investment. Clarification was asked about the resurfacing funding and why it is different from the TPO. It was asked what defines a Complete Streets project with FDOT. It is when bike/ped accommodation is specifically being added. It does not include projects where the improvements are included in the overall design. For the I-275 interchange to I-4, it was asked if the interior lanes are a done deal with the design. No, these are two separate projects, and the final judgment is not complete. It was noted that at the off-ramp of I-275 onto Floribraska, the vehicles come off the ramp at interstate speeds and have about a block before getting to Floribraska. When cars come off at interstate speed, they go faster to make the light and hit a residential street going interstate speeds in a posted speed limit of 25 mph. It was asked that an island be installed at the intersection for vehicles to left or right only instead of a sign only. That is not for this project; will take it back to FDOT to look at with the City of Tampa.

The committee requested that these items be voted on separately.

Jim Davison moved to recommend approval of the FDOT Tentative work programs to the TPO Board for consideration; seconded by Terrance Trott. The motion passes by roll call vote 10 – 1.

C. Florida Turnpike Enterprises (FTE) Tentative Work Program FY 2025 – 2029 (Siaosi Fine, FTE Staff)
(Timestamp 1:45:00)

- Went over the FTE and their responsibilities; have 22 ½ miles of turnpike roads in Hillsborough County; the FTE must self-fund.
- Reviewed how the FTE prioritizes projects
- Went over the work program projects for Hillsborough County – the resurfacing of the Veterans Parkway / Sun Coast

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of the FTE Tentative work programs to the TPO Board for consideration.

Discussion:

It was asked why this section needs to be resurfaced. After it was evaluated, it was determined that it needed to be done. Clarification was asked if the funding is done through toll revenue. Yes, through toll revenue or toll bonds. Since FTE is part of FDOT, it was asked if any money comes from the state. No. Clarification was requested for the roads the area encompasses, from Van Dyke Road to the Pasco line. It asked if that included the express toll lanes. Will bring that information back. There was a procedural question; the committee is being asked to approve the

FTE five-year work program; the presentation is specific to Hillsborough County. This work program is being presented to the CACs in Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus for their pieces. There is an ongoing PD&E going from VanDyke and into Pasco. There is preliminary programming for widening this area, but preferred alternatives have not been decided. It was asked why it is being proposed to be widened. Due to expected capacity. Right now, it is a study of public engagement in Hillsborough and Pascoe. Also looking at improvements at interchanges and other road improvements. The PD&E funding was approved in last year's funding, this is design funding in the work program. If the no-build option is chosen, the funds will be pulled back. The FTE is not normally approved by the CAC and TACs.

Christina Bosworth moved to recommend approval of the FTE Tentative work programs for the Hillsborough County projects and forward to the TPO Board for consideration; seconded by Joseph Citro.

Chair Fernandez passed the gavel to Steven Hollenkamp (VC). **Rick Fernandez moved to amend the motion such that approval of the FTE Tentative work program for FY 25 – FY 29 is limited specifically to Resurface the Veterans Expressway/ Suncoast Parkway/ SR 589 from MP 14.3 to MP 17.5, FPN# 451366-1,-2; The offered amendment was seconded by Matt Sienk. Following a roll call vote, the amendment passed 9 – 2**

There was then a roll call vote on the original motion (by Ms. Bosworth) as amended. The motion, as amended, passed by a roll call vote of 10-1.

VIII. Status Reports

A. 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios (Gena Torres, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 2:11:30)

- Federal and State Programs
- Metropolitan and regional grants
- Transit and TD
- Local governments
- Summary of available and potential new revenues, FY 2031 – FY 2050
 - Potential local funding
- Looked at the spending patterns in the current 5-year CIPs and Work Program
- Reviewed local governments: funding vs. needs – building and improving the system – funded FY 22 – FY 27
 - Funding priorities by funding buckets
- Putting the pieces together – needs assessments and revenue forecast, public input, Board consideration of preferred scenario
- Presented a preliminary survey for the TPO Board to fill out

Provide feedback to TPO staff on spending priorities and/or funding strategies to explore

Discussion:

It was noted that for people not familiar with the 2040 and 2045 L RTPs, it would be good to compare the scenarios to see what happened then to what is being presented now.

IX. Unfinished Business & New Business (*Timestamp 2:30:20*)

A. Next CAC Meeting: December 6, 2023

- B. It was asked why the letter of comment that is being presented to the TPO Board was not given to the CAC. Staff would like to include committee comments. A copy of the draft was requested. Gena Torres will send it.**

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

A recording of this meeting may be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos

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Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving

Presenter:

Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff

Summary:

As part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update, the TPO conducted an analysis of modes captured in the Real Choices When Not Driving TPO Investment Program, which includes:

- Local Bus Service - Bus service that could be provided by Hillsborough Transit Authority under different levels of funding through 2050. The bus service analysis demonstrates how increased funding may improve the amount and quality of access to jobs and homes in the future.
- Transportation Disadvantaged Services - Paratransit service that could be provided through the Sunshine Line to county residents who cannot transport themselves to life-sustaining activities due to age, disability, income, and/or lack of access to bus services. The amount of service needed in the future will vary in part with changes with the local bus network.
- Trail and Sidepath Network - This portion of the program evaluates the availability of trails and sidepaths to the county population, based on varying levels of funding through 2050. Trails and sidepaths are paved facilities, typically eight to 12 feet wide, that allow for pedestrians and cyclists to pass each other in opposite directions.

The needs assessment is a system-level analysis that addresses levels of service that could be offered at the current funding level and a performance funding level through 2050.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval to the TPO Board

Prepared By:

Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

Attachments:

1. [Real Choices When Not Driving Technical Memorandum](#)
2. [Presentation](#)



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2050 Plan Needs Assessment for State of Good Repair and Resilience

Presenter:

Pedro Serigos, PhD, Cambridge Systematics

Summary:

As part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update, TPO staff, in partnership with Cambridge Systematics, has developed a Needs Assessment for State of Good Repair and Resilience (SGRR). This assessment identifies the current and future needs of the transportation system, focusing on pavement, bridge, and transit assets while considering the resilience of these assets against potential challenges.

The needs assessment is a system-level analysis that addresses how assets can be maintained and improved at the current funding level and performance funding level through 2050.

Recommended Action:

Approve the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment for State of Good Repair and Resiliency

Prepared By:

Connor Trejos-MacDonald TPO Staff

Attachment:

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



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Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

2024 Meeting Calendar

Presenter:

Committee Liaison, TPO Staff

Summary

Staff has prepared a calendar of meetings for 2024. We ask that each TPO advisory committee review and approve its meeting dates. Upon approval by the TPO Board, this calendar will be published and posted online to provide the public with ample notice of meeting schedules.

Recommended Action

Review and approve the 2024 TPO Board and Committees Meeting Calendar

Prepared By:

Cheryl Wilkening, TPO Staff

Attachments:

2024 Draft Calendar



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2024 SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

	TAC 1:30 PM	CAC 6:00 PM	TPO Special Meetings 10:00 AM	TPO 10:00 AM	LRC 9:00 AM	BPAC 5:30 PM	ITS 1:30 PM	TDCB 9:30 AM	TMA 9:30 AM	SCPTA 10:30 AM	MPO DIRECTORS 1:30 PM
JANUARY	8	3		10	17	24	4				5
FEBRUARY	5	7	6	14	21	28		23	16		2
MARCH	4	6		20	27	27					1
APRIL	1	3	30	10	17	24	4	26			5
MAY	6	1		8	15	22			17 Forward Pinellas		3
JUNE	3	5		12 (a) @ 6PM TIP Public Hearing	26	26		28			7
JULY	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	24 Workshop	11				Recess
AUGUST	5	7		14	21	28		23			2
SEPTEMBER	9	4	3	11	18	25			20		6
OCTOBER	7	2		16 (a) @ 6pm LRTP Public Hearing	23	23	3	25			4
NOVEMBER	4	6		6	20	20					1
DECEMBER	Joint Mtg. 4 @ 12 PM TBD – Offsite Meeting		3	11	18	Recess		20	6 Pasco		Recess
Meeting Location	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)			

Acronyms

TAC Technical Advisory Committee of the TPO Board
CAC Citizens Advisory Committee of the TPO Board
Policy Policy Committee of the TPO Board
TPO Transportation Planning Organization Board
LRC Livable Roadways Committee of the TPO Board
BPAC Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the TPO Board
ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee of the TPO Board
TDCB Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
TMA Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group
SCTPA Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance

Meeting Locations

- (a) BOCC Chambers, County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor
- (b) Plan Hillsborough Committee Room, County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd, 18th Floor
- (c) 26th Floor, Rooms A&B, County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd
- (d) Planning Commission Boardroom, County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd, 18th Floor

**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
HYBRID MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance *(Timestamp 0:05:48)*

Chair Myers 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 0:06:14)*

The following members were present: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Mayor Andrew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Harry Cohen, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Alan Clendenin, Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Mayor Nate Kilton, Charles Klug, Joe Lopano, Bob Frey, Scott Drainville

The following members were absent/excused: Planning Commissioner Hemant Saria, Commissioner Wostal, School Board Member Vaughn

A quorum was met in person.

III. Approval of Minutes *(Timestamp 0:09:35) – October 11, 2023.*

Chair Myers sought a vote to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Owen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. The voice vote passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment On Agenda Items *(Timestamp 0:07:00)* (up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via [Social Media](#) and [Email](#) may be requested. – None

V. Committee Reports and Advance Comments (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair and Harmoni McGee, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:07:35 and 0:11:06)*

A. CAC Meeting November 1, 2023 (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair) – the written report is available upon request

- Approved the following:
 - The Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance Regional Priorities for Major Projects. This passed by a vote of 11-0 with the inclusion of the Streetcar Extension.
 - The Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Turnpike Enterprise’s Tentative Work Programs. The CAC approved the FDOT Tentative Work Program with a vote of 10-1. A separate motion passed 10-1 to approve the FTE Tentative Work Program specifically to resurface the Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway (from Mile post 14.2 to mile post 17.5)
- Heard a status report on the 2050 Long Range Plan Preliminary Discussion of Cost Feasible Scenarios
- In October, the CAC took action on the 2050 Needs Assessment for Equity which is on the agenda today

B. Other Committees

- Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Meeting October 13
 - The TDCB did meet quorum, so action items have been moved to the December meeting.
 - The TDCB heard status reports on the Sunshine Line, HART, and FDOT Tentative Work Program Fiscal Year 2025-2029.
 - The TDCB also named two new voting members: David Michaels as the new representative for Local Veterans, as well as Neugenia Joseph who will be an official voting member alternate representing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.
- Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting October 18
 - Approved Action Items:
 - Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029. The committee made a motion to shift 50% of capacity project funding to transit and bicycle-pedestrian projects. The FDOT Work Program second motion requested a comparison of Distract 7 Work Program spending categories to the other districts in Florida.
 - 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
 - The LRC meeting heard status reports on:
 - 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios
- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting October 25
 - Approved Action Items:
 - Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029
 - 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
 - i. Members expressed concern that the Needs Assessment made increased traffic speeds an equal priority with traffic safety, but were informed that the Needs Assessment does not include any particular priority ranking.
 - Consideration for new Member at Large
 - i. BPAC voted to recommend Gene Peters for approval as the new Member at-Large
 - Heard status reports on
 - 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios

Emails and Social Media: No emails were received, social media comments and letters are available upon request. These were provided to the TPO Board on October 10, 2023.

VI. Consent Agenda *(Timestamp 0:09:57)*

A. Committee Appointments

- TAC – Marcela Maltass by the Florida Department of Health
- TDCB – David Michaels by Local Veterans; Neugenia Joseph as an alternate for the Agency with Person with Disabilities
- LRC – Sarah Templeton by the Institute of Transportation Engineers; Nicole Dufva and Brian Ramierez as alternates for the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

B. Community Air Monitoring Project: USF College of Public Health Agreement

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

VII. Action Items

A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Turnpike Enterprises (FTE) Tentative Work Program FY 2025 – 2029 (Brian Hunter, FDOT and Victoria Williams, FTE Staff) (*Timestamp 0:19:10*)

FDOT

- Went over what the Tentative Work Program is, when it starts and ends, and where it is now
- Reviewed the programming strategy – preserve existing, fund next phases, add new; MPO/TPO priorities, regional priorities, FDOT/SIS priorities
- Looked at new projects, newly funded project phases, deferred projects, projects of interest
- Went over the funding/investment
- Went over the timeline

FTE

- Went over the FTE and their responsibilities; have 16.5 miles of turnpike roads in Hillsborough County; the FTE must self-fund
- Looked at the FTE revenues and expenditures
- Reviewed how the FTE prioritizes projects
- Went over the work program projects for Hillsborough County – the resurfacing of the Veterans Parkway / Sun Coast

TPO

- Went over the letter comment from the TPO to FDOT and FTE
- Highlighted projects being funded by FDOT on the TPO priority list
- Requesting that going forward for 2024, FDOT prioritize the US 41 Grade Separation

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of the FDOT and FTE Tentative work programs.

Discussion:

It was asked what the \$93 million for transit is designated for. It is for various projects. A breakdown can be provided. Clarification was asked on whether FDOT funds go into the FTE projects. The FTE is self-funded. Appreciation was expressed for the grants to the Port and Aviation. It was asked if the Gibsonton project also included the widening. No, it is for the interchange only; FDOT is working with the County on this. It was asked how it would work if Gibsonton widening became a priority. It would need to be added to the LRTP and then up to the County to add it to the TIP. Clarification was asked about canceled projects and how that works. FDOT regularly communicated with the Engineering department to make sure all projects were aligned with the needs of the county. They can be reprogrammed in the future. THEA expressed thanks for the FRAME project and having it expanded all the way from Orlando to Tampa. It was requested that, in the future, if this could be combined with the Five-Year plan, it would be helpful to understand where things are and how they interact. Understanding where the projects are in the ranking would be helpful. It was noted that FDOT does have a ranking and can show what is around the projects. The FDOT website is GIS-based. Projects can be looked at around specific areas and addresses. It was noted that bike/ped is still not making up half of this program. FDOT has bike/ped programs in other projects; working on finding a way to indicate identifying bike/ped

in projects. It was expressed that moving people in the Urban Core is important but the east and south county needs to move vehicles.

Clarification was asked about the through lanes on the veterans. Through lanes do not assess any additional tolls. It was asked if a segment is barred from charging because it was paid for through general funds. FTE will find out and provide that. Additional clarification was asked if the expansion and resurfacing projects are receiving FDOT funds. No, those projects are funded through toll revenue. It was asked if there is a plan to re-activate a toll on the southern portion of the Veterans.

Councilmember Clendenin moved to approve the FDOT and FTE Tentative Work Programs letter of comment; seconded by Charles Klug. The voice vote passed unanimously.

B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation (Vishaka Shiva Raman, TPO Staff; Rich Margiotta, Cambridge Systematics) (Timestamp 1:02:05)

- Review of the 2050 Plan ingredients; needs assessments; combining the needs assessments and revenue forecast and public input
- Went over the methodology of the Needs Assessment Development using various scenarios
 - Scenario 1 – Trend
 - Scenario 2 – Performance
- Looked at the impact of Congestion Management Treatments
- Reviewed potential reductions in congestion and improvements to safety with investment

Recommended Action: Approve the Draft 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation and forward it to the TPO Board for consideration.

Discussion:

It was noted that this analysis did not cover the freeways. It was also pointed out that as people travel, one crash can really cause delays and congestion. It was brought up that ramp metering has not been presented to the TPO Board in the last seven years; an explanation of how ramp metering is accomplished includes storing vehicles on the collector roads. A presentation around ramp metering was requested. There was discussion about utilizing the hard shoulders which was one of the things recommended. This has been deployed in many areas around the country. It is not adding a new lane, it is using hardened shoulders within the footprint. A presentation on this topic was also requested. The shoulders are controlled dynamically and used only with congestion. Hardened shoulders are used on freeways only. Clarification was asked about what the TPO Board is being asked to approve. This is not establishing a policy for the board or implementing agencies. It is something to be taken to the public to show what could happen. It was noted that there is discomfort when stating if an investment of \$X is made it will result in X fewer crashes and fatalities. It was brought up that it is important that the TPO Board understand the strategies being presented.

Commissioner Owen moved to approve the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation, seconded by Joe Lopano. The voice vote passed unanimously.

C. **2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity** (Connor Trejos-MacDonald TPO Staff; Riva Heinrich, Kittelson & Assoc) (*Timestamp 1:28:25*)

- Review of what an Equity Needs Assessment is and how it is conducted
- Went over why this Needs Assessment is being done now
- Showed the Transportation Disadvantaged areas around Hillsborough County
- Went over the Overview of how Equity items appear in the different areas of the LRTP
- Looked at the TDTA areas ranked by TDTA disparities
- Reviewed the project recommendations – projects close critical infrastructure gaps
- Went over the study recommendations
- Went over the committee recommendations – CAC and TAC

Recommended Action: Accept the 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Equity

Mayor Ross moved to accept the 2050 Needs Assessment for Equity; seconded by XXX. The voice vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Report (*Timestamp 1:38:30*)

- A. November 17th special TPO Board meeting at 10 AM on the 18th Floor.
- B. December 13th meeting, 2024 TPO Board & Committee Meeting Calendar and Officers & Committee Assignments to Consider.

It was requested that the proposed calendar be sent to the members.

IX. Old Business & New Business (*Timestamp 1:43:54*)

- A. Congratulated Johnny Wong on his first weeks in his new role and Scott Drainville in his new role as HART CEO.
- B. Mayor Ross asked what the TPO Board's role is going to be with the Brightline project. That will be brought up at the November 17th meeting. It has been reported on in the media in recent days. Will bring Brightline back in 2024 for an update. There was discussion on who was invited/went to a meeting with Brightline. There was an indication that the City of Tampa was taking the lead as the ending point would be in the city. Funding clarification was requested when they do come for an update.
- C. Commissioner Kemp requested that something be brought back in the form of a resolution that Amtrak goes every day from Tampa to Miami and comes back. One trip there and back does not have great opportunities for use and experiences delays. Amtrak is receiving funding for increased presence around the country. It was requested that an official request be made to Amtrak to expand service to and from Orlando. Would like a presentation and then write a letter to FTA and/or Congresswoman Castor.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

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



**Hillsborough TPO
Transportation
Planning Organization**

Committee Reports

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Meeting on October 13

The TDCB did meet quorum, so action items have been moved to the December meeting.

The TDCB heard status reports on the Sunshine Line, HART, and FDOT Tentative Work Program Fiscal Year 2025-2029.

The TDCB also named two new voting members: David Michaels as the new representative for Local Veterans, as well as Neugenia Joseph who will be an official voting member alternate representing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on October 18

The LRC approved action items:

- Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029. **The committee made a motion to shift 50% of capacity project funding to transit and bicycle-pedestrian projects. The FDOT Work Program second motion requested a comparison of Distract 7 Work Program spending categories to the other districts in Florida.**
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation

The LRC meeting heard status reports on:

- 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting October 25

The BPAC approved action items:

- Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program FY2025-2029
- 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Congestion Management and Crash Mitigation
 - Members expressed concern that the Needs Assessment made increased traffic speeds an equal priority with traffic safety, but were informed that the Needs Assessment does not include any particular priority ranking.

- Consideration for new Member at Large
 - o BPAC voted to recommend Gene Peters for approval as the new Member at-Large

BPAC meeting heard status reports on:

- 2050 Plan Revenue and Initial Discussion on Cost Feasibility Scenarios

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting November 1

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of November 6

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

**HILLSBOROUGH MPO
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2022 ATTENDANCE REPORT

CAC Member	Representing	Geographic District	Appointed By	Appointed	Term Expires	Term											Optional	
						1/4/23	2/1/23	3/1/23	4/5/23	5/3/23	6/7/23	7/12/2023	8/2/23	9/6/23	10/4/23	11/1/23	12/6/23	
Trott, Terrance	Member-at-Large (African-American)	32	Member-at-Large	3/3/2020	3/8/2025	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Roberts, Bill	Aviation Authority	26	HCAA Board	6/30/2020	3/8/2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
VACANT	Member-at-Large	9	Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	3/8/2025	No	Yes	No	No	No	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	
Hollenkamp, Steven	City of Plant City	2	City Commission	4/12/2023	4/12/2029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dayna Lazarus	City of Tampa	21	Councilwoman Hurtak	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Christine Acosta	City of Tampa		Councilman Maniscalco	9/13/2023	9/13/2029	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	VAC	VAC	Yes	No	
Matt Sienk-Green	City of Tampa		Councilman Clendenin	8/9/2023	8/9/2029	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	No	Yes	
Aiah Yassin	City of Temple Terrace	18	City Council	5/12/2021	3/8/2029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Ed Mierzejewski	Expressway Authority	17	Greg Slater	2/12/2022	3/8/2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Natasha Sherwood	HART		HART Chair	8/9/2023	8/9/2025	No	No	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	No	No	No	
Prindle, Hoyt	Hillsborough County	21	Commissioner Kemp	10/1/2019	3/8/2029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Jim Davison	Hillsborough County	4	Commissioner Wostal	2/8/2023	3/8/2029	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Michael Decker	Hillsborough County	8	Commissioner Owen	8/9/2023	8/9/2029	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	VAC	No	Yes	Yes		
Brown, Carolyn	Hillsborough County	32	Commissioner Myers	2/8/2023	3/8/2029	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
Joseph Citro	Hillsborough County	20	Commissioner Cohen	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	No	No	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Fernandez, Ricardo	Member-at-Large (Hispanic)	30	Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	3/8/2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Greg James	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	10/11/2023	10/11/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	
Skelton Jr., Don	Port Tampa Bay	14	Port Authority CEO	1/11/2023	3/8/2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Fryer, Artie	Transp. Disadvantaged	24	TDCB Chair	4/2/2019	3/8/2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
VACANT	Member-at-Large		Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	
William Hodges	Planning Commission	21	Planning Commission	6/14/2023	6/14/2029	No	No	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes		
Frank, Josh	School Board	29	Jessica Vaughn	8/11/2021	3/8/2029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Christina Bosworth	Member-at-Large	11	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Sarah Thomas	Member-at-Large	7	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No		
VACANT	Member-at-Large	10	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC		
Chris Vela	Member-at-Large (Native America)	21	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Chris Gonzalez	Member-at-Large (Hispanic)	1	Member-at-Large	4/12/2023	4/12/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Iliia Lachinov	Member-at-Large (Under 30)	20	Member-at-Large	6/14/2023	6/14/2025	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

Members Present	12	13	13	11	12	16	13	17	13	13	18	0
CAC Membership Less Declared Vacancies	20	20	21	21	21	22	23	22	22	22	22	22
Needed for Quorum	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Quorum Achieved	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO

Legend:	YES = Attended
	NO = Did Not Attend
	VAC = Vacant
	DVAC = Seat Declared Vacant
	NO = Three (3) or More Consecutive Absences
	Attended Virtually
	= Term Expired; Member may continue until reappointed or replaced.

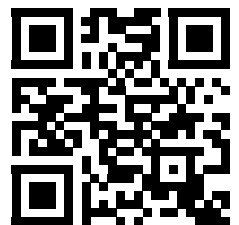
The MPO may review & consider rescinding the appointment of any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings.

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CRASHES

in Florida caused by
distracted driving.



8,154
SERIOUS
INJURIES

as a result of distracted
driving on Florida roads.



935
DEATHS

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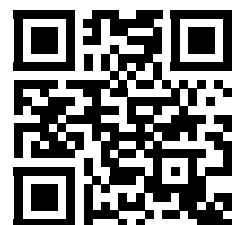
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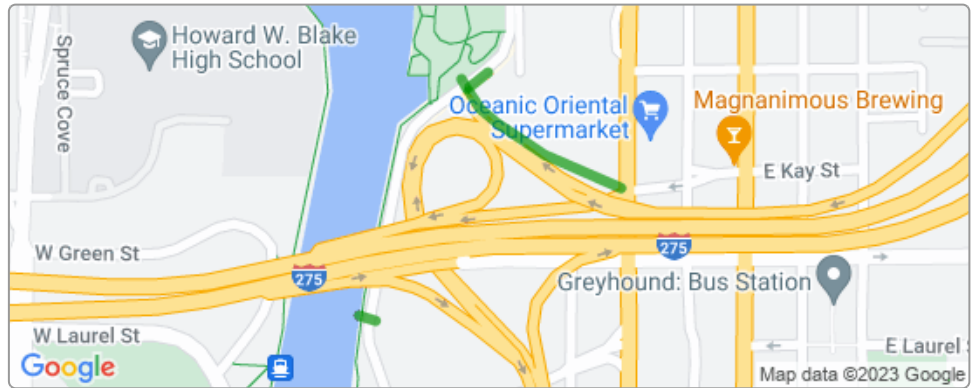


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Water Works Sidewalk Gap - Various Locations 452877-1

Project Details	
Work Type	Pedestrian Enhancements
Phase	Design
Limits	From East of Doyle Carlton Dr. to West of Tampa St.
Length	0.5 Mile
City	Tampa
County	Hillsborough
Road	I-275
Design Cost	\$400,717



About

The Water Works Sidewalk Gap project will enhance multi-modal connectivity by eliminating key sidewalk gaps within the Tampa Heights district along I-275 near Water Works Park.

A direct wide sidewalk connection from Tampa Street to Doyle Carlton Drive adjacent to the barrier-separated I-275 exit ramp and a Doyle Carlton Pedestrian Crossing South of I-275 will be added.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2024.

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