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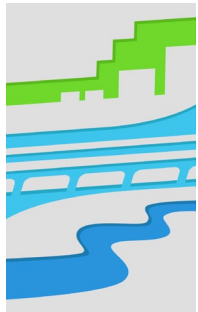
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## **Meeting of the Livable Roadways Committee**

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

County Center, 18<sup>th</sup> 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: November 15, 2023**

## **V. Status Reports**

- A. Courtney Campbell Causeway Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Overview (FDOT Staff)
- B. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Good Repair and Resilience (Connor MacDonald, TPO Staff)

## **VI. Old Business and New Business**

- A. FDOT's response to Work Program calculations (Lisa Silva, TPO)

## **VII. Adjournment**

## **VIII. Addendum**

- A. TPO Meeting Summary and Committee Reports
- B. Hands Free Florida Flyer

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
LIVABLE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE (LRC)  
HYBRID MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Councilmember Lynn Hurtak called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members In Attendance: Councilmember Lynn Hurtak, Cal Hardie, Samantha Flores, Kevin O’Hare, David Hey, Emily Hinsdale, Larry Josephson, Casey Bauer, Justin Willits, Jason Jackman, Nicole Dufva, Glorimar Belangia, Oona Johnsen, Arizona Jenkins, Brynn Dauphinais

Members Absent/Excused: Chris Thompson, Rebecca Hessinger, Carlos Ramirez, Catherin Coyle, Melissa Collazo, Gus Ignas

Other Attendees: Christian Leon, Brian Ramirez (member, virtual); Lisa Silva, Jason Krzyzanowski, Elizabeth Watkins, Amber Simmons, Beneeta Jose, Harmoni McGee, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Sarah Goolsby (Benesch); Evelyn Williams (New Horizon); Lucas Cruse (PGA); Sarah Templeman (GTSITE)

**An in-person quorum was met.**

**II. Public Comment** (3 minutes per speaker) (*Timestamp 0:04:32*) – None

**III. Approval of Minutes** (*Timestamp 0:04:54*) – October 18, 2023.

**David Hey moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023, seconded by Kevin O’Hare; the motion passed by voice vote.**

**IV. Action Item**

**A. 2050 Plan Needs Assessment for Real Choices When Not Driving** (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:05:11*)

- Reviewed what this needs assessment is about
- Went over the program overview
  - Bus service – worked with HART; reviewed the performance measures and how many people and jobs could be serviced along with the funding requirements
  - Trails and Sidepaths – went over what is included, projects projected, how many people will be served, and funding requirements

**Discussion:**

There was a discussion about HART frequency. It was asked if there was a breakdown of the bike trails that were built by the county, FDOT, and the City of Tampa. This breakdown was requested. There was a question about the cost increase to \$3 million per mile in the trails and what might be feasible to do to bring those costs down. There was a discussion about what constitutes protected bike lanes. It was noted that the City of Tampa is going to be approving FDOT to start a bike boulevard. It was asked how it would be differentiated and how it would be added to the map. There was additional discussion around construction costs for the trails and how the numbers were figured. It was noted that creating great pedestrian spaces can also create great bike facilities but may not be considered as a trail or sidepath. It was asked if the cost of right-of-way was considered in this plan. It was taken in as a high-level approximation. Concern was expressed for how the different “buckets” affect potential projects with the treatments being needed. It was noted that it has been said that breaking down the funding numbers in complete projects is too difficult to do. It was asked if paratransit was included in the transit portion.

**Justin Willits moved to recommend approval with committee suggestions to the TPO Board, seconded by Arizona Jenkins. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**B. 2024 Draft Meeting Calendar** (Lisa Silva, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 0:43:38)*

- Went over the 2024 meeting calendar for the TPO Board and Committees

**Recommended Action:** Review and approve the 2024 TPO Board and Committees Meeting Calendar.

**Discussion:**

It was noted that June and October are in conflict with an FDOT meeting.

**Arizona Jenkins moved to approve the 2024 TPO Board and Committees Meeting Calendar; seconded by David Hey. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**V. Status Reports**

- A. Courtney Campbell Causeway Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Overview** (Mike Salisbury, ATKINS; Tara Rodrigues, District 7 Bridge Office) – Deferred by presenters to the December meeting

**VI. Old Business & New Business** *(Timestamp: 0:46:58)*

- A. Next meeting is on December 20, 2023
- B. FDOT responses to LRC Work Program motions and comments in October – Mr. O’Hare went out to the website to find the funding levels for all the districts in Florida. Sent it to Lisa Silva to have FDOT verify the numbers. Asked that it be followed up on at a future meeting.
- C. It was noted that the new SLIP lanes are open on Selmon. It was noted that when people are exiting, drivers cut several lanes of traffic at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street exit.
- D. Walk/Bike Tampa is hosting its first awards on November 29<sup>th</sup> at Shuffle

- E. World Remembrance Day is being observed on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Palm River
- F. City of Tampa is launching several new projects
- G. It was brought up that there is a 400+ unit being developed on the North side of Bloomingdale. Part of the condition was to see if a mid-block crossing would be needed and to arrange for a crossing guard at the school. It is up for a Minor Modification to remove those conditions from the development approval. This is West of Providence. There was discussion around this topic.

**VII. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM

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# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

Courtney Campbell Causeway Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Overview

### **Presenter:**

Mike Salisbury, ATKINS; and Tara Rodrigues, District 7 Bridge Office

### **Summary:**

Subsequent to Hurricane Ian's damage to the Sanibel Causeway, FDOT District 7 has initiated a study of the Courtney Campbell Causeway to determine its risk exposure to both current and future coastal flood hazards. As part of this analysis, a vulnerability assessment is being performed to determine extreme storm surge and wave conditions and to identify portions of the causeway that are potentially vulnerable to future hurricane activity. Following the results of the vulnerability assessment, conceptual shore protection solutions will be developed that are unique to each vulnerable section and will increase the overall resiliency of the causeway.

### **Recommended Action:**

None, for information only

### **Prepared By:**

Wade Reynolds, Hillsborough TPO

### **Attachments:**

[Report](#)



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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:**

None. For status only.

### **Prepared By:**

Connor Trejos-MacDonald TPO Staff

### **Attachment:**

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



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**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 Ramirez 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 (On 11/28/2023, FDOT clarified that there is no ranking but that projects are sorted alphabetically. Noted on 12/4/2023 by recorder GR) 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 Joe Lopano. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

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

- A. November 17<sup>th</sup> special TPO Board meeting at 10 AM on the 18<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- B. December 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **Committee Reports**

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- 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
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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.

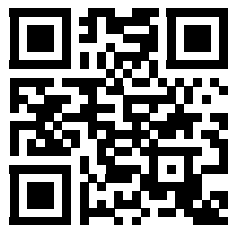


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**INJURIES**

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driving on Florida roads.



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