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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
AGENDA**

April 27, 2023 – 7:00pm

**310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Rm
Clearwater, FL 33756**

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The actions of the CAC are guided by its vision of “*a community-driven, modern transportation system that is safe, and provides equitable access and efficient mobility options in support of a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region.*”

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS (7:00 - 7:15)**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:15 – 7:20)**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY (7:20 - 7:25)**
- 4. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS (7:25 - 7:30)**
- 5. OVERVIEW OF THE TIP AND FDOT WORK PROGRAM (7:30 – 7:50)**
- 6. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS (7:50 – 8:10) –
Presenter: Forward Pinellas Staff**
- 7. PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS (8:10 – 8:30) – Presenter: Forward
Pinellas Staff**
- 8. LRTP UPDATE & SOCIOECONOMIC DATA PROJECTIONS (8:30 – 8:45) –
Presenter: Forward Pinellas Staff**
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS (8:45 - 9:00)**
 - A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update**
 - B. Safe Streets Pinellas**
 - C. Traffic Fatalities Map**
 - D. Tentative Future Agenda Items**
 - E. Member Interests/Discussion Topic**
 - F. Upcoming Events**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING – MAY 25, 2023

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SUMMARY

Anyone wishing to provide public comment may do so at this time. Each speaker will be given a maximum of three minutes.

ACTION: None required; informational item only

3. Approval of Meeting Summary

SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the March 23, 2023, meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): CAC Meeting Summary – March 23, 2023

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Summary

**PINELLAS COUNTY MPO
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2023**

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Caron Schwartz, (Chair)	City of Gulfport & Inland Communities
Duncan Kovar, (Vice Chair)	At Large Representative
Starr Amey	At Large Representative
Mark Birenbaum	At Large Representative
Tristan Brockwell	Beaches Representative
Jeremy Heckler	At Large Representative
Bob Henion	City of Dunedin
Bill Jonson	City of Clearwater
Brian Kelly	At Large Representative
Luis Serna	City of Clearwater
Joan Walko	At Large Representative
Paul Wallace	City of Largo
Wynn Willard	City of St. Petersburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Griffin	City of St. Petersburg
Marita Lynch	At Large Representative
Bledar Prifti	At Large Representative
Kathy Smith	City of Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Loretta Statsick	City of Largo
Tammy Vrana - Zoom	City of Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Lara Wojahn	Beaches Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Jensen Hackett – Zoom	FDOT – District 7
Jacob Labutka	PSTA
Haley Busch	Guest– St. Petersburg
Kai Rush	Guest - Largo
Josette Green	Guest – St. Petersburg
Chelsea Favero	Forward Pinellas Staff
Rob Feigel	Forward Pinellas Staff
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG/INTRODUCTIONS

Caron Schwartz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendees in the room introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kai Rush is a new applicant from the City of Largo and shared he was a local teacher for several of the high schools in Pinellas County, but now he works from home writing grants for

local museums, as well as books and articles. Haley Busch is an applicant from City of St. Petersburg and shared that she is also on the Mayor's Bicycle Pedestrian Committee in St. Petersburg and the Car Free St. Petersburg Committee and currently working for a statewide nonprofit organization. Brian Kelly, new member, shared that he lives in the Seminole area. Joan Walko, new member, shared that she lives in Safety Harbor and has spent the last decade working for the government in Pinellas County.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The summary of the February 23, 2023 meeting was approved with no corrections.

4. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS

Rob Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the highlights of the Forward Pinellas Board meeting for March 8, 2023. The Board approved the project recommendations for the Complete Streets Grant Program. The Board also approved the Forward Pinellas Reapportionment Plan. They received a presentation on the Gandy Blvd project from 4th St to the Hillsborough County line, as well as the Advantage 19: Investing in People and Places Project presentation. In the PSTA Report, it was shared that the PSTA Board approved of the extension of the free fares on the SunnRunner for an additional six-month period. The PSTA Board approved the selection of a consultant to develop a Community Bus Plan which will form the foundation of PSTA's Transit Development Plan and the transit component for Forward Pinellas' Long Range Transportation Plan. The PSTA Board also received a presentation on Spring Break Services including the Clearwater Beach Park and Ride, offering free rides to the beach. In the Regional Activities Report, it was noted that the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group will be meeting to discuss a possible consolidation or merger of the three MPOs. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Resiliency Summit will be held on May 4th & 5th, 2023. Brightline is currently under construction with higher speed rail from West Palm Beach to Orlando.

5. FY 2019/20 – FY 2023/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

There were no TIP amendments.

6. PSTA UPDATE

Mr. Jacob Labutka with PSTA shared a presentation with the committee on the SunRunner project. The SunRunner was launched back in October 2022. This is a limited stop bus rapid transit service with 30 stations connecting downtown St. Petersburg to St. Pete Beach with a 15-minute service frequency aboard a low-emission hybrid electric vehicle. There are three onboard bike racks and wheelchair bays with level boarding. Other features include Wi-Fi, info displays and charging ports. So far there have been over 425,000 trips since opening with the busiest stops at 1st Avenue & 5th Street North, Grand Central Station and the County's Beach Park access. Safety is a high priority for PSTA, especially since traffic patterns were readjusted to include Bus and Turn (BAT) Lanes. A significant educational campaign was taken regarding BAT lanes, with signage placed on the street, overhead and on either side of the road, about turning in the BAT lanes. With data from December 2021 to December 2022, it shows overall traffic crashes have reduced in this corridor. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

7. TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY LISTS

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed with the committee the current list of Transportation Priorities. One of the biggest roles at Forward Pinellas is to advance transportation projects to the state and federal level for funding. No project can receive state or federal funding in Pinellas County unless it is on the adopted priority list. Each year, the priority lists are reviewed, removing completed projects, advancing funded projects to the top of the priority list, and adding new projects to the bottom of the list for FDOT to consider while developing the work program. All projects remain on the list until they are completed.

1) Multimodal Priority List is the most expansive list and includes roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. It is the broadest in terms of the types of funding available. The top part of the list consists of funded projects, and the bottom includes the unfunded projects were reviewed and questions were taken and appropriately answered. There was no action today for this item, it will return for action at a future meeting.

2) Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Priority List is limited to projects that address bicycle and pedestrian travel. Projects were reviewed and questions were taken and appropriately answered.

Staff will continue to refine the lists and bring the lists back for action in April or May. Additional questions were taken and appropriately answered.

8. US 19 EXPRESS BUS STUDY

Ms. Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee on the US 19 Express Bus Study, led by TBARTA and since transferred to Forward Pinellas and the Pasco MPO to take over and complete. The objective of the study was to evaluate rapid or express bus transit service connecting SR 52 to the Gateway Intermodal Center. The study area was broken into four segments defined as: segment 1 – SR52 – SR 54 (at grade); segment 2 – SR 54 to Nebraska Avenue (at grade); segment 3 – Nebraska Avenue to Ulmerton Road/Roosevelt Blvd (elevated); segment 4 – US19 to the Gateway Intermodal Center (at grade). A performance evaluation process was conducted to consider station areas, alignments, and a preliminary concept of operation. The final recommendation is for an express bus project with a capital cost of approximately \$7,100,000. The express bus project could serve as the basis for additional transit investment in the future, as ridership grows. Forward Pinellas and Pasco MPO staff will be working with the two counties and municipal governments to identify local matching dollars so that this project can advance into implementation. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. CAC MEMBER SURVEY

Near Miss Technology Update has been moved to another date.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Ms. Favero shared there is an earmark request in Tallahassee for \$1 million dollars to go to

the City of Clearwater for Ferry Services. The Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee met on March 15th to discuss waterborne services, but as with all transit projects, there is need for local marching dollars in order to bring in state and federal dollars for ferry service.

B. Safe Streets

22 out of 25 municipalities have committed to the Safe Streets Pinellas resolution. Seminole, Belleair and South Pasadena have not yet passed the resolution.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map

A traffic fatalities map was included in the agenda packet.

D. Tentative Future Agenda Items

E. Future Agenda Item Requests and Comments from Committee Members

Resiliency

Drew Street Complete Streets Project Update

Freebie

The proposed bill for an ignition interlock

Florida Rail Plan

PSTA Update follow-up presentation on SunRunner

– business development, tax and funding.

F. Additional Comments

Chair Schwartz opened the floor to comments from the committee. Discussion continued about the SunRunner and who funds the SunRunner. The SunRunner is a mix of St. Petersburg and PSTA state and federal funding. Additional discussion ensued on Bus Rapid Transit.

Mr. Feigel reviewed the CAC survey sent out to the members regarding the day and start time of the meeting. There were 15 responses submitted. The current meeting time of 7:00 to 900 pm was good with 75% of the committee. Wednesday and Monday were the top alternative meeting days besides Thursday. 68% of the members said that moving the committee meeting date and/or time would not prevent members from attending. The concern of the committee is that moving the time to an earlier time may conflict with people coming home from work and being able to eat prior to coming to the meeting. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. The overall consensus of the committee was to keep the meeting on Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is April 27, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

SUMMARY

The April 12, 2023, Executive Summary is provided for your information. A staff member will summarize actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at these meetings.

ATTACHMENT: Executive Summary for April 12, 2023

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item



Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

April 12, 2023

Please note that this summary has not been approved as the official minutes of the board.

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on April 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building.

The board unanimously adopted Joint Resolution No. 23-25, designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide the implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

In February 2022, Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas, and the cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg launched a new partnership aimed at increasing the affordability of housing in the county. The partners have committed to developing a common set of policies and resources to make it easier to create both traditional affordable housing and diverse market-rate housing that is affordable to households with a range of incomes. A “Tactical Team” of staff from the four initial partner municipalities and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has assisted Pinellas County and Forward Pinellas staff with drafting a Housing Action Plan to begin implementation of the compact. Since the Forward Pinellas board already coordinates land use and transportation planning among all 25 local governments, it is the best entity to serve as the ongoing forum for coordination and communication of the implementation activities of the Action Plan.

The Housing Action Plan will be presented at the Housing Summit on April 28, 2023, at the Largo Cultural Center from 9:00 – 3:30.

Forward Pinellas staff updated the board on the proposed Countywide Rules Amendments – Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS) Update.

Jared Austin introduced this item by providing an overview of the Countywide Plan and its intended purpose. He then discussed the recent Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS). He outlined the existing policies and incentives and identified proposed changes related to the TEILS update. Proposed amendments will increase regulatory flexibility, establish new incentives and create Target Employment Center (TEC) subcategories. Mr. Austin also outlined changes to the tiered amendment process for the TECs. A TEILS Advisory Group comprised of local government planners and economic development professionals is being considered and if created will further guide the implementation process and tackle any issues that may arise. The board will take action on this item in coming months.

Forward Pinellas staff updated the board on the Draft Transportation Priorities.

Chelsea Favero reviewed the current list of Transportation Priorities, noting that one of the most important roles at Forward Pinellas is to advance transportation projects for state and federal funding.

1) The Multimodal Priority List includes roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. More than 10 projects are being advanced into the Work Program and therefore are removed from the unfunded portion of the list. Staff is proposing to add five new projects, including three from local government applicants, one from the Complete Streets Grant Program and one to complete sidewalk gaps on the state roadway network.

2) The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Priority List is limited to smaller projects that address bicycle and pedestrian travel. Two projects are being advanced into the Work Program and five projects are proposed to be added based on local government funding applications.

Staff will continue to refine the lists and bring them back for action in July. Additional questions were taken and appropriately answered.

- Councilmember Driscoll inquired if the I-175 PD&E study could be moved up on the priority list as this project could have an impact on the many redevelopment projects happening within the Historic Gas Plant District that borders I-175.
- Commissioner Eggers inquired about what kind of work is being done to make passageways safer for biking. Ms. Favero explained that the bike lane projects included on the TA list will have some sort of physical barrier separating the cyclists from the traffic. Regarding questions during public comment on the cycle track under construction on Tierra Verde, Brian Hunter with FDOT shared that typically, these are separated two-way bike facilities. FDOT will come back to a future meeting with more information on the details surrounding the Tierra Verde cycle track.
- Councilmember Floyd stated that he wanted to advocate for one of the projects on the TA unfunded list: the Grand Central District Crossings in the City of St. Petersburg. There has been a high volume of pedestrians in the area and more than one fatality in the last year.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) staff presented an update on the SunRunner Project.

Whitney Fox and Abhishek Dayal with PSTA shared a presentation with the board on how the SunRunner service is performing, including its ridership characteristics, safety record and other relevant details. Since October 2022, PSTA has been operating the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit service. The SunRunner connects downtown St. Petersburg to St. Pete Beach, via South Pasadena, traveling in dedicated bus and turn-only lanes along 6.5 miles of the 10-mile route. This service is the first of its kind in the Tampa Bay region with 30 uniquely branded station platforms, and after nearly six months in operation, has been providing tens of thousands of rides each week. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

- Councilmember Muhammad inquired as to the traffic impact in surrounding areas as people try to maneuver to keep from having to go down Central Avenue. Mr. Dayal shared that there is currently no data on this impact, but they hope to acquire some with the help of Forward Pinellas.
- Commissioner Scott inquired if there has been any conversation with the St. Petersburg Police Department regarding traffic enforcement with vehicles that have been using the bus lane that should not be. PSTA noted that they have engaged with the St. Petersburg Police Department and the Sheriff's Office to educate the public on how to use the BAT lanes, but there has been a lot of compliance. Commissioner Scott also inquired as to what sort of experience has PSTA had with damage to SunRunner buses regarding crashes. There were some incidents where SunRunner buses were hit, but currently all buses are in operation.
- Whit Blanton added that Forward Pinellas is working with PSTA on a Transit Oriented Development plan for the corridor. Phase I has been completed and Phase II is underway to amend St. Petersburg's comprehensive plan to enable more intensity and incentivize more walkability around stations, and we are looking now at applying that first phase analysis and research into two specific station plans along the SunRunner corridor west of downtown.
- Councilor Burke inquired as to whether PSTA will consider any park-and-ride locations. PSTA has recently updated the interactive map on their website showing where parking is available near the 30 stations if people want to park-and-ride.

Forward Pinellas staff shared more information on the Draft Memorandum of Understanding for a Regional MPO.

Whit Blanton shared information on the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group meeting that took place on March 24, 2023, which consists of representatives from Pinellas County, Pasco, and Hillsborough MPOs. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented, outlining some of the expectations that would be required if the group forms a regional MPO. The differences between the MPOs were acknowledged, along with the desire to maintain a linkage to land use, if a merger moves forward. There is a sense of urgency in some elected as well as non-elected officials, who feel the region can explore and move forward with a merger quickly. However,

this is not the case. The MPO process is highly scrutinized and very transparent. There is a lot of review and certification by state and federal agencies. In order to be able to receive federal money and to have federal funding flow to our urbanized areas, the MPOs must make sure the proper documents are in place that have been endorsed or adopted by the board and meet the federal and state statutory requirements before any regional MPO is certified. The estimated time for this to take place is three to four years.

The board unanimously approved sending a letter of support to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation for two bills as recommended by the School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC).

Whit Blanton shared information regarding two pieces of legislation moving through the Senate. Senate Bill 588 deals with speed enforcement in school zones. The other, Senate Bill 766, would provide for enforcement of school bus passing infractions and the ability of schools to opt-in, using today's technology, to provide another means for enforcement. It was requested of the board to send a letter of support to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation from the STSC supporting these two pieces of legislation.

SPOTlight Updates

- Executive Director Whit Blanton provided updates on
 - The Waterborne Transportation Committee met on March 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Palm Room. Since that meeting, staff has been meeting with PSTA and will be meeting with the County. The County provided a list of questions regarding their potential contribution. A meeting will be set up once we address the questions. PSTA is submitting a Service Development grant application in this next cycle which would allow them to receive 50% funding from the state for the first three years of operations for the restart plan for the water taxi service by Clearwater Ferry, which will allow us to measure its effectiveness.

Other Items

- PSTA Report
 - PSTA received a request from multiple USF students, one of whom was a disabled veteran, to implement a pilot program for free bus passes for veterans. Staff have been evaluating this and will present a recommendation at the upcoming Planning Committee.
 - Ron Pierce with RSA Consulting gave an update on the Florida Legislature's bill regarding HART. He noted that the bill no longer includes language about a merger with PSTA, but there is a possibility of another Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being required for collaboration like in the past.

- Brad Miller provided a summary of the legislative trip to Washington D.C. he took with Commissioners Saracki and Robinson earlier in March where they discussed funding for public transportation with various legislators.
- Regional Activities Report
 - The Notice to Proceed for the Regional Transportation Needs Assessment has just been given and will be conducted through the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA). This Regional Needs Assessment will be the foundation for the development of the county-based Long Range Transportation Plans and should be completed later this year. In addition, the SCTPA is working together to establish shared regional performance measures that are required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the performance of the regional transportation network.
- Legislative Committee Update
 - Senate Bill 102 – Housing, has been signed into law. The bill undermines some of the government controls on zoning, height, and density, but it also provides more funding for affordable housing. If a development meets the criteria of 40% affordable housing on a project in a commercial or industrial area it must be approved. It can also match the height or density of anything within a mile of that jurisdiction.
 - House Bill 1397 and Senate Bill 1532 - Regional Transportation Planning, directs the Florida Department of Transportation to evaluate the operating efficiencies and further a regional approach to transit within the Hillsborough County Regional Transit Authority (HART). FDOT would be required complete that evaluation by the end of this year.
 - House Bill 155 and Senate Bill 198 - The Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority sunset legislation is moving forward and may pass this year.
 - An amendment to Senate Bill 1250, by Senator DiCeglie addresses financing for FDOT projects, but also includes a requirement of the MPOs of Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas County to explore consolidation and provide a feasibility report on the benefits, costs and process of consolidation by the end of the year. If that bill passes, the MOU would be a big part of that.
 - The House and Senate budget is working its way through to a floor vote. It is not consistent with the Governor's proposed budget in all regards. One issue not consistent is in the Moving Florida Forward Plan. The Governor proposed \$7 billion for transportation congestion relief projects and the only project in the Tampa Bay area is I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge south to 38th Avenue N., adding the two managed toll lanes that are a part of the Howard Frankland Bridge.

The House and Senate budgets are much lower and would likely result in no funding for I-275.

- The June 2023 meeting has been canceled due to Pinellas County scheduling conflicts.

- Citizen Comments:

David Geddis Jr. addressed the board sharing he stands against affordable housing.

Sharon Calvert addressed the board sharing a request for a copy of the project description and information related to the 34th Street S and Bayway South project. She opposes the current lane elimination project for 34th Street S and had questions about a bike facility under construction in Tierra Verde.

Angela Taylor Sweet addressed the board regarding Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

Commissioner Mike Eisner, Tarpon Springs City Commission, addressed the board regarding Tarpon Springs having its own seat on the Forward Pinellas Board.

Commissioner Koulias, Tarpon Springs City Commission, submitted a letter read by a member of staff at the board meeting regarding Tarpon Springs having its own seat on the Forward Pinellas Board.

Draft Action Sheet

April 12, 2023

At its April meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 10-0)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2023, Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Acceptance of Quarter One Financial Report
 - D. Approval of Cancellation of the June Forward Pinellas Board Meeting
- **Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Resolution**
Following an introduction and explanation of the item by Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director, the board adopted a joint resolution designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide the implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan. (vote: 10-0)
- **Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update**
As part of the Legislative Committee update the executive director sought board approval to send a letter to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation regarding the state transportation budget and keeping the I275 project fully funded. The board authorized the letter. (vote: 10-0)
- **School Transportation Safety Committee Recommendation**
Following an introduction and explanation by the executive director, the board authorized the drafted letter to be distributed to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation in support of SB 588 and SB 766. (vote: 10-0)
- **Draft Forward Pinellas Apportionment Plan**
After an inquiry by Commissioner Smith to assess the board's interest in reevaluating the Draft Apportionment Plan, the board requested staff bring the item back for further consideration by the board at a future meeting. (vote: 9-1; Councilmember Floyd dissenting)

Citizens Advisory Committee – April 27, 2023

5. Overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FDOT Work Program

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) work program. We will discuss why the CAC reviews updates and amendments to the TIP, why they are required, and the role it plays in the overall transportation planning process.

Rob Feigel, Forward Pinellas Staff, will give a presentation and answer any questions.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None

Citizens Advisory Committee – April 27, 2023**6. Proposed Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting that Forward Pinellas, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approve two amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These TIP amendments involve federal funds, which require not only a TIP amendment with Forward Pinellas' current TIP, but also with the State TIP (STIP). These amendments will not impact any other projects in the TIP.

- **Amendment #1- 446973-1**, SR 694/Gandy Boulevard EB Exit Ramp and Frontage Road at 94th Ave N. The total project cost is \$1.529M and includes the additional of a new signal at the off ramp on 94th Ave N. This project is in Fiscal Year 2024, however, federal authorization is needed prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2023 (June 30).
- **Amendment #2- 452689-1**, Solar Powered Zero-Emission Bus and Facility Charging Infrastructure. A \$2.5M FTA grant has been awarded to PSTA for a Solar Powered Bus and Facility Charging. The amendment is necessary to reflect the funding in the TIP so that PSTA can proceed.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 446973-1 Amended STIP Page
- 446973-1 Amended TIP Page
- 452689-1 Amended STIP Page
- 452689-1 Amended TIP Page

ACTION: Recommend Approval of the Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Fiscal Year: 2023
STIPS Listed: All Open
District: 07

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STIP Amendment Number:

**** This STIP is in an MPO Area ****

TIP Page Number: Attached

On **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**, the **Forward Pinellas** Metropolitan Planning Organization amended the Transportation Improvement Program that was developed and adopted in compliance with Title 23 and Title 49 in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal assistance. By signature below, the MPO representative certifies that the TIP amendment was adopted by the MPO Board as documented in the supporting attachments. **This amendment will be subsequently incorporated into the MPOs TIP for public disclosure.**

The amendment does not adversely impact the air quality conformity or financial constraints of the STIP.

The STIP Amendment is consistent with the Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. (Page Number: **TBD**)

This document has not been approved

Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairman or Designee
Forward Pinellas

This document has not been approved

Federal Aid Management Manager or Designee

This document has not been approved

FDOT District Representative or Designee District 07

This document has not been approved

Federal Authorization

STIP amendment criteria:

A - The change adds new individual projects to the current STIP

An air conformity determination must be made by the MPO on amended projects within the non-attainment or maintenance areas

E - The MPO is not in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area.

This project is not subject to the requirements of 23 CFR 667, where repair and reconstruction was required from two or more permanent emergency events at this location.

Project Name **446973-1: SR 694/GANDY BLVD EB EXIT RAMP AND FRONTAGE RD AT 94TH AVE N**

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Funding Source Balance Before Change											
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Funding Source Balance After Change					1,353,275	4,787,655	7,203,971	3,305,882	7,550,939		24,201,722
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Net Change to STIP											

Notes:

STIP Added on: 3/9/2023; By: **Suzanne Monk**; Of: **FI DOT**

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FORWARD PINELLAS TIP FY 22-23									
HIGHWAYS									
Item Number: 446973 1 Project Description: SR 694/GANDY BLVD EB EXIT RAMP AND FRONTAGE RD AT 94TH AVE N									
District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: TRAFFIC OPS IMPROVEMENT Project Length: 0.123MI									
Extra Description: REALIGNMENT OF OFF RAMP									
TIP AMENDMENT: NEW PROJECT				AMENDED: MAY 10, 2023				LRTP Reference: Objective 2.1	
			Fiscal Year						
Phase / Responsible Agency			<2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	>2027 All Years
CONSTRUCTION / MANAGED BY FDOT									
Fund Code:	ACSA-ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION			431,440					431,440
	DDR-DISTRICT DEDICATED REVENUE			461,621					461,621
	SA-STP, ANY AREA			616,172					616,172
	DIH-STATE IN-HOUSE PRODUCT SUPPORT			20,123					20,123
Project Totals				1,529,356					1,529,356

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**Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
FY2022/23 - 2026 /27**

**** This STIP is in an MPO Area ****

STIP Amendment Number:

TIP Page Number: Attached

On **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**, the **Forward Pinellas** Metropolitan Planning Organization amended the Transportation Improvement Program that was developed and adopted in compliance with Title 23 and Title 49 in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal assistance. By signature below, the MPO representative certifies that the TIP amendment was adopted by the MPO Board as documented in the supporting attachments. **This amendment will be subsequently incorporated into the MPOs TIP for public disclosure.**

The amendment does not adversely impact the air quality conformity or financial constraints of the STIP.

The STIP Amendment is consistent with the Adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. (Page Number: **TBD**)

This document has not been approved

Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairman or Designee
[Forward Pinellas](#)

This document has not been approved

Federal Aid Management Manager or Designee

This document has not been approved

FDOT District Representative or Designee District **07**

This document has not been approved

Federal Authorization

STIP amendment criteria:

A - The change adds new individual projects to the current STIP

An air conformity determination must be made by the MPO on amended projects within the non-attainment or maintenance areas

E - The MPO is not in an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area.

This project is not subject to the requirements of 23 CFR 667, where repair and reconstruction was required from two or more permanent emergency events at this location.

Project Name 452689-1; SOLAR POWERED ZERO-EMMISSION BUS AND FACILITY CHARGING INFRASTRUCT

Status	ITEM	Ver	Description									
		Fund	Phase	< FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	> FY 2027	All Years	
Original STIP	448852	1	AD	PSTA DISCRETIONARY ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGE STATION 5339(B)								
				Not Available								
			FTA CAP	0	1,239,710	0	0	0	0	0	1,239,710	
Proposed Project	448852	1	AM	PSTA DISCRETIONARY ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGE STATION 5339(B)								
				MANAGED BY PINELLAS COUNTY								
			FTA CAP	0	19,638,710	0	0	0	0	0	19,638,710	
Funding Source After Change				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Funding Source Balance Before Change					2,500,000						2,500,000	
Funding Source Balance After Change												
Net Change to Funding Source					-2,500,000						-2,500,000	
Proposed Project Before Change												
Proposed Project After Change					2,500,000						2,500,000	
Net Change to Project					2,500,000						2,500,000	
Net Change to Funding Source					-2,500,000						-2,500,000	
Net Change to Proposed Project					2,500,000						2,500,000	
Net Change to STIP												

Notes:

STIP Added on: **2/10/2023**; By: **Jensen Hackett**; Of: **FI DOT**

STIP Note Added on: **2/10/2023**; By: **Jensen Hackett**; Of: **FI DOT**; Comments: **FTA funds are non-budgeted, and a fund source is not required.**

FORWARD PINELLAS TIP FY 22-23								
FLP: TRANSIT								
Item Number: 452689 1 Project Description: SOLAR POWERED ZERO-EMISSION BUS AND FACILITY CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE								
District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SHELTER Project Length: 0.000								
Extra Description:	CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2023							
TIP AMENDMENT: NEW PROJECT		AMENDED: MAY 10, 2023			LRTP Reference: Objective 6.1			
		Fiscal Year						
Phase / Responsible Agency		<2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	>2026	All Years
CAPITAL / MANAGED BY PINELLAS COUNTY								
Fund Code:	FTA-FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION		2,500,000					2,500,000
Item: 452689 1 Totals			2,500,000					2,500,000
Project Totals			2,500,000					2,500,000

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7. Performance Measures and Targets

SUMMARY

FHWA requires MPOs to adopt performance targets for defined pavement condition, bridge condition and system performance measures, and to demonstrate progress towards meeting those targets on an annual basis. The targets are a part of a performance-based, out-come driven planning process. Progress is made towards the selected targets through the projects that Forward Pinellas includes in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for funding. MPOs throughout the state have the option of supporting the performance targets that are set by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) or setting their own. In December 2022, FDOT adopted targets for the statewide network of National Highway System (NHS) roadways.

Forward Pinellas staff has reviewed the data provided by FDOT against the targets set by the state and determined that NHS roads in Pinellas County are within the targets set for the state as a whole. Forward Pinellas staff is recommending supporting the statewide targets for all measures, with the exception of pavement condition on non-interstate NHS roadways. This recommendation is due the high number of lane miles of non-interstate NHS roadways within Pinellas County and the volume of users these roadways handle. By setting the same target for all NHS roadways, Forward Pinellas staff is hopeful that FDOT will more regularly resurface non-interstate roadways, maintaining a high standard of pavement condition while also providing more frequent opportunities to complete safety and mobility improvements that can be included in resurfacing projects.

Staff will provide an overview of the data and targets before seeking a recommendation from the committee.

ATTACHMENT(S): Data and Targets for Bridge and Pavement Condition and System Performance

ACTION: Recommendation to the Forward Pinellas Board

2022-2025 Performance Measures and Targets for Pavement, Bridge and System Performance

Performan Measure	Pinellas County 2017 Conditions	Pinellas County Baseline 2021 Conditions	Florida Statewide Baseline (2021) Conditions	4-Year Statewide Target	Recommended Pinellas Target
% of Interstate pavements in Good condition	33.40%	54.4%	70.5%	60.0%	60%
% of Interstate pavements in Poor condition	0.70%	0.0%	0.3%	5.0%	5.0%
% of non-Interstate NHS in Good condition	43.10%	40.8%	47.5%	40.0%	60.0%
% of non-Interstate NHS in Poor condition	1.20%	1.1%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%
%of NHS bridges classified as in Good condition by deck area	85%	65.2%	61.5%	50.0%	50.0%
% of NHS bridges classified as in Poor condition by deck area	0%	0.0%	85.0%	10.0%	10.0%
% of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	85%	91.4%	87.5%	70.0%	70.0%
% of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstte NHS that are reliable	82%	95.7%	92.9%	50.0%	50.0%
Truck travel time reliability ratio (TTR) on the Interstate	1.4	1.55	1.38	2	2

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8. LRTP Update/Socioeconomic Data Projections



SUMMARY

As the metropolitan planning organization for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas must develop a long-range transportation plan every five years. One of the first steps taken in the development of the Plan, is to project population and employment growth out at least 20 years into the future. These projections are used to help predict changes and growth in travel demand and travel patterns, to assist in identifying transportation improvement needs for the county. These projections are also utilized by the various local governments to help anticipate solid waste, potable water, sanitary sewer, and emergency response needs into the future.

Forward Pinellas has been working with its consultants to develop a projection of how many additional residents and jobs could reasonably be located within the county by 2050. Staff will provide an overview of the methodology used to develop the projections and how the agency will work with local government partners to ensure allocations of that future growth align with their redevelopment plans for their communities.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

A. SPOTlight Pinellas Emphasis Areas Update

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an update on the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas.

B. Safe Streets Pinellas Update

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an update on Safe Streets Pinellas.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map

Forward Pinellas staff is providing the updated Traffic Fatalities Map each month.

ATTACHMENT: Traffic Fatalities Map

D. Tentative Future Agenda Items

- TIP Amendment(s) if any
- Annual Adoption of the TIP
- Resiliency Update
- Transportation Priority Lists
- Freebie presentation
- CAC Orientation
- Rail Presentation
- Land Use-Related Presentation(s)

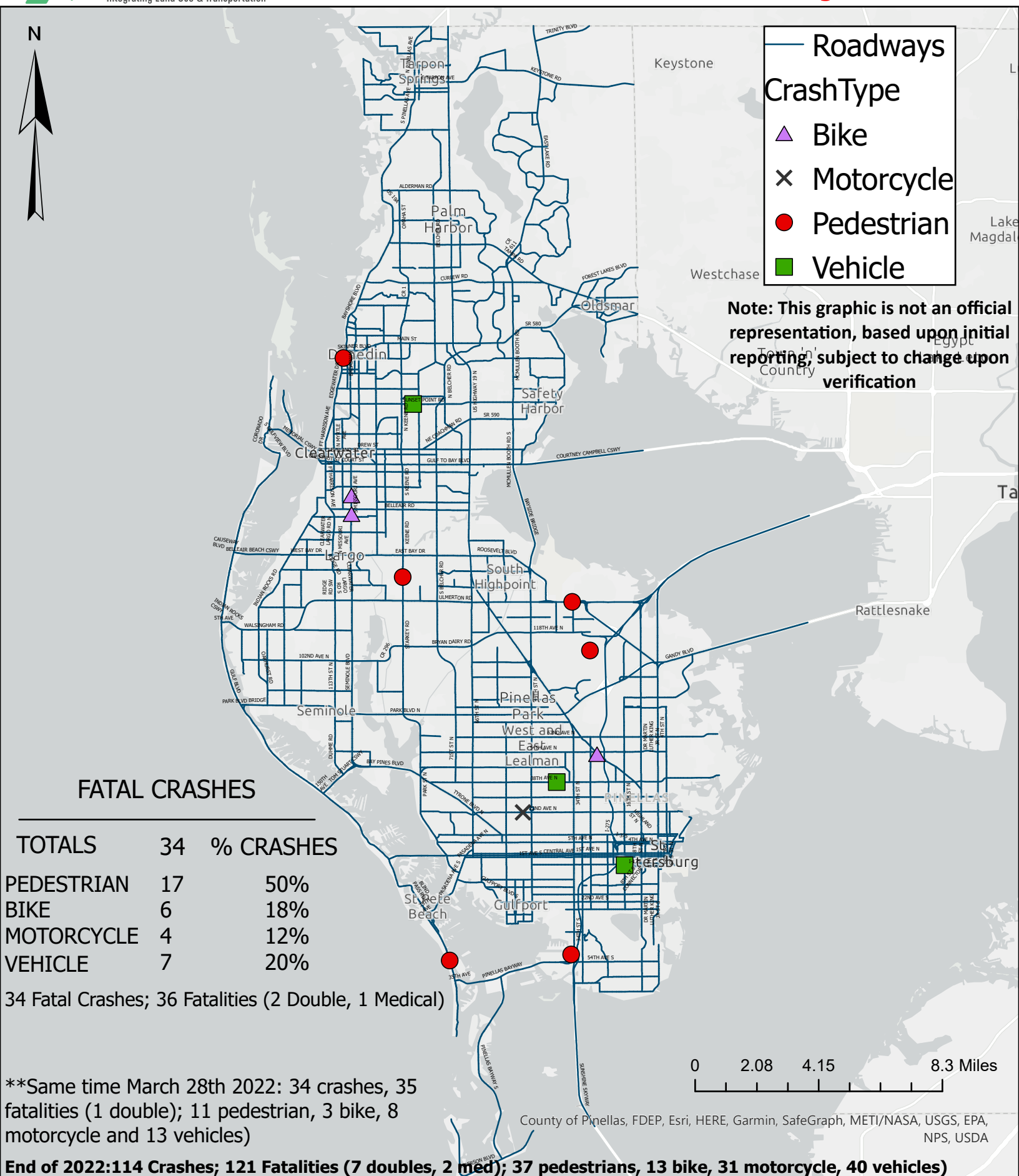
E. Member Interests/Discussion Topics

No topics noted at this time

F. Upcoming Events

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities (Year 2023)

Through March 28th



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