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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) AGENDA

September 24, 2020 – 7:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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, 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 - 7:05)
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (7:05 - 7:10)
3. **FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS** (7:10 - 7:20)
4. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS** (7:20 - 7:25) –
Presenter: FDOT Staff
5. **FOLLOW-UP ON THE CAC BYLAWS** (7:25 – 7:35) – Presenter: Rob Feigel,
Forward Pinellas Staff
6. **INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PRESENTATION** (7:35 -7:55) –
Presenter: Ken Jacobs, Pinellas County Staff
7. **PSTA SUNRUNNER PRESENTATION** (7:55 - 8:15) – Presenter: Abhishek Dayal,
PSTA Staff
8. **CITY OF ST PETERSBURG MICROMOBILITY PRESENTATION** (8:15 -8:35) –
Presenter: Cheryl Stacks, City of St Petersburg Staff
9. **SAFE STREETS PINELLAS** (8:35 -8:45) – Presenter: Gloria Lepik Corrigan, CAC
Member
10. **OTHER BUSINESS** (8:45 - 9:00)
 - A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update
 - B. TBARTA Update
 - C. Traffic Fatalities Map
 - D. Tentative Future Agenda Items
 - E. Member Interests/Discussion Topics
 - F. Public Comments
 - G. Upcoming Events
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2020

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Citizens Advisory Committee – September 24, 2020

2. Approval of Meeting Summary



SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the August 27, 2020 meeting is attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): CAC Meeting Summary – August 27, 2020

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Summary

**PINELLAS COUNTY MPO
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2020**

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization met virtually on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Mullins – <i>Chairman</i>	City of Dunedin
Lee Allen	City of St. Petersburg
Gary Benjamin	At Large Representative
Dylan Carlson	City of St. Petersburg
Gloria Lepik-Corrigan	At Large Representative
Steve Graber	Oldsmar Citizen
Bob Henion	At Large Representative
Bill Jonson	City of Clearwater
Dimitri Karides	Beaches Representative
Duncan Kovar	TRAC Representative
Terri Novitsky	Beaches Representative
Tracey Schofield	At Large Representative
Caron Schwartz	City of Gulfport
Brian Scott	City of Pinellas Park/Mid-County
Luis Serna	City of Clearwater
Loretta Statsick	Largo Citizen
Anthony Stillo	Clearwater Citizen
Paul Wallace	City of Largo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Connor-Savoretti	City of St. Petersburg
Axl David	At Large Representative
Alayna Delgado	At Large Representative
Matthew Foster	At Large Representative
Tommy Frain	City of Tarpon Springs
Michael Mannino	At Large Representative
Tammy Vrana – <i>Vice Chair</i>	City of Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Geneva Waters	City of Pinellas Park/Mid-County

OTHERS PRESENT

Jensen Hackett	FDOT – District 7
Brian Shroyer	FDOT – District 7
Jacob Labutka	PSTA
Amy Elmore	Forward Pinellas Staff
Angela Ryan	Forward Pinellas Staff
Chelsea Favero	Forward Pinellas Staff
Whit Blanton	Forward Pinellas Staff
Robert Feigel	Forward Pinellas Staff
Al Bartolotta	Forward Pinellas Staff
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG/INTRODUCTIONS

Robert Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the Zoom meeting guidelines and the attendees were announced by Maria Kelly, there were 27 attendees. Chair Karen Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Mullins welcomed guests at this time.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Henion made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Brian Scott. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

3. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS

Al Bartolotta, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager, reviewed the highlights of the Forward Pinellas Board meeting for June 10, 2020. The Board had a discussion regarding the planned roundabout at Alternate US 19 and Florida Avenue in downtown Palm Harbor. They supported the project by approving the Transportation Improvement Program later in the meeting. The roundabout project is in the TIP and scheduled for construction in FY 2021/22. It was also announced that the Central Avenue BRT project was awarded just under \$22 million from FTA. The BRT service has been branded as the "Sunrunner." There was also discussion regarding US 19 including the scheduling of a workshop to discuss options for future improvements on the corridor. At the July 9, 2020 Board meeting, there was an item regarding the planned US 19 pedestrian underpass at Republic Drive that the committee will discuss on tonight's agenda. Forward Pinellas will be conducting an equity assessment later in the year to take an introspective look at the agency and its programs in relation to addressing the needs of underserved communities in Pinellas County and how they can be served more effectively. More to come on this in the later months.

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

Jensen Hackett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), reviewed the Annual Roll-Forward Amendment to the adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reconcile year one of the TIP with the FDOT Work Program. This roll forward amendment is a routine annual process to assist Forward Pinellas in identifying scheduled projects without funding committed in the previous Fiscal Year (2019/20) to have them automatically rolled into FY 2020/21 of the FDOT work program. This amendment assures that year one of the FY 2020/21 – 2024/25 TIP, adopted by the Board on June 8, 2020, matches year one of the FDOT work program. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Brian Scott made a motion to request approval by the Forward Pinellas Board. Lee Allen seconded the motion and passed with a unanimous vote.

5. UPDATE TO THE CAC BYLAWS

Robert Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the CAC Bylaws with the committee regarding the appointment of the vice-chair. Staff proposed a change to the bylaws requiring members to serve at least one year before they can be considered for the vice-chair position. After careful discussion, Lee Allen made a motion accepting the year of service requirement for the vice-chair. In addition, in situations where the chair is absent or unable to finish their term, the motion allowed for the vice-chair to accept the chair position regardless of their length of service. This was seconded by Duncan Kovar and passed with a vote of 15 – 2, Bill Jonson and Paul Wallace opposed.

6. DREW STREET CORRIDOR STUDY AND CONCEPT EVALUATION

Mr. Brian Shroyer, Florida Department Transportation (FDOT) District 7, addressed the committee regarding an update for the Drew Street Project. The City of Clearwater completed a complete streets study on Drew Street in October 2018., The Clearwater City Council subsequently approved the city's Complete Streets Concept Plan. It is funded in part by a grant provided through the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program. The city's concept plan covers the sections from North Osceola Avenue to US Highway 19. FDOT will use this study to evaluate the city's concept plan and refine and develop design alternatives and identify next steps for implementation. This will involve

coordinating with the city and county and different sections within FDOT. The study includes an assessment of existing conditions, future conditions and Stakeholder coordination outreach and a determination of what it would take to make these improvements happen. With regards to the conceptual design review and development, the City of Clearwater has come up with some improvement suggestions such as lane elimination and adding bike lanes and landscaping in the medians. The proposed concepts and project timeline were reviewed with the committee. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

7. US 19 NORTH PLANNED UNDERPASS

Mr. Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director, shared a presentation with the committee regarding the planned US 19 pedestrian underpass at Republic Drive. For several months, there have been meetings with adjacent business owners addressing their concerns about the visibility of their businesses. They have requested that the existing plans be modified to relocate the underpass. Forward Pinellas asked FDOT to evaluate the feasibility of relocating the planned underpass. FDOT informed Forward Pinellas that the proximate location of a planned on/off ramp did not allow for the relocation. Forward Pinellas staff has also expressed concern that, in addition to contradicting the Board's direction regarding the spacing of crossing locations, relocating the underpass compromises the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users who travel the corridor. This issue and the findings of the FDOT evaluation were discussed with the Forward Pinellas Board at their July meeting. Based on the discussion, Forward Pinellas staff is bringing the matter to the advisory committees for input before returning to the Board for a follow-up discussion and/or action in September. The staff recommendation for consideration today is reinforcement of the ¼ to ½-mile spacing goal for pedestrian crossings along US 19, as well as support for inclusion of the planned underpass south of Republic Drive. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. Caroline Lanford made a motion to recommend the Board reaffirm their May 2018 action to reinforce the recommendations of this Committee to incorporate pedestrian crossing improvements every one-quarter mile where feasible and complete street treatments on the frontage roads of US 19 and support the pedestrian thruway south of Republic Drive. Questions were taken and appropriately answered. [At this point in the meeting, about 11 minutes of the recording were lost including the discussion of the motion and vote. The summary that follows is based on personal notes and input from Duncan Kovar]. Duncan Kovar made a motion to enthusiastically support the pedestrian underpass at US Highway 19 at the ½ mile mark for this particular project [Republic Drive] and also provide pedestrian access every ¼ mile whenever possible going forward with regard to the future improvements to US Highway 19 North. It was seconded by Bill Jonson and passed with a unanimous vote.

8. COVID-19 IMPACTS TO TRANSPORTATION

Angela Ryan, Forward Pinellas Active Transportation Planner, shared a power point presentation with the committee identifying some of the transportation impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on the summer months. The data staff has collected in Pinellas County shows a significant reduction in crashes and a reduction in fatalities and injuries. Pinellas Trail data for June and July shows a 100% increase in trail use by residents of Pinellas County compared to 2019. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

9. COMMUNICATIONS ROAD MAP

Amy Elmore, Forward Pinellas Communications and Outreach Program Manager, shared a presentation on the Forward Pinellas Communications Road Map. The intent of the Communications Road Map is to provide an overview of current public involvement activities and the extent to which they are accomplishing key objectives and target metrics. This will serve as an effective monitoring tool for communications and outreach while furthering the agency's goals in the areas of transportation and land use. In addition to the Road Map, a monthly communications report will be produced for the purpose of tracking target analytics, including website hits, blog views, news

interviews, and social media reach. The goal of this item is to provide a more comprehensive view of the communications and outreach initiatives undertaken by Forward Pinellas to engage the community in its planning activities. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

SPOTlight Emphasis Areas update. There were no updates.

B. TBARTA Update

Bill Jonson shared a TBARTA update with the committee. TBARTA met in August. The major presentation was a fairly extensive review of the communications strategies at TBARTA. Some of the things they are working on include a new video featuring John Wilson talking about the Regional Rapid Transit Plan. The committee also talked about what members would like to see in future meetings, and part of that was asking for some information about how to start planning for the local funding match for the Regional Rapid Transit Project. Bob Henion added that there is still concern about maintaining a full TBARTA committee, as Manatee is still determining whether they want to continue participating.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map

A traffic fatalities map was included in the agenda packet.

D. Tentative Future Agenda Items

E. Future Agenda Item Requests from Committee Members

Chair Mullins inquired about cable transportation and ITS.

F. Public Comments

Tracy Schofield submitted comments in the chat room as shown below. "So for future agenda items maybe we could address the possible connection between motorcycle fatalities and the Wednesday night bike night at Quaker Steak and Lube and the newer Barracuda Harley Davidson, both on 49th Street in Pinellas Park. Like everything else, the only reason this is down is due to COVID. Once the bike night rev's back up, the aggressive, reckless driving will return and so will the fatalities. Maybe we need an educational program for these types of business; and we should worry less about art and more about public safety in this tunnel (referring to the US19 Underpass segment) where you are trapped."

11. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next CAC meeting will be September 23, 2020.

Citizens Advisory Committee – September 24, 2020

3. Forward Pinellas Actions



SUMMARY

The September 9, 2020 Executive Summary is provided for your information. A staff member will review actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at this meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

- Executive Summary for September 9, 2020

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item



Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

September 9, 2020

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 virtually on September 9, at 1 p.m. to ensure public safety in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the following link for more information about virtual meeting [policies and procedures](#).

Forward Pinellas Director Whit Blanton introduced Austin Britt as the new Forward Pinellas Intern, who will be with the agency for the 2020-21 academic year through an agreement with the University of South Florida College of Arts and Sciences. Austin is in his 2nd year in the Urban and Regional Planning graduate program.

Commissioner Eggers congratulated Whit Blanton on being elected APA Florida President-Elect. Whit's two-year term begins January 1st; after which he will serve two years as APA Florida Chapter President.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

The board unanimously approved the roll forward of amendments to the FY2020/21-FY2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- This roll forward amendment is a routine annual process to assist Forward Pinellas in identifying projects that were not committed in the previous Fiscal Year and have automatically rolled into FY2020/21 of the FDOT Work Program. This amendment ensures that the previously adopted TIP matches the current FDOT Work Program.

The board approved the following land use amendment to the Countywide Plan with a vote of 10-2, Commissioner Donovan and Mayor Bradbury dissenting:

- Pinellas County seeks to amend properties from Residential Very Low to Residential Rural.
 - Location: East Lake Tarpon Community
 - Area Size: Approximately 2,919.5 acres
 - Existing Uses: Residential
 - Surrounding Uses: Preservation, Recreation/Open Space

The purpose of this amendment is to recognize the rural low density character of the East Lake Tarpon Community. The board voted to approve this land use category for use by local governments at a prior meeting this year.

Discussion

Commissioner Donovan brought up concerns that this amendment causes unnecessary road blocks for any future annexations and feels a precedence is being set for the County to affect land uses within potential city annexation planning areas. In addition, this amendment will remove any incentive for future developers to annex into the City of Tarpon Springs. Donovan also reinforced that a community will never be forced to annex into Tarpon Springs and the process will always be legal and voluntary.

Commissioner Eggers stated that this amendment merely restores the former land use category of Residential Rural, which allows for a lower density than the East Lake Tarpon Community had prior to the 2015 adoption of the new Countywide Plan. The discussion also clarified that there is no intent to minimize or impede what cities can do within their planning areas.

Members of the public spoke both for and against the amendment. Those for it encouraged the board to preserve the low density originally planned for the East Lake Overlay. Those against this amendment felt that this amendment would lower property values if they ever chose to annex into the City of Tarpon Springs.

The board unanimously approved the following two land use amendments to the Countywide Plan:

- Pinellas County seeks to amend properties from Activity Center, Retail & Services, Employment, Office, Public/Semi-Public, Residential Medium and Residential Low Medium to Activity Center.
 - Location: Downtown Palm Harbor
 - Area Size: Approximately 63.8 acres
 - Existing Uses: Residential, Retail, Office, Automobile repair
 - Surrounding Uses: Residential, Retail, Recreation/Open Space

The purpose of this amendment is to expand the existing Downtown Palm Harbor Neighborhood Activity Center.

- The City of Largo seeks to amend property from Public/Semi-Public to Retail & Services.
 - Location: 4825 East Bay Drive
 - Area Size: Approximately 4.36 acres
 - Existing Uses: Church owned property
 - Surrounding Uses: Residential, Commercial

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for the development of retail commercial uses.

PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

The Forward Pinellas Board unanimously approved staff recommendations for construction of the US 19 North Planned Pedestrian Thruway and affirmed the ¼ to ½ mile spacing policy of pedestrian crossings with reconstruction of US 19 North to Pasco County.

- FDOT is designing US 19 from SR 580 to CR 95 as a partially controlled access expressway, replacing traffic signals at Republic Drive and Curlew Road with an overpass and an interchange. The design includes pedestrian/bike crossings (underpasses and overpasses) about every ½ mile to fulfill a request for connectivity by Forward Pinellas in 2018. Several businesses adjacent to the pedestrian thruway (or underpass) planned for just south of Republic Drive requested that it not be included in the design due to visibility and demand concerns.
- The executive director presented information on the long-term value of the underpass with the construction of the Duke Energy Trail and as properties near the US 19 corridor redevelop. The board also supported safety and multimodal accessibility improvements along the US 19 frontage roads and closing key east-west gaps over time for bicycle and pedestrian travel.

Discussion

Several commercial businesses adjacent to US 19 raised objections over diminished visibility from the thruway and cited a lack of pedestrian demand. They raised concerns over the cost effectiveness of the design and said it was not needed. Other members of the public spoke in favor of staff recommendations for the pedestrian thruway as an important point of access for people who walk, bicycle or use a wheelchair. The discussion addressed issues of safety, accessibility and connectivity, and how longer-term transportation projects and redevelopment in the Countryside area would likely make pedestrian connections more important over time.

Commissioner Long presented updates for the PSTA Activities Report.

- PSTA held the groundbreaking for the “SunRunner” Bus Rapid Transit project in August 2020.
- Autonomous vehicles are being tested on Bayshore Blvd. beginning in November 2020 - February 2021. She said we could also see this program expand to Dunedin and Clearwater over the next year.

Commissioner Seel presented updates for the TBARTA Activities Report.

- TBARTA approved a resolution to support a transit service development grant application for improved service on Route 99 that connects Sarasota and Manatee County along US 41.
- SCJ Alliance presented on aerial cable car technology.

Scott Pringle, of the consulting firm WSP, presented the TBARTA Regional Rapid Transit Project.

- Pringle introduced the TBARTA Regional Rapid Transit (RRT) Project, a 41-mile regional transit service that would connect downtown St. Petersburg, Gateway, Tampa, USF and Wesley Chapel in Pasco County.
- TBARTA is evaluating several design alternatives concerning the extent of dedicated lanes in the I-275 corridor and the associated ridership and cost implications of each. The next step is to go into further detail on the impacts of the alternatives, including routing and service options, local transit service connectivity, station locations and station area design options.

Mike Meidel presented the Pinellas County Economic Development Update.

- With the Penny for Pinellas funding, Pinellas County is able to create over \$80 million of projects. At this time, 18 funding applications have been received for the housing component. These projects will help attract quality workers to Pinellas and ensure they cannot only work in Pinellas County, but also live here. In December, Pinellas Economic Development will launch the economic development portion of the projects and open for applications. Meidel introduced Teresa Brydon as a newly hired team member responsible for this aspect of the Penny for Pinellas initiative.
- Meidel also addressed general COVID impacts:
 - Industrial space and multi-family dwellings are still in demand.
 - Office space demand is currently down. However, after COVID, office space is expected to be about the same due to the need for larger communal spaces that will allow patrons to maintain social distancing.

Whit Blanton provided an update on the Annual Call for Projects - Transportation Alternatives, Complete Streets, and Multimodal Priorities.

- The Annual Call for Projects is open for applications for Transportation Alternatives, Complete Streets, and Multimodal Priorities through December with a staggered series of deadlines for each program. Applications will be presented to the board for approval in March 2021.

The Forward Pinellas Board unanimously reaffirmed the appointments of the four committee members who previously served on the Legislative Committee, including Commissioner Dave Eggers, Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Councilmember Brandi Gabbard and Vice Mayor David Allbritton.

SPOTlight Update:

US 19 Corridor Workshop

- Forward Pinellas is planning a US 19 Corridor Workshop with the board in early 2021. We will complement this with public engagement and outreach after the workshop. The primary discussion at the workshop will focus on innovative intersection alternatives for US 19 North and recommendations for improvements to the existing frontage road network from Clearwater south to Pinellas Park.

Aerial Cable Transit Update

- As a result of the August TBARTA board meeting, Forward Pinellas is working with TBARTA staff to confirm interest and develop a scope of work to conduct a more in-depth study of a potential aerial cable transit project in Pinellas County. In recent years, both St. Petersburg and Clearwater have shown interest in aerial cable car technology. Forward Pinellas staff will meet local governments and key stakeholders to determine their current interest and develop a s scope of work by the end of the year. TBARTA has funding in place. The goal is to be ready to begin a study of the concept, its operating and capital requirements and potential funding strategies in early 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Virtual Bike Your City 2020**

Jump on your bicycles and enjoy riding around beautiful Safety Harbor while finding enchanting scavenger hunt locations! Forward Pinellas is pleased to announce our reinvented virtual Bike Your City Scavenger Hunt through our host city of Safety Harbor. From October 16, 2020 – October 31, 2020, residents will be challenged to find all 20 locations on our scavenger hunt map and submit a “selfie” or picture of their bike at the landmark using our interactive form. For more information or to register, visit: bit.ly/BYCRRegister

- **Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting - September 18, 2020 (Virtual)**
- **Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee - October 9, 2020**
- **Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit - November 16-19, 2020**

The next board Meeting will be October 14, 2020. Virtual options for participation will be available. Please visit our website for more information: www.forwardpinellas.org

Action Sheet September 9, 2020

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

- **Consent Agenda** (roll call vote: 12-0)
Approved to include the following:
A. Approval of Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Meeting

- B. Approval of Committee Appointments
- C. Acceptance of Quarter Three Financial Report
- D. Map Adjustment – City of Safety Harbor – Official Acceptance
- E. Approval of Procurement #20-01 Planning Consultants Agreements
- F. Approval of Interlocal Agreements for Planning & Place-Making Grants
 - City of Pinellas Park
 - City of St. Petersburg for Demonstration and Pilot Project Policy and Guide
 - City of St. Petersburg for Missing Middle Lending Analysis
- G. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Complete Streets Grant with the City of Pinellas Park
- H. Approval of Amendment to Corridor Enhancement Grant Agreement with City of St. Petersburg
- I. Cancellation of the December Forward Pinellas Meeting

- **Approval of Amended Resolution 20-05 and Annual Budget for FY21** (roll call vote: 12-0)
This item was pulled from the consent to be acted on separately after further clarification and discussion.
- **Roll Forward Amendment(s) to the FY 2020/21-FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program** (roll call vote: 12-0)
Following a presentation by FDOT and public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the roll forward amendment(s) to the TIP.
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
Three cases were recommended for approval:
 1. **CW 20-13 – Pinellas County** (Residential Rural)
(roll call vote: 10-2, Commissioner Donovan and Mayor Bradbury dissenting)
 2. **CW 20-14 – Pinellas County** (Downtown Palm Harbor)
(roll call vote: 12-0)
 3. **CW 20-15 – City of Largo**
(roll call vote: 12-0)
- **US 19 North Planned Pedestrian Underpass** (roll call vote: 12-0)
Following a presentation by Executive Director Blanton, the board affirmed its agreement with the four staff recommendations as outlined, which included:
 - Reinforce the ¼ to ½ mile spacing goal for US 19
 - Support the inclusion of the Pedestrian Thruway south of Republic Drive for US 19 from SR 580 to CR 95
 - Support safety and multimodal accessibility improvements along the US 19 frontage roads
 - Support closing key east-west gaps over time for bicycle and pedestrian travel
- **Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Appointments** (roll call vote: 12-0)
Following minimal discussion, the board reaffirmed the appointments of the four committee members who served the previous year to include Commissioner Dave Eggers, Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Councilmember Brandi Gabbard and Vice Mayor David Allbritton.

SUMMARY

There are no proposed TIP amendments scheduled for this meeting. However, if the need for a TIP amendment(s) arises following the mailing of the agenda packet, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will present the proposed amendment(s) under this agenda item.

ATTACHMENT(S): (Any proposed TIP amendment forms will be provided at the meeting)

ACTION: Provide a recommendation to the Board for TIP amendments (if any)

5. Follow-Up on the CAC Bylaws

SUMMARY

At the August 27 meeting, the CAC discussed a staff proposal to amend the committee bylaws to require members to serve for at least one year before being eligible for the Vice Chairman position. This was intended to address an issue raised at the April meeting about there being no length of service requirement for the Vice Chairman. A member must serve at least two years to be considered for the Chairman's seat.

In the course of discussing the staff proposal, the members agreed that in a situation where the Chairman is absent or not able to serve the Vice Chairman should be able to take the Chairman's seat regardless of their length of service. The proposed amendment did not allow for this. Therefore, the committee asked for the proposed amendment to be revised accordingly.

Based on the recommendation of the committee at the August meeting, attached is a revised bylaw amendment. It allows for the Vice Chairman to take the Chairman's seat in the "absence of the Chairman or in his inability to serve," without the year of service requirement.

ATTACHMENT(S): Revised CAC bylaws

ACTION: Approve revised CAC bylaws

**FORWARD PINELLAS
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

**Adopted:
April 13, 1978**

**Amended:
January 8, 1981
May 14, 1981
November 12, 1981
September 9, 1982
June 23, 1989
July 13, 1989
September 4, 1989
December 12, 2001
September 8, 2004
November 10, 2004
Modified January 11, 2006
Modified February 9, 2011
Modified February 10, 2016
Modified July 13, 2016
Modified May 10, 2017
Modified September 24, 2020**

SECTION I: NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

SECTION II: PURPOSE

The Committee shall serve Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, in an advisory capacity pursuant to Federal Regulations (CRF), Title 23, Chapter 1, Part 450, Subpart A, Section 450.120, which requires the provision of public involvement within the Urban Transportation Planning Process and Coordination of Land Use.

A. The functions and responsibilities of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following major areas:

1. Information

- Relate overall community needs and values, relative to planning goals and to future land use and transportation patterns.
- Establish comprehension and promote credibility for the planning process.
- Provide Citizen Committee knowledge of the planning process into local citizen group discussions and meetings.
- Promote better public dissemination of general information through mass circulation methods.

2. Issue Clarification and Problem Solving

- Evaluating and proposing solutions and alternatives on major transportation proposals and critical transportation issues.
- Determining general citizen attitudes and response to planning and programming issues.
- Articulating and interpreting the goals of the PATS program in program evaluation and information dissemination.
- Identification of existing transportation problem areas of general citizen concern.

SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS

A. The Citizens Advisory Committee shall be composed of one representative from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority’s (PSTA) Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) and twenty-six (26) appointed persons from designated areas in the County as follows:

St. Petersburg Area	4
Clearwater Area	2
Dunedin	2
Pinellas Park and Mid-County Area	2
Largo Area	2
Beaches	2
Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, Belleair	
South Pasadena, and Belleair Bluffs	1
Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor	2
At Large, (Includes Handicapped)	9
<u>Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC)</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	27

Anyone interested in serving on the CAC must complete a Forward Pinellas Advisory Committee Member application and attend at least one CAC meeting in order to be considered for appointment. This includes individuals recommended by Forward Pinellas Board members. Elected officials are not eligible to serve on the Committee. Considerations in the appointment of CAC members are listed below in order of priority.

1. Minority representation as reflected in population data for Pinellas County and the Forward Pinellas Board Title VI Plan.
2. Effect on balance of age and gender of the Committee.

3. Whether the candidate previously served on the Committee. Individuals without prior experience on the Committee shall be given preference over those who previously served.
4. For at-large positions, consideration shall be given to how the individual would affect the balance of geographic representation on the Committee. The geographical representation of at-large Committee members should be equitable to the fullest extent possible.

- B. A member having three or more consecutive absences or four or more absences during a twelve-month period shall require reconfirmation by the Forward Pinellas Board or membership shall be terminated. The reconfirmation process may make allowance for absences due to a major health-related condition.

Forward Pinellas shall appoint members of the Committee by affirmative action of the Forward Pinellas Board with the recommendation made by either the Board Chairman, a member of the Board, or the Forward Pinellas Director.

The term of appointment for each member shall be four years in duration unless the member resigns or until the membership is withdrawn by the Forward Pinellas Board. Members shall be limited to no more than two terms. An individual having served two terms may be appointed to another term or terms but must wait at least one year between appointments.

To initiate the term of office procedure, the Forward Pinellas Board will establish a staggered set of terms of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years using membership seniority, with the term of appointment starting January 1, 2005.

Concerning reappointment, that action would take into consideration the member's Committee participation, attendance, and the interest of other individuals in that membership.

SECTION IV: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- A. A Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee shall be a citizen member and shall be elected at the last regularly-scheduled meeting of each calendar year and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected. The Chairman may not serve

more than two terms. The Chairman must have been a Committee member for at least two years, and the Vice Chairman must have been a Committee member for at least one year except under conditions described in IV(D).

- B. Any member may nominate a citizen member to be an Officer. All elections shall be by the majority vote of regular members present.
- C. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for the agenda minutes and conduct of all meetings. The Chairman shall be responsible for pertinent Committee correspondence and information releases. The Chairman shall approve, with any necessary modifications, the agenda tentatively developed for him by ~~the County Planning Department~~ Forward Pinellas Staff at least seven (7) days prior to any scheduled meeting. The Chairman shall also serve as a liaison between the Citizens Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, whenever the need arises. Subcommittees and their Chairman may be appointed by the Chairman, with the approval of the Committee.
- D. The Vice Chairman shall, during the absence of the Chairman or his inability to serve, have and exercise all the duties and powers of the Chairman regardless of the Vice Chairman's length of service. The Vice Chairman shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Chairman.
- E. If both the Chairman and Vice Chairman are absent from a meeting, a temporary Chairman shall be provided by a majority vote of the members present. Any vacancy in office created by resignation or replacement of the Officer by the appointing Agency shall be filled by a majority vote of members present at the next regular meeting. The Officer so elected shall fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office.
- F. If, at any time, the Committee feels that an Officer is not performing his duties in accordance with Section 4, Subsection C, that Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that an item to that effect has been distributed in accordance with Section 4, Subsection C, of these Bylaws.

SECTION V: MEETINGS

- A. The Committee shall meet monthly at a date, time, and place acceptable to a majority of the membership. The date or time may be changed by a majority vote of the regular members if ten (10) days notice is given to the members. (If circumstances warrant, the Chairman may cancel or postpone a regular or special meeting and, if necessary, set a new date, time, and place for the meeting.)
- B. The Chairman may call special meetings whenever deemed necessary.
- C. A seven (7) day notice shall be given for regular meetings. Emergency or Special Meetings may be called with a minimum of three (3) days notice, indicating the reason for the meeting. The three (3) days notice for Emergency or Special Meetings will be conducted by telephone. Agendas shall be prepared prior to all meetings. Agendas should be mailed with meeting notices and minutes of the previous meeting approximately seven (7) days prior to any regular meeting and three (3) days prior to any Emergency or Special Meeting. Members may place items on the mail-out agenda with approval of the Chairman. Any item requiring Committee action may be brought before the Committee by any member with the Committee's approval, even though it is not on the agenda. The Committee shall decide if action is to be taken at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting.
- D. Whenever reports are to be given, copies will be prepared for each member of the Committee. When possible, said copies should be mailed with meeting notices.
- E. Each member shall have an equal vote.
- F. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the voting membership and shall be required for conduct of all official business. A majority of the quorum shall be necessary to decide an issue before the Committee.

SECTION VI: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the regular members of the Committee, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) has been sent to every member approximately seven (7) days before it is voted on. All proposed amendments shall be voted on at regular meetings.

6. Intelligent Transportation Systems Update

SUMMARY

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects help alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow. Examples of ITS projects include dynamic message signs, pedestrian-controlled street crossings, and automated bus passes. ITS also encompasses Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS), which refers to an infrastructure of interconnected traffic signal and traffic condition surveillance equipment that can be remotely managed from a centralized location.

Pinellas County's Smart Tracs system incorporates concepts to enhance the county's Advanced Transportation Management System/Intelligent Transportation System (ATMS/ITS) and regional Smart City enterprise. This integration of information and communication technology with various connected smart devices improve safety and enhance mobility for motorists, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists. Bluetooth sensors, closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras, and mobile platforms transmit real-time data to the county's Traffic Management Center where it is used to monitor the transportation system, optimize signal patterns and control traffic flow. Smart Tracs syncs data derived from traffic signal control devices and motorists to:

- Improve traffic flow by decreasing travel time and reducing time spent at red lights
- Keep citizens up-to-date on current travel conditions and delays or alternative routes
- Maintain a safe and efficient movement of motorists, transit, bicyclists and pedestrians
- Integrate signal preemption for emergency vehicles and provide accident location information

Mr. Ken Jacobs, Pinellas County Public Works, will give a presentation on Pinellas County's ITS/ATMS system.

ATTACHMENT: None

ACTION: None required, informational item

7. PSTA Sunrunner



SUMMARY

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) recently unveiled a new type of public transportation in Pinellas County. Tampa Bay’s very first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, the “Sunrunner,” will offer fast, modern transportation to move riders from downtown St. Petersburg to the beaches of south Pinellas County. The Sunrunner will utilize 1st Avenue North, 1st Avenue South, Pasadena Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. The buses will travel in dedicated lanes for much of the route and will be assisted by innovative technology to ensure they run on time. The stops will be serviced every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes in the evening.

A representative of PSTA will provide an overview of the Sunrunner project, including service and route details and timeline.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item

[Presentation](#)

SUMMARY

In October 2019, the St. Petersburg City Council voted in support of a one-year pilot program for e-scooter deployment within the city limits. The e-scooter pilot was designed to study the implementation of e-scooters and to inform the development of a regulatory ordinance to amend the city code. The micromobility ordinance defines micromobility and creates regulations and licensing requirements for e-scooters and hoverboards.

The implementation of the e-scooter pilot program was carefully designed to provide safeguards to the public. The micromobility ordinance prohibits e-scooters from areas such as the new Pier and from obstructing public rights-of-way and building entrances; requires users to be 16 years of age or older; and identifies vendor permitting and parking requirements.

Operator agreements with the selected vendors will be presented to City Council for approval on August 20. If approved, e-scooters will be available for public use by early October.

A representative from the City of St. Petersburg will provide an overview of the pilot program and ordinance and answer questions from the committee members.

ATTACHMENT: None

ACTION: None, Information only

[Presentation](#)

9. Safe Streets Pinellas

SUMMARY

Earlier this year, Forward Pinellas launched a vision zero effort called Safe Streets Pinellas. Vision Zero is a transportation safety strategy employed by communities across the world based on the principle that loss of life is not an acceptable price to pay for mobility. Vision Zero exists to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries in the transportation system with a proactive, preventative approach. As part of Safe Streets Pinellas, Forward Pinellas and the Safe Streets Pinellas Task Force are analyzing collision data, developing engineering and non-engineering countermeasures, conducting demonstration projects and ultimately developing an Action Plan to get to zero. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, CAC Member, will provide a brief update on Safe Streets Pinellas.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None, Information only

A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

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

B. TBARTA Update

A summary of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority's Citizen Advisory Committee meeting(s), if any, will be provided at this time.

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

- Countywide Trends and Conditions Report
- Fall Update of the Transportation Improvement Program
- FDOT's Five-Year Draft Tentative Work Program
- TBARTA Technology/Gondola presentation
- TIP Amendment(s), if any

E. Member Interests/Discussion Topics

No topics noted at this time

F. Public Comments

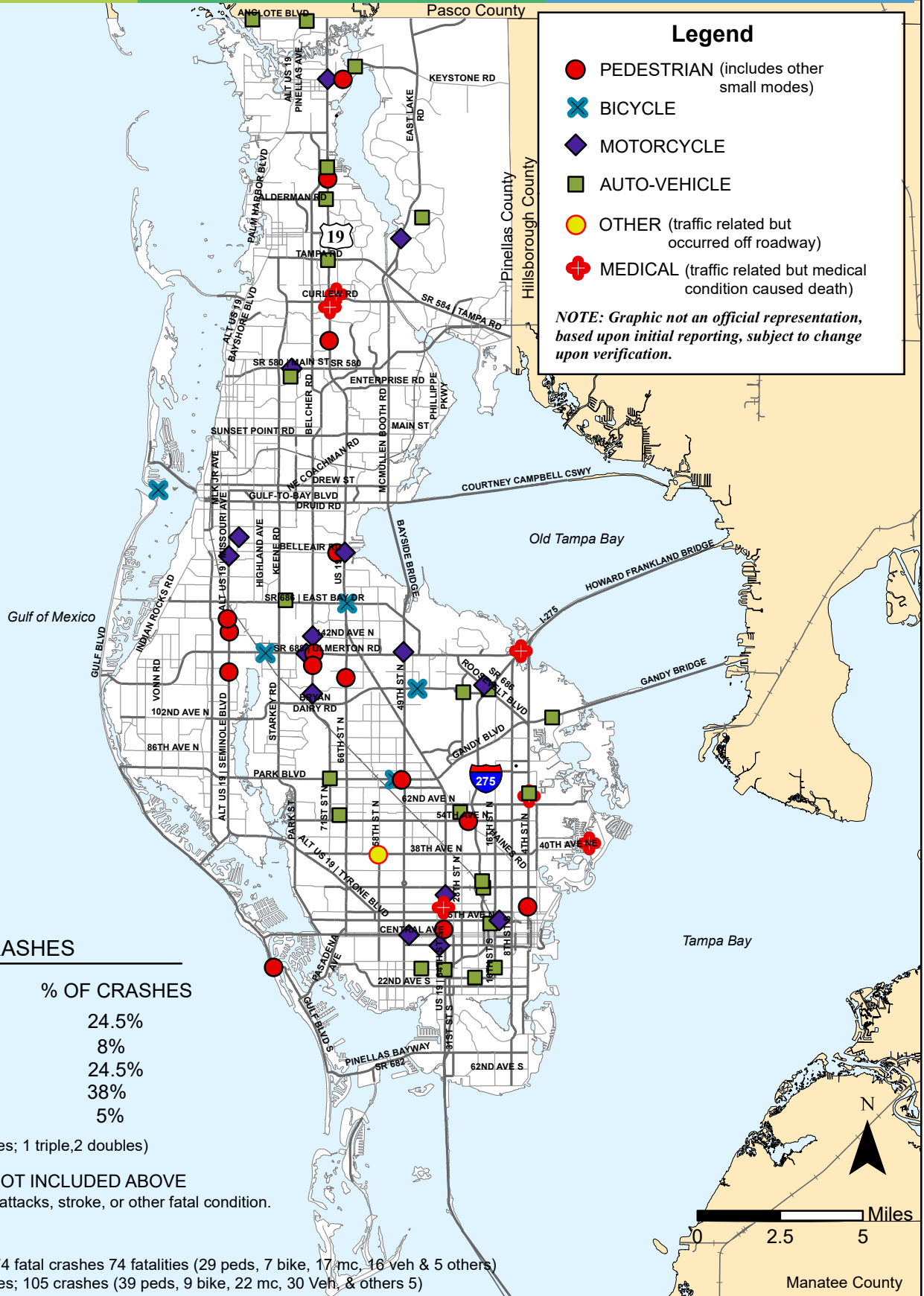
Comments are limited to three minutes per person and should not require presentations or extensive discussion.

G. Upcoming Events

Comments are limited to three minutes per person and should not require presentations or extensive discussion:

1. Oct 16-31st – [Virtual Bike Your City 2020](#) – Safety Harbor
2. Oct 9th – Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee – 1-3 p.m.
3. Nov 16-19th – [Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit](#)

Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



FATAL CRASHES

TOTALS	61	% OF CRASHES
*PEDESTRIAN	15	24.5%
*BICYCLE	5	8%
*MOTORCYCLE	15	24.5%
AUTO-VEHICLE	23	38%
OTHER	3	5%

(61 fatal crashes 65 fatalities; 1 triple, 2 doubles)

6 NON-TRAFFIC FATALS NOT INCLUDED ABOVE
Medical incidents include heart attacks, stroke, or other fatal condition.

**Same time August 30, 2019: 74 fatal crashes 74 fatalities (29 peds, 7 bike, 17 mc, 18 veh & 5 others)

**End of year (2019) 106 fatalities; 105 crashes (39 peds, 9 bike, 22 mc, 30 Veh, & others 5)

VIRTUAL

Scavenger Hunt



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