

Board Meeting Summary & Action Sheet

June 9, 2021

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 June 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at Pinellas County Cooperative Extension. After a delay, the meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Due to a power outage, the Forward Pinellas Board Meeting was not televised and several items were postponed to the July meeting.

The board unanimously voted to defer all items on the current agenda to the July public meeting except items on consent and public hearing items.

The board unanimously adopted the FY 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program and committed to continued advocacy for full funding of all deferred projects on the Strategic Intermodal System, including the Westshore Interchange in Tampa and I-275 corridor improvements under Tampa Bay Next, back into FDOT’s five year work program.

Forward Pinellas is required to adopt the fiscal year (FY) 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by July 15, 2021 for the county to receive state and federal funding for transportation projects.

The TIP incorporates priority projects identified within Advantage Pinellas, our Long Range Transportation Plan, adopted in 2019, as well as other projects covered in the FDOT work program. Priorities for funding in the TIP include projects such as the intersection improvement at Alt. US 19 at Curlew Rd., the roundabout at Palm Harbor Blvd. and Florida Ave., reconstruction of Gandy Blvd. from 4th St. to west of Gandy Bridge, the SR 60 Pedestrian Overpass, Pinellas Trail Loop, Drew Street improvements from Osceola Street to US 19, and capital funding for Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) bus replacements.

Take a look at the [new Interactive TIP Map](#) to explore all the projects included in the adopted TIP.

- Secretary Gwynn provided an update on possible additional funding from federal relief funds. He is hopeful projects currently removed from FDOT’s five year work program will be put back in later this year with the addition of federal funds included as part of the state’s adopted budget, allowing other projects to be put into the queue for funding as well.
- Councilmember Allbritton clarified with staff the the Drew St. project was located from Osceola to US 19 and would be designed in 2022 and constructed in 2024.
- Councilmember Gabbard requested to work with FDOT later on the resurfacing of I-275 to improve operations at the approach to the Skyway toll plaza.

- Commissioner Long requested a commitment from FDOT on regional efforts, to which Secretary Gwynn confirmed that regional projects are a priority.
- Whit Blanton confirmed with FDOT that the transportation project from US 19 from Curlew Rd. to Tampa Rd., which had design and right-of-way funding cut from the FDOT work program, would be a priority during the allocation of relief funding. Mr. Blanton also requested the board make a commitment to actively advocate for all deferred items to be put back in FDOT's five year work program.

The board unanimously recommended approval of amendments to the Countywide Rules

The board recommended approval of amendments to the Countywide Rules to create a Senior Housing Bonus, revise and clarify the process for Countywide Plan Map adjustments, clarify public hearing procedures for amending the Countywide Plan Map, Countywide Plan Strategies, and Countywide Rules, and update definitions.

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

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 9-0)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Approval of Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Updates
 - D. Approval of Amendment(s) to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Complete Streets with City of Tarpon Springs for Diston Avenue
- **Adoption of the FY 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program**
Following a presentation by Forward Pinellas staff and public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, adopted the FY 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program. (roll call vote: 9-0)

Proposed Amendment(s) to the Countywide Rules

Following a presentation by Forward Pinellas staff and public hearing, the board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the proposed amendments to the Countywide Rules and transmitting to the Countywide Planning Authority. (vote: 9-0)