CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) AGENDA

February 23, 2017 – 7:00pm
310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conf. Room
Clearwater, FL 33756

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS (7:00 – 7:03)**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:03 – 7:05)**
   - **January 26, 2017**
3. **MPO MEETING ACTIONS (7:05– 7:10)**
   - **February 8, 2017**
4. **FY 2016/17 – FY 2020/21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT(S) (7:10-7:20) – Presenter: Brian Beaty, FDOT Staff**
5. **CLEARWATER LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (7:20-7:35) – Presenter: Lauren Matzke, City of Clearwater Staff**
6. **CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG COMPLETE STREETS PRESENTATION (7:35-7:50) – Presenters: Lisa Frank, Florida Consumer Action Network and Cheryl Stacks, City of St. Petersburg Staff**
7. **FORWARD PINELLAS COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS (7:50 – 8:00) – Presenter: Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas Staff**
8. **FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR 2017 (8:00-8:50) – Presenter: CAC Chairman and Forward Pinellas Staff**
9. **OTHER BUSINESS (8:50-9:00)**
   - **A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update**
   - **B. Traffic Fatalities Map**
   - **C. MPOAC Legislative Update**
   - **D. Tentative Future Agenda Items**
   - **E. Future Agenda Item Requests from Committee Members**
   - **F. Public Comment**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING - MARCH 23, 2017

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2. Approval Of the Minutes

SUMMARY

The meeting summary for the January 26, 2017 meeting are attached for the Committee's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT: CAC Meeting Summary – January 26, 2017

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Summary

PINELLAS COUNTY MPO
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2017

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization met on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Pinellas County Planning Department, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neil McMullen, *Chairman* – Clearwater
Rebecca Afonso – *Vice Chairman* - Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Karen Cunningham - Clearwater
John Estok – At Large
Joe Falanga - Largo
Bob Henion – Dunedin
Jack Kleban – At Large
Daryl Krumsieg – St. Petersburg
Kim Marston – At Large
Karen Mullins – Dunedin
Terri Novitsky – Beaches
Vivian Peters – At Large
Larry Roybal – Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs
Robby Thompson – St. Petersburg
Norris Varkalhoff – At Large
Tammy Vrana – At Large
Carson Zimmer – At Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Allen – St. Petersburg
Jack Nazario – Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, Belleair, So. Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs Area
Jake Stowers – At Large
Patricia Rodriguez – At Large

OTHERS PRESENT

Hisham Sunna – Ayers and Associates
Jeffery Siewert – Ayers and Associates
Julie Daniels – Guest Citizen of Largo
Bonnie Epstein – PSTA
Steven Yost – Guest Citizen of the Beaches
Gloria Lepik-Corrigan – Guest Citizen of Clearwater
Luis Serna – Guest Citizen of Clearwater
Stephen Lasky – Guest Citizen of St. Petersburg
Geneva Waters – Guest Citizen of Largo
Jerrod Simpson – Guest Citizen of Clearwater
Jim Richards – Citizen of Safety Harbor
Brian Beaty – FDOT
John Carpenter – Pinellas County Traffic Engineering
Chelsea Favero – Forward Pinellas Staff
Robert Feigel – Forward Pinellas Staff
Sarah Ward – Forward Pinellas Staff
Maria Kelly – Forward Pinellas Staff

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG/INTRODUCTIONS**
   Chairman Neil McMullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman McMullen expressed the importance of attending all meetings. Chairman McMullen asked everyone to introduce themselves. The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited at this meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 1, 2016)**
   Joe Falanga made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2016. Robby Thompson seconded and the minutes were approved.

3. **MPO MEETING ACTIONS**
   Sarah Ward reviewed the Forward Pinellas Board Action Sheet for both December 14, 2016 and January 11, 2017. Please make note that all Forward Pinellas Board meetings are recorded and the recordings are available on the forwardpinellas.org website. Minutes from the meeting will be posted shortly thereafter. In December, the Board recognized outgoing and incoming board members for the New Year as well as electing a new Executive Committee for 2017. Mr. Brian Beaty with FDOT presented the department's Draft Tentative Work Program for fiscal year 2017-2018 through fiscal year 2021-2022. The scope of services for the Gateway/Mid-County Master Plan was approved; Mayor Julie Bujalski updated the Board on PSTA activities and the City of Clearwater presented its proposed new US 19 Activity Center Zoning Standards. In January the Board appointed representatives to the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group. The Forward Pinellas Board will be holding a work session on March 31, 2017 to discuss SPOTLight Areas. Patti Johnson of the Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) received the Elected Official of Year Award from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Six applications were received for the Complete Streets program. The Board received an update on the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS). Additional information can be found on the forwardpinellas.org website.

4. **FY 2015/16 – FY 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS**
   Brian Beaty, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, updated the committee on two TIP amendments. 1- FPN#4344161- Bus and Bus Facilities Program Section 5339 Program Grant: Pasco County Public Transportation received FY 2016-17 allocation from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 grant funds providing capital funding to purchase buses and/or related equipment and facilities. The TIP amendment is needed to satisfy plan consistency requirements and to received federal authorization of the funds. The funding source is the FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program. 2- FPN#4394581 – Median Modification on CR 752/Tampa Road from Sandpiper Court to Cornerstone Center. Construction phase of a safety improvement project involving median modifications. The funding source if FDOT's Highway Safety Program (HSP). Questions were taken and answered appropriately. A motion was made by Bob Henion to approve the TIP amendment FPN#4344161. It was seconded by Joe Falanga and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Larry Roybal to approve the TIP amendment FPN#4394581. It was seconded by Becky Afonso and passed unanimously.

5. **FLORIDA COAST TO COAST TRAIL OVERLAY STUDY**
   This topic was deferred to next month's agenda.

6. **SR 60 AT BELCHER ROAD STUDY REEVALUATON**
   Hisham Sunna with Ayers Associates shared a power point presentation with the committee on the PD&E Reevaluation of Belcher Road (CR 501) at Gulf to Bay Boulevard (SR 60). The

previous study for Belcher Road was from Druid Road to Sunset Point Road. This study consisted of environmental impacts, safety issues, consistency with the Pinellas County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), engineering study of alternatives and stakeholder concerns. The original study indicated capacity improvements were needed after gathering updated traffic fatalities and traffic count information. Five alternatives were evaluated, including a no-build alternative with safety improvements and a single point urban interchange (SPUI). Alternative 1, which is left widening of Belcher Road, seems to be the most effective alternative. Funding will determine the next step, followed by public involvement, once it passes the County Commission. Because this intersection study is currently being addressed through the state's SR 60 resurfacing project, it is not a part of the current SR 60 FDOT study and therefore a question of priority and FDOT funding. Questions were taken and answered appropriately.

7. FORWARD PINELLAS COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM UPDATE

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, updated the committee on the applications received by the local governments wanting to be considered for the Complete Streets program funding. A total of six applications were received, four planning/design and two for construction. Ms. Favero reviewed each application as to its named project, matching funding and details. Questions were taken and answered appropriately. Project selection will be brought before the committee upon completion.

8. DISCUSSIONS FOR TOPICS FOR 2017

Chairman Neil McMullen met with Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, prior to the CAC meeting to review topics of discussions for the CAC committee. Discussions that incorporate policy versus operations of plans in the interaction of transportation and land use. Ms. Ward addressed the committee to think about what topics of transportation/land use or land use as it related to transportation, that the committee would like to review. Topics recommended by the committee include:

Automated Vehicles	Vision Zero Policy
Park & Ride (Transit Planning)	CSX/Rail/Sunrail
Business/Residential Mix – Affordable Housing	
Economic Development & Land Use Policy	
Regional Transit Feasibility Plan	Transit Alternatives
Bicycle Hubs	Intercity Passenger Rail
Cost Benefit Analysis Ratios	Visual Obstruction, Sight Distance at Intersection
Efficient Traffic Flow	Challenge for Funding for Optional Projects

9. OTHER BUSINESS – Other business was reviewed prior to #8 Discussions for Topics

A. TBARTA CAC UPDATE

Bob Henion updated the committee on TBARTA. Business was usual going into the holidays. Regional priorities, Gateway Express, Howard Frankland Bridge, Tampa Bay Express, Multimodal Center at West Shore and the University Parkway came off the list because it is nearing completion. Mr. Henion distributed Map of Trails booklet. Karen Mullins also attends the TBARTA meetings. Becky Afonso updated the committee on the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation hosting a Gulf Coast Regional Trails summit in Venice in which Becky attended.

B. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Ms. Ward explained the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas to the newer members of the committee. About a year and half ago Forward Pinellas Board identified three spotlight emphasis areas in terms of where Forward Pinellas would focus most of their attention for a two year period: US 19, Beach Access and the Gateway Area. Each committee meeting, a member of the

Forward Pinellas staff updates the committee members as to activity within these focus areas.

Gateway Area – Forward Pinellas director provided an overview as Forward Pinellas is looking at a partnership between Forward Pinellas, FDOT, Pinellas County and the cities of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park and Largo as to how to enhance the connectivity and looking at the land use and a number of other concerns in developing a scope of services.

US19 – Workshops have been held at both the northern segment and the southern end of US19. In looking at the southern end, part of the assessment is looking at the impact to the Skyway Marina District and transit use in St. Petersburg. The cushion is having an interstate that parallels US 19, there is not as much traffic on the southern portion of US19. We are currently working with PSTA to develop a scope of service for work on dedicated bus and bike lanes. Land use assessment is already underway.

Beach Access - Waterborne Transport forum in early November was held looking at ferry operations in the area and how Forward Pinellas can help facilitate the process. We currently have a working group currently in the process of drafting a model ordinance on how local governments might work with waterborne transportation in terms of ferry service. Efforts are currently underway to assess the feasibility of developing dedicated bus service from Tampa International Airport (TIA) to Clearwater Beach in an effort to reduce the traffic on SR60 corridor at Clearwater Beach during the peak seasons.

C. Traffic Fatalities Map

Traffic fatalities map was included in the agenda packet.

D. Tentative Future Agenda Items

- Transit Access Study
- PSTA Update, including information on funding electric buses
- City of St. Petersburg Complete Streets Presentation
- SPOTLight Emphasis Area Update (Standing)

E. Future Agenda Item Requests from Committee Members

F. Public Comments

Karen Mullins asked Brian Beaty a question regarding going from I-275 to I-4, averaging 33mph on I-4. If we are able to complete TBX, where will the cars go? FDOT is looking at something like what Orlando has.

Bob Henion addressed the texting while driving becoming a primary offense and wanted to asked the question if the MPO's collectively were addressing/supporting?

John Estok wanted to bring up the ease of use safety and clarity of sight one more time, which is on the list of topics and bring to the committees' attention that there is no transit at the TIA or on McMullen Booth.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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3. Forward Pinellas Actions

SUMMARY

The February 8, 2017 Action Sheets are provided for your information. A staff member will review actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at those meeting.

ATTACHMENT: Action Sheets for February 8, 2017

ACTION: None Required, Informational Item Only

Executive Summary, 2.8.17 Board Meeting

The full agenda for the meeting, the meeting video, and a short list of actions that the board took this month are all on our website.

- **Clearwater Vice Mayor Bill Jonson presented the PSTA Activities Report**
  - PSTA's board recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the agency and HART
    - The MOU is intended to formalize existing and future regional cooperation but not to be the start of a merger
    - The PSTA board also approved an MOU for a regional fare collection system of Flamingo Fares Tampa Bay
  - PSTA continues to pursue Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from downtown St. Petersburg to South Pasadena/St. Pete Beach
    - Staff at PSTA asked for more time to investigate alternatives for funding the project, as St. Pete Beach is not a member of the transit authority at this time
      - Looking to get the project into the fiscal year 2019 federal budget, with operations beginning in 2021
    - Commissioner Ken Welch expressed his strong support for this BRT option as the first transit project to have momentum and greatest potential for success
  - Chairman John Morroni asked about the funding source for installing electric charging stations for buses in downtown St. Petersburg, which Jonson indicated may be paid by the County as a one-time expense
  - There was also discussion of PSTA analysis for a busway from downtown Clearwater to the beach
    - An FDOT study indicated that there was capacity to use the median of the Memorial Causeway Bridge to the beach for a bus lane
- **HART staff and Jacobs Engineering presented on the regional premium transit plan**
  - The plan, a collaboration between HART and PSTA, seeks to identify a regional corridor for premium transit, a plan that could be federally funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - The evaluation of potential transit projects will be based on three questions:
    - Where are the top performing corridors? (April 2017)
    - What are the best projects? (June 2017)
    - How and when are projects built? (September 2017)

    - The board requested a list of the projects regionally that had been submitted over the years for FTA funding but had not been advanced
        - Only one project in the three-county area has ever received FTA funding, according to the consultant
    - Board members affirmed a request made at the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meeting to keep the public in the loop throughout the entire project
- **Pinellas County Public Works staff and consultant Ayres Associates presented alternatives for changes to Belcher Road at State Road 60 - one of the most congested, saturated intersections in the county**
    - The study was prompted by pedestrian fatalities at that intersection
    - Five alternatives were presented: a roadway widening left, roadway widening center, roadway widening right, an overpass, and a no-build alternative
        - Each of the widening alternatives involved adding left- and right-turn lanes
    - Chairman John Morroni encouraged the County to pursue the non-overpass alternatives that involved adding turn lanes, as the overpass would cost about $80 million, whereas the other alternatives were estimated at between $15 million and $18 million
    - County requested that Forward Pinellas add the to-be selected alternative to its priority list
- **The board discussed upcoming plans for U.S. 19, including a transit concept plan and whether to continue building interchanges in the north part of the corridor**
    - The City of Tarpon Springs has indicated its non-support for an interchange at Tarpon Avenue
    - The board expressed support for safety-related measures that could be in place prior to construction of or in lieu of future interchanges.
        - The Tampa Road interchange is not yet funded for construction, but the Curlew Road interchange is funded for construction in 2021
- **Forward Pinellas staff discussed the update to the multimodal impact fee**
    - Staff explored potential costs of the update and referenced the ordinance requiring a review of the formula every two years
    - Board members directed staff to take the item to the TCC
    - In addition, board members asked to see a comparison of cumulative impact fees for the County and adjacent jurisdictions
- **Forward Pinellas staff updated the board on the Gulf Coast Trail Alliance, which recommends taking a cooperative approach to secure funding for design and construction of individual segments of one Gulf Coast Trail winding through many counties**
    - Pinellas County has two unfunded segments of the Gulf Coast Trail, formerly known as the Southwest Coastal Regional Trail
    - Board members approved using TBARTA as the facilitator for the Gulf Coast Trail Alliance
- **Dates to remember:**
    - Forward Pinellas Board Work Session March 31
    - Pinellas Economic Leadership Symposium April 20-21

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4. FY 2016/17 – FY 2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

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

ACTION: CAC to recommend approval of any TIP amendments (if any)

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5. Clearwater Land Development Standards

SUMMARY

The City of Clearwater amended the City's Community Development Code, to implement the newly drafted zoning and development standards for properties in its US 19 corridor planning area. This multi-year project implements several strategies within the City's US 19 Corridor Redevelopment Plan (adopted in 2012) which set forth the vision for the US 19 corridor. US 19 and its cross streets were also designated as Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor on the Countywide Plan Map in 2015, allowing for additional densities and intensities of development in these areas. In addition to amendments to the City's Community Development Code to create the new US 19 Corridor District and associated standards, the City has initiated amendments to its Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map and Zoning Atlas.

Staff from the City of Clearwater will provide a brief overview of the project's components, concentrating on key development standards in the zoning district.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

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6. City of St. Petersburg Complete Streets Presentation

SUMMARY

Complete Streets are planned, designed, operated, and maintained so that people of all ages and physical and economic abilities can safely and comfortably move around the city street network. A Complete Street provides the right accommodation for the land use context. Cheryl Stacks, City of St. Petersburg Staff, and Lisa Frank from the Florida Consumer Action Network will co-present on Complete Streets in the City of St. Petersburg, describe how it's being implemented there and provide information on how people can engage the Florida Consumer Action Network to support Complete Streets.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only

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7. Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Program Recommendations

SUMMARY

Through collaboration with its committees and board, in 2016 Forward Pinellas developed an incentive program to assist local governments in planning, designing and constructing Complete Streets projects, particularly those with the potential to serve as a catalyst for transformative redevelopment within a corridor or activity center. The program will award up to $100,000 annually for planning projects, beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2017/18, and up to $1 million annually for construction projects, to be programmed in the Five Year Work Program.

Between October 3rd and December 16th, 2016, Forward Pinellas called for local governments to submit applications for funding Complete Streets projects in their communities. Six applications were received - four for planning and two for construction. At the January committee meeting, the TCC received presentations from each of the applicant agencies, providing an overview of each project seeking funding. A subcommittee comprised of members of both the TCC and the Planners Advisory Committee, as well as Forward Pinellas staff, met in February to review each application and to develop a recommendation for funding. The subcommittee recommended that Forward Pinellas provide $50,000 in funding to the City of Clearwater for the Drew Street Complete Street application, $50,000 in funding to the Pinellas County Lealman Complete Streets project, and $1 million to St. Petersburg for the construction of the 34th St. S. sidewalk improvements. This recommendation is being transmitted to the Forward Pinellas Board for approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; information item

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8. Follow Up Discussion of Topics for 2017

SUMMARY

Follow-Up List of Topics from the January Meeting

The purpose of this item is to identify two or three topics that the CAC would like to spend more time discussing in 2017, with the goal of developing a presentation to the Forward Pinellas Board. The CAC has an important role in helping to shape the agenda for transportation and development in Pinellas County from the perspective of different voices in the community. At its last meeting, the CAC narrowed down a wide variety of potential topics to the list below.

Policy-Related Topics:

- Vision Zero Policy
- Automated and Connected Vehicles
- Land Use & Economic Development
    - Business/Residential Mixed Use/Affordable housing
- Cost Benefit Analysis Ratios
- Intercity Passenger Rail
- Regional transit connections from airport to Pinellas County
- Utilization of CSX Right of Way for Transit
- Transit Alternatives
- Bicycle Hubs

Many of the topics generated by the CAC at its last meeting are already reflected in the list of tentative future agenda items described below under section C of Agenda Item 9, or can be addressed relatively quickly by adding them to this listing. Staff will work to schedule presentations to the committee on the items listed below, as time on upcoming agendas permits.

Topics proposed for future agenda item presentations:

- Congestion Management (efficient traffic flow)
- PSTA update
    - need for additional Park & Ride locations
    - last mile/first mile
- Challenge for funding alternative transportation projects
- Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

There was also some interest in freight-related issues, as raised at last month's meeting. Forward Pinellas staff routinely reviews transportation plans to ensure the movement of freight is considered in all projects. In addition, FDOT District 7 hosts a Tampa Bay Regional Goods Movement Advisory Committee meeting that meets regularly to discuss freight related topics spanning the Tampa Bay area, with Forward Pinellas staff participating in these meetings. Citizens are welcome to participate in these meetings as well, so please get with Forward Pinellas staff if you would like to be included in the email distribution list for this group.

Trees/bushes blocking view of turning vehicles was another issues raised at last month's CAC meeting that can be addressed relatively quickly. Problems such as overgrown vegetation, potholes, sidewalks, mistimed traffic signals or incorrect signs can be reported to Pinellas County government on an online website (http://www.pinellascounty.org/reportanissue/) or via a downloadable mobile app available at the same website. Simply take a photograph of the problem or describe it via text and they'll address the issue. If the problem falls outside of the boundaries of Pinellas County's direct jurisdiction, they'll forward the concern to the appropriate government organization. Either way, citizens will receive an update via email on what is being done to resolve the reported issue.

The CAC Chairman and Forward Pinellas staff will facilitate a conversation about the list of topics generated at last month's CAC meeting and discuss how to narrow the list down to two or three topics that the CAC would like to focus on and spend more time discussing in 2017.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Narrow down the list of topics above to identify two or three topics the CAC wants to spend more time on in 2017

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9. Other Business

A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the status of activities related to the three SPOTlight emphasis areas.

B. Traffic Fatalities Map

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

ATTACHMENT: Traffic Fatalities Map

C. MPOAC Legislative Update

Forward Pinellas is providing a legislative update, as developed by the MPOAC

ATTACHMENT: MPOAC Legislative Update

D. Tentative Future Agenda Items

- Coast to Coast Trail Overlay Study
- Transit Access Study
- PSTA Update
- Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit
- Forward Pinellas Project Priorities
- FDOT Presentation on Major Road Projects
- Bicycle Safety Presentation

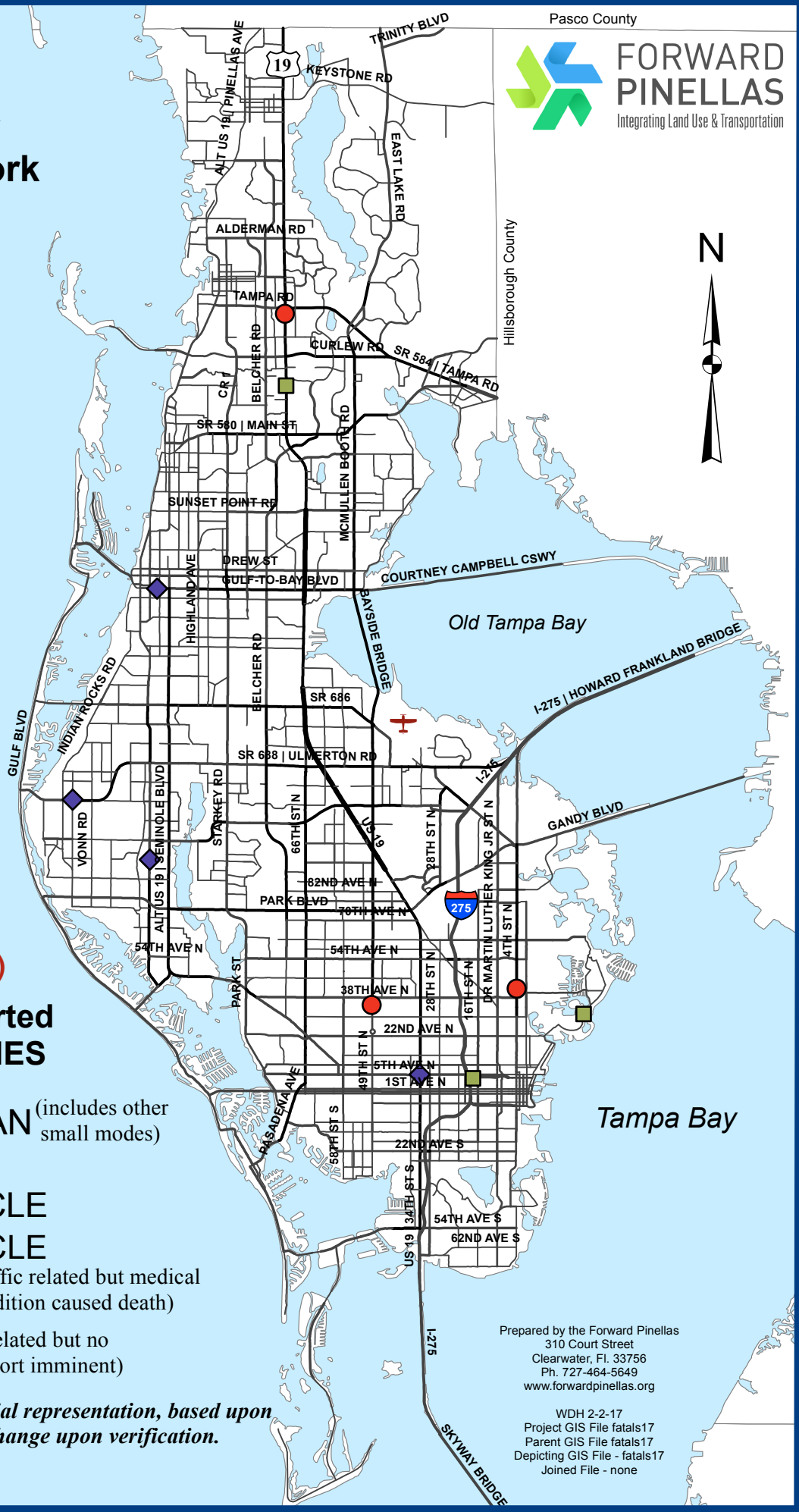
E. Future Agenda Item Requests from Committee Members

Members may comment on other business and request future agenda items.

F. Public Comments

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

Pinellas County Major Road Network



Gulf of Mexico

YEAR 2017
(thru February 1st)

Locations of Reported TRAFFIC FATALITIES

- PEDESTRIAN (includes other small modes)
- BICYCLE
- MOTORCYCLE
- AUTO-VEHICLE
- MEDICAL (traffic related but medical condition caused death)
- OTHER (traffic related but no crash report imminent)

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Project GIS File fatals17
Parent GIS File fatals17
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Joined File - none

CRASHES	DATAID	ROADWAY	LOCATION	DESC	DATE	FATAL
1	004F17	5TH AVE N	34TH ST N	MC	1/17/2017	1
1	005F17	113TH ST N	9000 BLOCK	MC	1/19/2017	1
1	008F17	COURT ST	CHESTNUT ST	MC	1/27/2017	1
1	010F17	SR688 | WALSINGHAM RD	137TH ST	MC	1/31/2017	2
1	002F17	42ND AVE N	4TH ST N	PED	1/9/2017	1
1	003F17	49TH ST N	3500 BLOCK	PED	1/9/2017	1
1	009F17	US 19 HWY	S OF TAMPA RD	PED	1/25/2017	1
1	001F17	US19 HWY	ROYAL BLVD	VEH	1/4/2017	1
1	006F17	I-375	WB EXIT RAMP TO I-275	VEH	1/25/2017	1
1	007F17	SNELL ISLE BLVD NE	NB AT CURVE	VEH	1/25/2017	1

PINELLAS COUNTY

INITIAL REPORTING

of Traffic Fatalities

thru February 1, 2017

11 FATALITIES INCLUDING MEDICALS

11 FATALITIES EXCLUDING MEDICALS

10 CRASHES (fatal) INCLUDING MEDICALS

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0 OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED FATALITIES BUT NO IMMINENT CRASH REPORT

3 AUTO-VEHICLE FATALITIES

27.3% **(medical crashes not included)**

3 AUTO-VEHICLE CRASHES (fatal)

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

5 MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES

45.5% of all traffic fatalities

4 MOTORCYCLE CRASHES (fatal)

0 BICYCLE FATALITIES

0.0% of all traffic fatalities

0 BICYCLE CRASHES (fatal)

3 PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES

27.3% of all traffic fatalities (includes other small modes)

3 PEDESTRIAN CRASHES (fatal)

8 VULNERABLE USER FATALITIES

7 VULNERABLE USER CRASHES (fatal)

72.7% Vulnerable/total fatalities

(medical crashes not included)

NOTE

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Forward Pinellas

MPOAC The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

Mayor Susan Haynie
Chair

Legislative Update for the week ending 02/10/2017

Overview

During this week, House and Senate committees met and began the process of reviewing budget priorities of the state agencies. Bills have been presented in committees and voted upon, although the focus has certainly been on the beginning steps of formulating a budget. As part of this process, agencies present their budget requests to committees who then ask questions of each agency.

We welcome Rachel Cone as the Interim Secretary of Florida Department of Transportation. She is stepping up to the role from the position of Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration. Interim Secretary Cone jumped into her new role by handling the DOT budget presentation at the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee like a seasoned veteran. Her performance showed that she is the right pick to take the reins of DOT during the legislative session. As the agencies presented their portion of the Governor's proposed budget titled "Fighting for Florida" the focus was not on transportation even though it was the largest budget amount by far. Visit Florida was immediately in the cross-hairs of the subcommittee who are looking to reduce the spending in the Governor's budget. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, so far the focus seems to be away from transportation and the focus still remains on Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida.

In the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee one of the first casualties was the proposed budget of $76 Million for Visit Florida. House Speaker Corcoran has been very clear that he sees Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida as unnecessary government subsidies. The speaker has been clear that he sees the offering incentives to companies as government picking winners and losers. He explained through a spokesperson that incentives to one company puts other companies at a competitive disadvantage because they are not getting financial incentives which contribute to their success. The Governor supports and is advocating strongly for both Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida. The Governor and the Speaker are coming from very different perspectives, this may make for a long session. It is still early and lots can happen between now and the scheduled end of session on May 5th.

A quick round-up of the Governor's "Fighting For Florida" budget which includes nearly $11 Billion for transportation. Here are the main points of the proposed transportation budget:

- $4.1 billion for construction of highway projects
- $178.2 million in seaport infrastructure improvements
- $257.8 million for aviation improvements
- $300.8 million for scheduled repair of 61 bridges and replacement of 16 bridges
- $978.2 million for maintenance and operation
- $618 million for public transit development grants

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• $175.6 million for safety initiatives
• $82.7 million for bike and pedestrian trails

Since the last newsletter a few side issues have come related to the Governor's budget. Added to the budget issues listed above are concerns the governor expressed with Tri-Rail contracting and deals that Florida seaports are trying to ink with Cuba. The Governor indicated that funding in the upcoming budget could be withheld from Tri-Rail and the Florida seaports if changes were not made. The Mobile, AL seaport seized the opportunity and inked a deal with Cuba while representatives from the Mobile seaport were in Tampa.

Meetings of interest next week

Tuesday – House Appropriations Committee

Wednesday – Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development
- House Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
- House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
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Thursday – Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development

Legislation of interest to the membership

Changes in Red

HB 47: Texting While Driving – (Stark; Slosberg - CO-INTRODUCERS: McGhee; Smith) - Revises penalties for violations of Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law; provides enhanced penalties for such violations when committed in school zone or school crossing; removes requirement that specified provisions be enforced as secondary action by law enforcement agency. Referred to 3 Committees

SB 66: Highway Safety – (Clemens) - Deleting the definition of the term "vulnerable road user"; revising provisions relating to the overtaking and passing of a vehicle; exempting bicycles from provisions for passing a vehicle on the right under certain circumstances; providing penalties for specified infractions contributing to bodily injury of a vulnerable user of a public roadway or a vulnerable user, etc. Withdrawn

HB 69: Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving – (Slosberg - CO-INTRODUCERS: Baez; McGhee; Smith) - Provides for primary enforcement of Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law for drivers age 18 or younger; requires deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund. Referred to 3 Committees

HB 139: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia; Avila - CO-INTRODUCERS: Donalds; Gruters; Massullo) – (Companion Bill SB 278 – Steube) - Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election. Referred to 3 Committees, passed first committee

SB 178: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Artiles - CO-INTRODUCERS: Brandes; Mayfield) – (Very similar to HB 6007 – Avila; Ingoglia; Diaz, M) - Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of "local hearing officer" and "traffic infraction detector" and to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, etc. Did not pass first committee, laid on table

SB 180: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Rodriguez) - Decreasing the penalty to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license and privilege to drive or the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker for failure to pay certain penalties under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to 4 Committees

HB 221: Transportation Network Companies – (Sprowls) - Provides that transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles/for-hire vehicles; requires TNC to designate & maintain agent for service of process; provides fare requirements & requirements for TNC's digital network; provides for electronic receipt; provides automobile insurance requirements & requirements for specified proof of coverage; provides disclosure requirements for TNC driver in event of accident; requires TNC to cause its insurer to issue certain payments directly to certain parties; requires TNC to make specified disclosures in writing to TNC drivers; authorizes specified insurers to exclude certain coverage; provides that right to exclude coverage applies to coverage included in automobile insurance policy; provides that specified automobile insurers have right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances; requires TNC to provide specified information to certain parties during claims coverage investigation; requires certain insurers to disclose specified information to other insurer involved in claim; provides that TNC drivers are independent contractors if specified conditions are met; requires TNC to implement zero-tolerance policy for drug/alcohol use; provides TNC driver requirements; requires TNC to conduct background check for TNC driver; prohibits TNC driver from accepting certain rides or soliciting/accepting street hails; requires TNC to adopt nondiscrimination policy & notify TNC drivers of policy; requires TNC drivers to comply with nondiscrimination policy & applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination & accommodation of service animals; prohibits TNC from imposing additional charges for providing services to persons who have physical disabilities; requires TNC to maintain specified records; specifies that TNCs, TNC drivers, & TNC vehicles are governed exclusively by state law; prohibits local governmental entities & subdivisions from taking specified actions; provides applicability & construction. Referred to 2 Committees, passed first Committee

SB 250: High-occupancy Toll Lanes and Express Lanes – (Artiles) - Specifying that the Department of Transportation may only collect tolls on high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes for the discharge of certain bond indebtedness on a project existing before a specified date; requiring that the tolls be eliminated after discharge of the project's bond indebtedness, etc. Referred to 3 Committees

SB 308: Expressway Authorities – (Artiles) - Repealing provisions relating to the Florida Expressway Authority Act and related provisions, which allows the creation and operation of expressway authorities; transferring the governance and control of any expressway authority formed under the Florida Expressway Authority Act to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise; requiring revenues collected on the expressway system to be considered turnpike revenues, etc. Referred to 3 Committees

SB 340: Transportation Network Companies - (Brandes – CO-INTRODUCER: Galvano) - Providing that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; providing requirements for a TNC's digital network; providing that specified automobile insurers have a right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to the same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to 3 Committees

Other transportation legislation

HB 29: Specialty License Plates – (McGhee) - Directs DHSMV to develop National Pan-Hellenic Council Sorority or Fraternity license plates. Referred to 3 Committees, Committee substitute, under review

SB 72: Voter Registration – (Clemens - CO-INTRODUCER: Rodriguez) - Providing that driver license or identification card applications, driver license or identification card renewal applications, and changes of address for existing driver licenses or identification cards submitted to the department serve as voter registration applications; specifying that an applicant must consent to the use of his or her signature for voter registration purposes; providing for paper-based applications, etc. Referred to 4 Committees

HB 147: Skateboard and Scooter Regulations – (Stark- Companion Bill SB 266 – Book) - Creates "Max's Helmet Law"; requires child under 16 to wear helmet while riding skateboard or foot-propelled scooter; provides helmet standards; prohibits attachment of skateboard or scooter to vehicle; prohibits parent from authorizing violation; prohibits renting or leasing skateboard or scooter without helmet; provides for enforcement, penalties, exceptions, & disposition of fines. Referred to 3 Committees

SB 156: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Brandes) - Authorizing insurers to provide for termination of motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on or after a specified date as a result of the repeal of sections by this act; requiring certain motor vehicle insurance policies to provide certain property damage liability and bodily injury liability coverage, rather than only such policies providing personal injury protection; expanding the scope of certain criminal acts related to false and fraudulent insurance claims by removing limitations to such acts under the no-fault law, etc. Referred to 4 Committees

HB 179: Veteran Identification – (Combee) - Veteran Identification; Requires DHSMV to create veteran identification card for certain purposes; provides for design of card; provides eligibility requirements; prohibits use of card for certain purposes; authorizes use of card as proof of veteran status for obtaining waivers of license/registration fees relating to certain businesses & occupations & carrying concealed weapons/firearms. Referred to 3 Committees, Committee substitute, review pending

HB 193: Towing and Storage Fees – (Cortes, R) - Prohibits counties & municipalities from enacting ordinances or rules that impose a fee or charge on wrecker operators or vehicle storage companies when providing certain services; provides exceptions. Referred to 3 Committees, Committee substitute, review pending

HB 237: Driving or Boating Under the Influence – (Silvers) - Designates act "Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) Act"; provides that person with specified amount of delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC – the drug in marijuana) per milliliter of blood commits offense of driving under influence or boating under influence. Referred to 3 Committees

SB 302: Penalties and Fees – (Brandes - CO-INTRODUCERS: Rouson; Young) - Revising requirements relating to the payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; revising penalties relating to suspending, revoking, or withholding issuance of driver licenses or driving privileges for minors under a specified age who possess firearms under certain circumstances, etc. Referred to 3 Committees, Committee substitute, in 2nd Committee.

HB 6007: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia - CO-INTRODUCER: Diaz, M.) – (Very similar to SB 178 - Artiles - CO-INTRODUCERS: Brandes; Mayfield) - Traffic Infraction Detectors; Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when

driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Referred to 3 Committees, passed 2 Committees, pending in 3rd Committee.

HB 6009: Motorcycle Safety – (Hahnfeldt) - Removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties. This bill appears to require the use of a helmet when operating a motorcycle that has over a 50 cc engine and more than 2 brake horsepower. Referred to 2 Committees