AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
   A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 5, 2018

IV. ACTION ITEMS
   A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Fiscal Year 2017-18 PL De-obligation Amendment
   B. Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2017-18 Amendment - Add Section 5339 Funds

V. STATUS REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / UPDATES
   A. U.S. 98 & Tribly Road Presentation
   B. Cottee River Update
   C. Vision S.R. 54/56 Update – Cut and Cover
   D. Regional Transit Study Update
   E. Fiscal Year 2018-19 thru 2019-20 Two Year UPWP – 30 day comment period
   F. Public Participation Plan Update – 45 day comment period

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) TASK FORCE ISSUES

VII. PASCO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (PCPT) UPDATES

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS - MEETINGS HELD / SCHEDULED / ITEMS OF NOTE
   A. Update on Legislative Laws for 2018
   B. Pasco County Public Transportation Survey

IX. TAC MEMBER ROUNDTABLE / FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE – May 7, 2018 – LOCATION (NPR)

“In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination laws, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, familial, or income status. It is a priority for the MPO that all citizens of Pasco County are given the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process including low-income individuals, the elderly persons with disabilities, and persons with limited English proficiency. You may contact the MPO's Title VI Specialist at (727) 847-8140 if you have any discrimination complaints.”
I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Deborah Bolduc called the TAC/CMP meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Introductions were made:

MEETING ATTENDEES

Members and Alternates
Deborah Bolduc (Engineering Administration)
Ahsan Khalil (Current Planning)
Kurt Scheible (PCPT)
Todd VandeBerg (City of Zephyrhills)
Tammy Odierna (Environmental Lands)

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Brian Beaty

Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)
None

Visitors
None.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Chairman Bolduc asked the TAC members if they had any questions, corrections, or comments on the February 5, 2018, minutes. Discussion followed. Chairman Bolduc requested a motion on the minutes. Kurt Scheible made a motion to approve the minutes. Ahsan Khalil seconded. Chairman Bolduc called on the motion. All members present voted in favor; motion passed.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing – Notice to begin Fiscal Years 2018-19 thru 2019-20 Two Year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – 30 day comment period

Craig Casper reviewed the item indicating the MPO is responsible for conducting a countywide transportation planning program, in compliance with 23 CFR 450.316(b) (1) (i), Florida Statutes, and applicable Federal law, has set a 30-day public comment period beginning March 8, 2018 through April 12, 2018, to allow the public and all interested parties to review the draft UPWP. The UPWP (e.g., MPO Budget) documents all transportation planning activities which will occur during the Fiscal Years 2018-19 through FY 2019-2020 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020). The UPWP is a statement of work to be performed, identifying planning priorities, and activities to be carried out by the MPO. The MPO’s transportation planning activities are supported primarily by federal and state grants. He stated written comments regarding the Draft will be accepted, at the Metropolitan Planning Organization, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598 or e-mail comments to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net.
Discussion followed.

Chairman Bolduc requested a motion from the TAC members to review and approve the start of the 30 day Comment Period on the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Kurt Schieble made a motion to approve. Robert Borsky seconded. Chairman Bolduc called on the motion. All members present voted in favor; motion passed.

B. Amendment 2 to Add ICON Consultant Group, Inc. to the Existing 2017 Tindale Oliver and Associates, Inc., General Planning Contract - RSQ16-083

Craig Casper indicated on February 9, 2017, the MPO Board approved an Agreement with the consulting firm Tindale Oliver and Associates, Inc., to provide general planning consultant services to the MPO. At this time Tindale Oliver is requesting to add the firm, ICON Consultant Group Incorporated to the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) General Services Contract – RSQ16-083. Tindale Oliver concurs that by adding ICON Consultant Group Inc., will enhance the utilization to provide data collection and traffic engineering services to support the MPO. ICON Consultant Group Inc. staff hourly rates were attached. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bolduc requested a motion TAC approve the recommendation for Amendment 2 is approved by the MPO Board that would allow the request to add ICON Consultant Group, Inc. to the existing Tindale Oliver and Associates, Inc., contract. Robert Borsky made a motion to approve. Todd VandeBerg seconded. Chairman Bolduc called on the motion. All members present voted in favor; motion passed.

V. STATUS REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / UPDATES

A. Public Participation Plan Update – 45 day comment period

Craig Casper provided a PowerPoint presentation. He reminded the TAC to review the PPP and provide comments, indicating to the TAC one of the tools that was being used this time around for the MPO staff was to interact with using the MetroQuest survey and the desire is to reach out to the public to get their comments. Discussion followed.

B. Public Involvement Process for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Casper indicated to the TAC on how MPO staff was starting the Public Involvement Process for the Long Range Transportation Plan and the desire is to reach out to the public at meetings or similar forums to get input. He provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion followed.

C. Congestion Management Performances Measures

Craig Casper indicated that MAP 21 identifies seven thematic areas for which the Secretary of Transportation determined to be the performances measures. Congestion reduction is one of the focuses to meet in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion followed.

D. Metro Quest Survey test and Comments

Craig Casper explained how the survey would work and how the results would help in the LRTP. Discussion followed.

E. Update on Special Studies

Craig Casper provided a PowerPoint presentation for both the NE "The Hills" Multimodal Safety Action Plan and the Withlacoochee State Trail Study. The PowerPoints provided the different alternatives for both studies. Staff indicated that these could be located on the MPO website under studies. Discussion followed.

F. Future Revenue Forecasts

Craig Casper indicated that future revenue forecasts would have to be discussed to support the Long Range Transportation Plan as past revenues will have to be reevaluated because of new technology and gas taxes may be limited. Discussion followed.
VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) TASK FORCE ISSUES

Manny Lajmiri provided a status on the CMP projects that had been given to him by the TAC. He asked TAC members if they had any projects to add to the CMP list at this time. Discussion followed.

VII. PASCO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (PCPT) UPDATES

Kurt Scheible provided an update to the members on ongoing activities. He listed several items that PCPT was working on such as: Transit Access Management Plan, receiving new buses next week, advertising and marketing for Route Shout, Transit Development Plan, outreach and bus shelters, Transportation Disadvantaged Plan. Kurt Scheible indicated that they are reaching out to the different organizations as well as to the public at large to be included in the Major Update on the Transit Development Plan. He stated on board surveys are being conducted starting tomorrow. Discussion followed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: MEETINGS HELD/SCHEDULED/ITEMS OF NOTE

None.

IX. TAC/CMP MEMBER ROUNDTABLE / FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Todd VandeBerg spoke on a meeting that he had attended on Pretty Pond and U.S. 301 traffic signal. He stated that the design was a partnership between the State and County for the Intersection improvements. Brian Beaty had indicated that this was being done through a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) funds and would benefit both the County and State road. He stated next Monday there was a meeting with FDOT on the U.S. 301 Phase 2 corridor update. He also had some enhancement project on 20th street that would be a Local Agency Program (LAP) project. Todd VandeBerg also said he would like to set up a group to look at S.R. 56 as a regional project, to look at using Eiland Blvd and bringing it down to meet S.R.56. Discussion followed. Todd Vande Berg indicated that Zephyrhills planning staff was or had attended meetings on the U.S. 301 corridor, C.R. 54, S.R. 56, S.R. 39, and Gall Boulevard transportation issues. Discussion followed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT- NEXT MEETING DATE - LOCATION

Chairman Bolduc adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Staff indicated the next TAC meeting will be April 9, 2018, in New Port Richey.
DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Amendment for the DE obligation of Planning (PL) Funds
ACTION: Review and Approve

SUMMARY
Pasco County MPO is initiating a de-obligation action to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 in order to fully fund our anticipated work efforts in the new UPWP FY 2018-19. Therefore, the Pasco County MPO is seeking Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approval to de-obligate $400,000 from our programmed PL Funds for this current Fiscal Year 2017-18 and move those de-obligated funds into the new UPWP Fiscal Year 2018-19. This de-obligation action will leave a sufficient PL Fund balance in Fiscal Year 2017-18 that will cover our anticipated expenditures for the full year ending June 30, 2018.

The following amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) has been noticed and open to the public at large at today’s meeting to allow for public to comment on a proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will be posted on the MPO’s Website www.pascompo.net under MPO Public Hearings/Notices.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (S)
TAC to review and approve the UPWP amendment.

ATTACHMENT(S)
1) Original FY 2017-18 UPWP Budget Tables
2) Proposed FY 2017-18 UPWP Budget Tables
3) Notice of Public Hearing
### Table 3 (April 2018) - ORIGINAL

**Upward Physical Planning Year (UPWP) Fiscal Year 2017-18**

**Task** | **Federal** | **State** | **Local** | **Total** | **Soft Match**
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1. General Administration & Program Development | 251,943 | 0 | 0 | 251,943 | 46,526

**Subtotal** | | | | 251,943 | 46,526

2. Public Participation | 108,118 | 0 | 0 | 108,118 | 19,537

**Subtotal** | | | | 108,118 | 19,537

### 2.0 Surveillance Activities

3. Transportation System Surveillance & Database Management | 56,693 | 0 | 0 | 56,693 | 10,244

4. Socio-Economic & Land Use Data | 18,045 | 0 | 0 | 18,045 | 3,261

**Subtotal** | 74,738 | 0 | 0 | 74,738 |

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) | 40,945 | 0 | 0 | 40,945 | 7,399

**Subtotal** | | | | 40,945 | 7,399

### 3.0 Systems Planning

6. Congestion Management Process | 82,556 | 0 | 0 | 82,556 | 11,304

7. Long Range Plan Coordination & Update (LRTP) | 281,493 | 0 | 0 | 281,493 | 50,781

8. Bicycle & Pedestrian (Sidewalks/Trail) Planning | 121,484 | 0 | 0 | 121,484 | 21,952

9. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Support (LGCP) & LDC Implementation | 35,445 | 0 | 0 | 35,445 | 6,000

10. Special Studies | 160,651 | 0 | 0 | 160,651 | 29,962

**Subtotal** | 661,629 | 0 | 0 | 661,629 |

### 4.0 Transit Planning Program

11. Public Transportation Planning | 36,692 | 0 | 0 | 36,692 | 6,630

12. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning | 12,707 | 0 | 0 | 12,707 | 2,298

**Subtotal** | 46,316 | 0 | 0 | 46,316 | 53,299

### 5.0 Statewide and Regional Planning and Coordination Activities

13. Transportation Planning | 36,692 | 0 | 0 | 36,692 | 6,630

**Subtotal** | 36,692 | 0 | 0 | 36,692 |

**Total** | 1,220,381 | 0 | 0 | 1,220,381 | 220,523


Pasco MPO's budget totals reflect the year of expenditure, not the year funds were authorized.
## TABLE 4  UPWP FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

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### Notes:
- **PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES AND ANTICIPATED ELEMENT COSTS**
- **ADOPTED ON:** May 12, 2016
- **Pasco County MPO**

**A- TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING FUNDS**
The PL FUNDS are the 2017-2018 allocation of $639,992 plus $50,781 (MPOAC PL Distribution-Non-Recurring) plus $378,120 (Close-out Balance From FY 2014/15 & 2015/16) plus $151,488 (Moving funds from FY 2016/17 to FY 2017/18) for a total of $1,220,381. For FY 2017-18, FDOT will "soft match" the PL 112 funds using toll revenue expenditures as a credit toward the non-Federal share. The amount of soft match is to multiply the PL total amount * 18.07% or $1,220,381 * 0.1807 = $220,523. The adjusted PL allocation for FY 2017-18 is $656,694; additional amount of $16,702, not encumbered in FY 2017-18, will be available in FY 2018-19.

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## TABLE 4 UPWP FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PASCO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

The Pasco County MPO, is the Countywide transportation planning agency responsible for maintaining a countywide transportation planning program is seeking public comments and input on proposed amendments to the adopted Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Pursuant to Federal Regulations and Florida Statutes, the UPWP presents a two-year (biennial) work program of that identifies the transportation planning budget which allocates Federal, State and local funding to specific multimodal transportation planning activities, products and related programs. The current biennial UPWP covers Fiscal Years (FY) 2016-17 through FY 2017-18.

The MPO is proposing an amendment to de-obligate $400,000 from the current two year UPWP (FY 2016-17 through FY 2017-18) to be available in year 1 of the next two-year UPWP (FY 2018-19 through FY 2019-20). MPO staff has reevaluated the Fiscal Year 2016-17 through 2017-18 UPWP and examined our PL allocations and available balances. In order to fully fund our PL funded planning work program in FY 2018-19, it is necessary to initiate a de-obligation request from our current fiscal year work program which ends June 30, 2018. This action will not effect any anticipated expenditures for the current Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget.

In accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan and in compliance with Federal law and applicable Florida Statutes, a public notice is being provided to provide ample opportunity to response on the amended UPWP that is scheduled for approval by the MPO Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the West Pasco Government Center Board Room, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida, 34654. The UPWP amendments may be viewed on the MPO's website at www.pascompo.net under "Current MPO Activities/Studies."
Persons wishing further information or needing a copy of the proposed FY 2017-18 UPWP amendments may call the MPO at (727) 847-8140. Written comments regarding the UPWP amendments may be addressed to Pasco County MPO, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654, or e-mail comments to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net prior to the April 12, 2018 meeting.

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DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Amendments for Section 5339 Funds
ACTION: Review and Approve

SUMMARY
The FDOT has requested approval of the following amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on a proposed amendment to the MPO's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This TIP amendment proposes to allow the addition of funds: Federal Transportation Administration Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5339 UZA Large Urban in the amount of $258,884, and Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5339 UZA Small Urban in the amount of $940,529. These funds will support the construction of Pasco County Public Transportation’s East Side wash facility and refueling station located at 9928 McKendree Road, San Antonio, FL 33576.

The proposed amendment will be posted on the MPO's Website www.pascompo.net under MPO Public Hearings/Notices.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (S)
TAC to review and approve the TIP amendments

ATTACHMENT(S)
1) TIP amendments
2) Notice of Public Hearing
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

FY2017/18 - 2021/22

** This STIP is in an MPO Area **

** This STIP is Administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, the Pasco MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization amended the Transportation Improvement Program that was developed and adopted in compliance with Title 23 and Title 49 in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as a condition to the receipt of federal assistance. By signature below, the MPO representative certifies that the TIP amendment was adopted by the MPO Board as documented in the supporting attachments. This amendment will be subsequently incorporated into the MPOs TIP for public disclosure.

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

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STIP amendment criteria:

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

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

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

The development of this application has been financed in part through grant[s] from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, under the State Planning and Research Program, Section 505 [or Metropolitan Planning Program, Section 104(f)] of Title 23, U.S. Code. The reports generated from this application do not necessarily reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
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Project Name: 443414-1 PCPT FTA SECTION 5339 SMALL URBAN

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
TO ADD SECTION 5339 FUNDS

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the West Pasco County Government Center, Board Room, First Floor, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on two proposed amendments to the MPO's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The first TIP amendment proposes to allow the addition of funds: Federal Transportation Administration Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5339 UZA Large Urban in the amount of $258,884, and the second amendment Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5339 UZA Small Urban in the amount of $940,529. These funds will support the construction of Pasco County Public Transportation’s East Side wash facility and refueling station located at 9928 McKendree Road, San Antonio, FL 33576.

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DATE: April 9, 2018  
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee  
STAFF: MPO Staff  
SUBJECT: U.S. 98 & Tribly Road Presentation  
ACTION: Informational Only  

SUMMARY
Due to a number of angle crashes occurring at U.S. 98 at Tribly Road intersection from vehicles not yielding the right of way from Trilby Rd. and ultimately getting T-boned by either a northbound or southbound vehicle, the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Operations would like to provide a presentation on the proposed treatment project for this intersection to improve safety. Crashes are occurring there, with 11 angles in 2016 with 1 fatal crash and another 3 angles there in 2017 resulting in another fatal crash. Since 2009 these types of crashes have resulted in 4 fatal crashes, with 2 occurring since 2016. There is currently a yellow flashing beacon for U.S. 98 and a red flashing beacon for Tribly Road.

Although there are already countermeasures out there (rumble strips and advanced flashing beacons) crashes still are occurring. FDOT suggests that a roundabout is the best solution to prevent these types of crashes from occurring.

All questions and comments may be sent to Matthew Nance, Traffic Safety Specialist, at (813) 975-6747 or (800) 226-7220 or Matthew.Nance@dot.state.fl.us

RECOMMENDATIONS
Informational Only.

ATTACHMENT(S)
1. U.S. 98 & Tribly Road Proposed Roundabout Presentation  
2. Public Workshop Announcement (April 19, 2018)
US 98 & Trilby Rd
Intersection Enhancements
Pasco County Technical Advisory Committee
April 9, 2018

District 7 Traffic Operations
Agenda

- Project Purpose
- Why a Roundabout?
- Questions?
Project Purpose

- Reduce the number of intersection crashes
- Reduce the severity of the intersection crashes
- Maintain/enhance roadway functionality for all users
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Crash History – 2012-2017

3 Total Fatalities
Introduction to Roundabouts

Click Image to Begin Video

Roundabouts: Improved Motorist Safety

Stop Signs or Traffic Signal
Angle Crash & Left Turn Crashes

Roundabout
Sideswipe Crash
Low Speed

Up to 90% Reduction in Fatal & 76% [Serious] Injury Crashes
(vs. Stop Signs & Traffic Signals) Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
Roundabouts: Improved Motorist Safety

- Stop Signs or Traffic Signal
  Angle Crash & Left Turn Crashes

- Roundabout
  Sideswipe Crash
  Low Speed

Up to 90% Reduction in Fatal & 76% [Serious] Injury Crashes
(vs. Stop Signs & Traffic Signals) Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
Greatest threat is “Angle” and “Left-Turn” crash types.

Similar to current intersection layout.

Crash Types Represent 85.5% of Fatal Unsignalized Intersection Crashes
Stop Signs: Side Street Access/Delay

- Crossing and turning traffic must wait for gaps in traffic along US 98
- This can create delays for vehicles using Trilby Rd
Roundabout Concept Design

DRAFT CONCEPT
Roundabout Approaches

Pictures taken from SR 33 and Deen Still Rd. in Polk County
Next Steps

• Public Workshop #1, April 19, 4:30-6:30 pm
  Pasco-Hernando State College, East Campus
  36727 Blanton Rd
  Dade City, FL 33523
• Public Workshop #2, TBD
Questions?

Matthew Nance, E.I.
Project Manager, FDOT District 7
Matthew.Nance@dot.state.fl.us
(813) 975-6747
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to participate in a public workshop regarding the US 98 and Trilby Rd. proposed intersection improvement project on Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Pasco-Hernando State College - East Campus, Dade City, 36727 Blanton Rd., Dade City, FL 33523.

The workshop is being held to allow interested persons an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments regarding conceptual designs and proposed improvements to the US 98 and Trilby Rd intersection.

There will be no formal presentation however, project aerials and graphic exhibits will be on display for review and FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Written comments and exhibits may be submitted at the workshop or mailed to: Matthew Nance, Project Manager, FDOT, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-1300, Tampa, Florida, 33612. All written comments must be postmarked or emailed by May 3, 2018.

If you have questions about the project or workshop, please visit our project website at www.tampabaytrafficsafety.com/US98trilby or contact Matthew Nance, FDOT Traffic Operations Project Manager, (813) 975-6747 or matthew.nance@dot.state.fl.us

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Christopher Speese, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220 at least seven (7) working days in advance of the public meeting.
DATE: April 9, 2018  
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee  
FROM: MPO Staff  
SUBJECT: Cottee River Underpass/Bayou Trail Update  
ACTION: Informational Only

SUMMARY
Staff from Long Range Planning will provide an update on the Cottee River Project. It will Include the study area, cost estimates, scenarios, anticipated partners, and potential funding sources, and next steps (see attached).

RECOMMENDATIONS
Informational Only.

ATTACHMENT(S)
None.
COTTEE RIVER UNDERPASS/BAYOU TRAIL

Study Area

- **Boundaries**
  - Grand Boulevard (east/north)
  - Cottee River (south)
  - Canal (north and east of Gil Dawgs)
  - West (Cottee River/Millers Bayou)

Scenarios

Two scenarios are currently being developed.

- **Scenario A:** US 19 Underpass/River Gulf/James Clark/Bayview
  - **Route:** On the east side, the trail path would run on the south side of east River Gulf Road, from the intersection of Grand Boulevard, turning south along James Clark Street, then west along Baylea Avenue to the U.S. 19 ROW, before heading south to the river’s edge. After going west underneath the bridge, the trail will run parallel to U.S. 19 to the west River Gulf Road, turning west and ending at Bayview Street.

  - **Length:** Approximately 2,748 feet in length, including the underpass. 0.52 miles.
  - **Cost Assumptions:**
    - 12’ trail width @ $273,984 per mile = $141,056.51
- 15% of construction for PE (Planning/Engineering) = $21,225.98
- 15% of construction for CEI (Construction/Engineering/Inspection) = $21,225.98
- Underpass per 2009 Study ($1,867,500 inflated to 2017 (3% inflation per year) = $2,365,693.00
  - **Total Estimated Cost:** $2,549,651.46 (not including right-of-way)

- **Scenario B:** Cottie River Underpass/Bayou Boardwalk/Trail
  - **Route:** From Grand Boulevard west to River Gulf Road, then south along James Clark Street, then west along Baylea Avenue, then south and west under US 19 Overpass, then along riverbank for approximately 2,425 feet along the riverbank to Gil Dawgs boardwalk.

- **Cost Assumptions:**
  - 10’ to 15’ boardwalk (size may vary, depending upon site constraints)
  - Tie-ins to local businesses (to be determined/permitted)
  - Dock relocations (to be determined/permitted)

- **Cost Estimates:** To be developed via feasibility study

- **Other Scenarios:** To Be Determined. The City of Port Richey has a draft scenario. A number of alternative scenarios are possible, depending upon
property owner participation. These options could be evaluated in a Feasibility Study.

**Anticipated Partners:**

- Pasco County MPO
- Florida Department of Transportation
- City of Port Richey
- City of New Port Richey
- Bayou Business Association
- Grant Funders (To be determined)
- General Public

**Potential Funding Sources:**

MPO has placed the Cottee River Underpass/Bayou Trail on the TIP Priority List as the #13 priority in the MPO 2017 Priority List.

- **Block Grant Set-Aside (Transportation Alternative (TA)) funding** - Federal grant funding through FDOT - TA program is available for projects prioritized by the MPO. Currently this project is ranked as #13. Funding is limited to about $500,000 a year.

- **County funds** - Pasco County allocates funding for sidewalk type projects. Funds are limited and it is difficult to fund expensive projects.

- **Public/Private/City/County partnerships** - All businesses along the length of the trail contribute by donating ROW. The City and County can design and construct.

- **The Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** - The RTP is a federally funded competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to agencies of city, county, state or federal governments and organizations approved by the
state, or state and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, for the development of recreational trails, trailheads, and trailside facilities. If you have questions about RTP, please contact: Pamela Lister (Phone: 850-245-2065) or at: Pamela.Lister@dep.state.fl.us

Florida Communities Trust (FCT) - The FCT assists communities in protecting important natural resources, providing recreational opportunities and preserving Florida's traditional working waterfronts through the competitive criteria in the Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program and the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Florida Forever Grant Program. These local land acquisition grant programs provide funding to local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations to acquire land for parks, open space, greenways and projects supporting Florida's seafood harvesting and aquaculture industries. The source of funding for Florida Communities Trust comes from Florida Forever proceeds.

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) - The FRDAP is a state competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments to develop and/or acquire land for public outdoor recreational purposes. The maximum grant request is $200,000.

Next Steps:

- Meeting with FDOT (Gaps and Safety Issues)
- Riparian Rights Research
- Visuals Compilation
- Vision Meeting – Bayou Business Association
  - Boat Tour
- Vision Charrettes (Summer 2018)
  - Pasco/New Port Richey/Port Richey key professionals
  - Bayou Business Association
  - General Public
- Feasibility Study
• Pre-Study
  ▪ Funding (July 2019 MPO Budget)
  ▪ Define Scope of Work
  ▪ Request for Proposals
  ▪ Consultant Selection
  ▪ Initiate Study

• Existing Conditions
  ▪ Multi-modal conditions
  ▪ Right-of-way analysis
  ▪ Drainage analysis
  ▪ Environmental/Permitting analysis
  ▪ Security, safety and maintenance

• Conceptual Design
  ▪ Trail alternatives
  ▪ Trail crossings

• Costs
• Public Involvement
• Grant application(s)
• Recommendations
• Stakeholder participation
DATE: April 9, 2018  
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
STAFF: MPO Staff  
SUBJECT: VISION 54-56-Cut and Cover update  
ACTION: Informational Only  

SUMMARY
The MPO Board at their January meeting on January 11, 2018, directed staff to estimate a conceptual construction cost for a new concept “Cut and Cover” or “Tunnel” as an alternative improvement for the U.S.41/S.R.54 intersection. The magnitude of construction cost may help the MPO Board make a decision on whether the Vision 54/56 taskforce should be looking at this concept as a new alternative. Staff has coordinated with Mr. Puccini and Mr. Walker (both experts in this field) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff to come up with a conceptual cost for this project. Staff is making a presentation to provide the results to the MPO Board.

If the Board decides not to pursue this concept, staff will then present the 4 alternatives that the task force have already chosen and ask MPO Board to approve the alternatives so that a Scope for a feasibility study (Phase 2 Step 2) of the 4 alternatives may begin by the FDOT with coordination with MPO staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Informational Only.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Cut and Cover/Elevated Cost Comparisons
### Cut & Cover vs. Elevated Conceptual Cost Comparison

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- **Cost in Millions**
- **Row Cost approximately 50% of elevated option construction cost**
DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
STAFF: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: Regional Premium Transit Feasibility Study
ACTION: Informational Only

SUMMARY
The Regional Premium Transit Feasibility Study is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and is being administered by the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART). The plan is building on decades of planning to validate the Regional Vision for transit in Tampa Bay and identifies a starting project or catalyst that initiates the implementation of the Regional Vision. The identified catalyst project is the most competitive for federal and State funding grants, serves key business centers, attracts high ridership, and could be implemented in approximately five years. The Vision also identifies the top transit corridors and critical connections which may follow the catalyst for implementation. A presentation is being presented to provide the results to the MPO Board and all subcommittees.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Informational Only.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Power Point Presentation.
PLAN PURPOSE

✔ Define a regional transit vision
✔ Identify a catalyst that has the greatest potential to be built (compete for state and federal grants)

THE CATALYST IS NOT

❌ A replacement for future transit projects
❌ The only transit recommendation for Tampa Bay

REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION

The regional transit vision identifies critical regional connections that would serve the following within 3/4 mile of each connection by 2040:

- Serves approx. 5 in 10 residents (2040)
- Serves approx. 6 in 10 jobs (2040)
- Serves approx. 2,100 jobs per mile (2040)
- Serves approx. 3,000 residents per mile (2040)
- Serves approx. 6 in 10 residents without cars (2040)

CHOOSING MODES

Understanding the travel needs of riders along and near each of the top connections illustrates which modes best serve that need.
**STEP 3 EVALUATION: FIVE ALTERNATIVES**

- I-275 Rubber Tire
- I-275 Urban Rail
- CSX Rubber Tire
- CSX Urban Rail
- CSX Commuter Rail

**2017 LAND USE**
- Employment
- Population density

**2017 MOBILITY AND CONGESTION**
- New riders
- Annual ridership

**2017 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**

**2017 COST EFFECTIVENESS**

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**STEP 3 EVALUATION: RESULTS**

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Not Final Recommendations.

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**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

- Combination of dedicated transit lanes, toll lanes, and mixed operations
- **NO RIGHT-OF-WAY NEEDED** (with the exception of stations)
- 21 total stations (19 at-grade/street level stations)
- 80-95 minutes to travel from Wesley Chapel to St. Petersburg (stopping at all stations)

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**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**20+ MILES OF DEDICATED LANES**
PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE
OPTIONS FOR SEPARATION

- Jakarta’s Transjakarta BRT
- Mexico City’s Metrobús BRT
- Roma’s Trans Mia BRT

I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT

PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE
19 STREET LEVEL STATIONS

I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT

PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE
FAST AND CONVENIENT SERVICE

- **~25 MINUTES:** Pasco to Tampa
  SR 54, SR 56, Fowler Ave, and Downtown Tampa
- **~12 MINUTES:** USF to Tampa
  Fowler Ave, Hillsborough Ave, Floribruna Ave, Downtown Tampa
- **~16 MINUTES:** USF to Westshore
  Fowler Ave, Tampa Ave, Howard Ave/Armenia Ave, Westshore
- **~33 MINUTES:** St. Petersburg to Tampa
  St. Petersburg, 27th Ave, Carillon, Westshore, and Downtown Tampa

Source: Metroracce METRIS BRT system, Wikipedia user Agora mlrd

I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT

PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE
ST PETERSBURG TO GREATER GATEWAY AREA

- Improving Shoulder for Dedicated Transit

Stations:
- 4th Street
- 8th Street
- Tropicana Field
- 62nd Avenue
- Gateway
- 27th Avenue
- Carillon
- Direct connection with PSTA Central Avenue BRT

I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT
**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**HOWARD FRANKLAND BRIDGE**

11 Miles of Toll Lane Operation
minimum speed of 45mph

**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**AIRPORT AND WESTSHORE**

Direct connection to airport using planned SR 60 improvements
Connection to Westshore Intermodal Center

**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**WESTSHORE TO TAMPA**

Elevated Stations:
- Westshore
- Howard Avenue/Armenia Avenue

Street Level Stations:
- Himes Avenue
- North Boulevard
- Downtown Tampa

Dedicated transit lane

**PROJECT CONCEPT: I-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**INTERMODAL CENTER OPTIONS**
**PROJECT CONCEPT: 1-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**TAMPA**
- Opportunity to make Floribraska a transit only access point to interstate
- Dedicated transit lane on Tampa Street and Florida Avenue
- Connects with and could share a dedicated lane with City of Tampa Streetcar Extension

**I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT**

**PROJECT CONCEPT: 1-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**TAMPA TO WESLEY CHAPEL**
- Dedicated transit lane
- Connects with Vision 54/56
- Dedicated transit lane
- Stations:
  - Downtown Tampa
  - Floribraska Avenue
  - MLK Boulevard
  - Hillsborough Avenue
  - SR 56
  - SR 54

**I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT**

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**PROJECT CONCEPT: 1-275 RUBBER TIRE**

**DEDICATED TRANSIT LANE**

- Serves 3 counties

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Total cost: $3.6B - $4.5B

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**I-275 RUBBER TIRE CONCEPT**

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**PROJECT CONCEPT: CSX URBAN RAIL**

**DOWNTOWN TAMPA TO USF**
- Electric/Diesel Multiple Unit
- Stations:
  - Tampa Street
  - 21st Street
  - MLK Boulevard
  - Hillsborough Avenue
  - Waters Avenue
  - Fowler Avenue

**CSX EMU/DMU CONCEPT**
**PROJECT CONCEPT: CSX URBAN RAIL**

**ELECTRIC/DIESEL MULTIPLE UNIT**
Uses existing freight rail corridor

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*NOTE: Would be impacted by interstate mediation/planning. **WIP:** Will require negotiations with CSX.

**CATALYST: RECOMMENDATION**

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**CATALYST RECOMMENDATION**

**GOLD STANDARD ASPIRATIONS**

Source: Bureau of Transportation

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**CATALYST**

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CATALYST RECOMMENDATION
SPEED AND CONVENIENCE OF A TRAIN

Source: MTR, France, METTIS BRT system, Wikipedia user: Agora mår

CATALYST RECOMMENDATION
PASSENGER AMENITIES

Source: Mexico City, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy

CATALYST RECOMMENDATION
BYPASSES CONGESTION

CATALYST RECOMMENDATION
INVEST IN STATIONS

Source: Metrolinx, VIVANEXT

CATALYST
CATALYST RECOMMENDATION

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Source: zGetThere

CATALYST RECOMMENDATION

SUPPORTS AND NEEDS SUPPORT FROM LOCAL SERVICES AND PLANS

- PSTA Central Avenue BRT
- City of Tampa Streetcar Extension and Modernization
- USF and Westshore Circulators
- Wesley Chapel, USF, Tampa, Westshore, Gateway, and St. Petersburg Intermodal Centers Studies

SCHEDULE

- Community vetting of Draft Plan  Spring/Summer ’18
- Incorporate public comment to finalize Plan  Summer/Fall ’18

1. What are the projects to be built? (Emphasis of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan)
2. How is it funded?
3. Who is responsible for building and maintaining it?
DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: 30 Day Public Comment on the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
ACTION: Informational Only

SUMMARY
The Pasco County MPO, the designated organization responsible for conducting a countywide transportation planning program, in compliance with 23 CFR 450.316(b)(1)(i), Florida Statutes, and applicable Federal law, has set a 30-day public comment period beginning March 8, 2018 through April 12, 2018, to allow the public and all interested parties to review the draft UPWP. The UPWP (e.g. MPO Budget) documents all transportation planning activities which will occur during the Fiscal Years 2018-19 through FY 2019-2020 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020). The UPWP is a statement of work to be performed, identifying planning priorities, and activities to be carried out by the MPO. The MPO’s transportation planning activities are supported primarily by federal and state grants. The work tasks identified and allocations of funds among the various tasks support the overall planning program.

The public comment period began March 8, 2018, on the draft UPWP. The UPWP was posted to the MPO’s website www.pascompo.net. Persons wanting to view or to be provided further information on the Draft UPWP may contact MPO staff at (727) 847-8140. Written comments regarding the Draft UPWP are being accepted through April 12, 2018, at the Metropolitan Planning Organization, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598 or e-mail comments to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net. The final UPWP is scheduled for adoption at a Public Hearing on May 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m., during a regularly scheduled MPO Board meeting at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (S)

The TAC members to review and provide comments during the 30 day Comment Period on the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

ATTACHMENT(S)

1) Public Hearing Notice for the 30 Day Comment Period on UPWP.
2) Draft Unified Planning Working Program (Front page only)
PASCO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE
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If you are a person who needs translation services, Pasco County MPO will take reasonable steps at no cost to you to allow participation in this proceeding. At least seven days prior to the meeting, please contact the MPO, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598. The MPO Board meeting room in Dade City is served by Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) Routes 30, 31, and 33. To obtain bus schedules, contact PCPT at (727) 834-3322 (West Pasco), (352) 521-4587 (East Pasco), or go online at www.ridepcpt.com. Individuals unable to access a PCPT bus to attend the meeting may contact PCPT at least seven days prior to the public hearing to find out if they qualify for alternative transportation service.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within five working days of receipt of this notice, please contact the Personnel Department, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598; (727) 847-8030 (V) in New Port Richey; (352) 523-2411, Extension 8030 (V) in Dade City; (813) 996-2411, Extension 8030 (V) in Land O’ Lakes; or via (727) 847-8949 if you are hearing impaired.

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PASCO COUNTY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20

Adoption Date: May 10, 2018

Amended: ______________

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DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: 45 Day Public Comment on the Public Participation Program Update
ACTION: Informational Only

SUMMARY

The Pasco MPO issued a Notice to Proceed to AECOM in late-December to assist with updating the Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update. The MPO and AECOM presented the DRAFT PPP document at the February 22, 2018 MPO Board meeting, and made the DRAFT available for a 45-day comment period. The PPP is used as a guide to participation for all MPO outreach events and studies, including the upcoming 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the next Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). AECOM will provide the most recent demographic maps to be included in the 2018 PPP to illustrate to the Public how the MPO develops a plan for reaching out to a diverse population by locating where citizens reside based on American Community Survey data.

The public comment period began February 22, 2018, on the draft PPP Update. The draft PPP Update was posted to the MPO’s web site www.pascompo.net. Persons wanting to view or to be provided further information on the Draft PPP Update may contact MPO staff at (727) 847-8140. Written comments regarding the Draft UPWP will be accepted through April 09, 2018, at the Metropolitan Planning Organization, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598 or e-mail comments to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net. The final PPP update is scheduled for adoption at a Public Hearing on May 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m., during a regularly scheduled MPO Board meeting at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

The TAC members to review and provide comments during the 45 day Comment Period on the Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1) Public Hearing Notice for the 45 Day Comment Period on PPP.
2) Draft Public Participation Plan Update (Front page only)
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE
PASCO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is asking for comments and input on the proposed Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update. The MPO is responsible for including the public in the transportation decision making process. The PPP describes how the MPO will ensure the public has early and continued input into the Pasco MPO transportation planning and project development process. The current PPP was adopted February 2014, and the PPP is being updated based on the MPO’s goal to review and update as necessary every three to five years. The Draft Public Participation Plan Update will be available for public review and comment beginning on February 22, 2018, on the MPO website (www.pascompo.net). In compliance with Section 23 C.F.R. 450.316 and 339.175, Florida Statutes, and applicable Federal law, the public will have a minimum of 45 days (February 22, 2018, through April 9, 2018) to comment on and have input into the Public Participation Plan Update before it is considered for adoption. The final Public Participation Plan is scheduled for approval at a public hearing on May 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., during a regularly scheduled MPO Board meeting at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, Board Room, Second Floor, and 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida.

Persons wishing further information or needing a copy of the Draft Public Participation Plan should contact the MPO office at (727) 847-8140. Written comments regarding either document are welcome and may be e-mailed to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net or mailed to
the MPO office at 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598, by the deadline date of April 9, 2018.

The MPO Board meeting room in Dade City is served by Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) Routes 30 and 31. To obtain bus schedules or further information, contact PCPT at (727) 834-3322 (West Pasco), (352) 521-4587 (East Pasco), or go online at www.ridepcpt.com. Individuals unable to access a PCPT bus to attend the meeting may contact PCPT at least five days prior to the public hearing to find out if they qualify for alternative transportation service.

If you are a person who needs translation services, Pasco County MPO will take reasonable steps, at no cost to you, to allow participation in this proceeding. At least seven days prior to the meeting, please contact the MPO, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34654-5598, or call (727) 847-8140.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, you may be entitled to, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Within at least five working days of publication of this notice, please contact the Personnel Department, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598; (727) 847-8030 (V) in New Port Richey, (352) 523-2411, Extension 8030 (V) in Dade City; (813) 996-2411, Extension 8030 (V) in Land O’ Lakes; or via (727) 847-8949 if you are hearing impaired.

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DRAFT
Public Participation Plan – Update for 2018

Where to Locate Draft Document:

Draft for 45-Day Public Review and Comment

Date:
February 22, 2018
DATE: April 9, 2018
COMMITTEE: Technical Advisory Committee
STAFF: MPO Staff
SUBJECT: 2018 Legislation Session Updates
ACTION: Informational Only

SUMMARY

The 2018 legislative session has concluded. In total, the House and Senate met on the floor 40 times. Of the 200 bills that passed, 34 were Senate bills, and 166 were House bills. The 2018 session passed the lowest number of bills since 2000. So far the governor has signed six bills.

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- 3,250 Bills/PCBs filed
- 2,721 Amendments filed
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- 40 Floor Sessions
- 200 Bills passed both chambers

Pasco County
- I-75 and Overpass Road Interchange Design/Build Project: $15 million
- U.S. 301/U.S. 98/ Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment PD&E: $1 million

City of Zephyrhills
- City of Zephyrhills-Route Alignment Study - SR 56 Extension: $750,000
- Improvements at Zephyrhills Municipal Airport: $5.9 million

Other Projects in Pasco County
- Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Infrastructure: $276,783

ATTACHMENT(S)
1. 2018 Legislative Update Pasco County
2. 2018 MPOAC Summary
2018 Session Stats

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$88.7 Billion Budget Passes Legislature

The Legislature approved the General Appropriations Act, HB 5001, on Sunday. HB 5001 appropriates $88.7 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which is the largest budget ever for the state of Florida. The budget represents $32.4 billion from general revenue and $56.3 billion from trust funds.

Affordable Housing
- $109.6 million in housing appropriations from the Housing Trust Funds
- $44.4 million State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program
- $30 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program

Homelessness Funding
- Challenge Grants $4.1 million relating to homelessness. The grants will continue to be administered through the Department of Children and Families and be available to local homelessness continuums of care. In addition, there is $3.6 million included for homeless housing assistance grants.

Transportation Funding
- Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: $480 million
- Florida Department of Transportation: $10.9 billion (of which $9.9 billion is earmarked to the Department’s work plan to build and repair Florida’s highway infrastructure)
- Small County Outreach Program (SCOP): $72.8 million
- Small County Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP): $29.8 million

Economic Development Funding
- Florida Job Growth Grant Funding: $85 million GR
- Visit Florida: $76 Million TF and GR
- Economic Development Projects and Initiatives: $12.9 Million
- Workforce Development Projects and Initiatives: $5.8 Million
Environmental Funding

- Florida Forever: $100.8 million, includes $10 million for Florida Communities Trust and $2 million for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and additional FRDAP for “child friendly parks” $4 million
- Everglades Restoration: $143.1 million
- Northern Everglades Restoration: $31 million
- EAA Reservoir: $64 million
- Herbert Hoover Dike: $50 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance: $50 million
- Hurricane Beach Recovery: $11.2 million
- Springs Restoration: $50 million
- Water Projects: $30.9 million

School Safety Appropriations from CS/SB 7026 (The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act)

- Safe Schools Allocation: additional $97.5 million, including funds to increase the minimum level for each school district to $250,000, to be used exclusively to hire additional school resource officers to make schools safer
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation: $69.2 million to provide funds to school districts and charter schools to assist in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care in coordination with mental health providers to help address the mental health crisis affecting young people in Florida; address issues such as opioid addiction, youth suicide, and bullying; and makes schools safer
- Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training: $6.7 million
- School Hardening Grants Program: $99 million

Pasco County

- I-75 and Overpass Road Interchange Design/Build Project: $15 million
- U.S. 301/U.S. 98/ Clinton Avenue Intersection Realignment PD&E: $1 million

Pasco County Sheriff

- Thomas Varnadoe Forensics Center for Research and Education: $4.3 million

Pasco County Fair Association

- Pasco County Fair: $1 million

City of Zephyrhills

- City of Zephyrhills-Route Alignment Study - SR 56 Extension: $750,000
- Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center – Zephyrhills: $1 million
- Improvements at Zephyrhills Municipal Airport: $5.9 million

Other Projects in Pasco County

- Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Pasco County: $1.5 million
- BayCare Behavioral Health: $485,000
- Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Infrastructure: $276,783
- AmSkills Apprenticeship Phase 3 Expansion in Pasco County: $50,000
- Veterans Alternative Retreat: $250,000
- Pasco Association for Challenged Kids Summer Camp: $36,000
Youth Agricultural Development Center (Academy at the Farm): $300,000
Bridging Freedom Program in Pasco County: $500,000
Veterans’ Treatment Intervention Programs (Public Defender): $150,000

**TOTAL for Pasco County = $37,197,783**

**2018 Legislative Bills PASSED**

**Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders/ Mental or Nervous Injury (PTSD)**
Under bills considered during the 2018 legislative session, workers’ compensation benefits were expanded to include wage benefits for first responders suffering from PTSD. Currently, first responders suffering from PTSD may only receive medical benefits under workers’ compensation but not wage/indemnity benefits.

CS/CS/SB 376 (Book) details specific traumatic events that would qualify a first responder to be compensable under the workers’ compensation law for lost wages, if a mental or nervous injury was shown to meet the criteria for PTSD as determined by a psychiatrist. The legislation requires a clear and convincing evidentiary standard be met by the first responder. The bills require a first responder to receive a diagnosis of PTSD within 30 days of the qualifying event or 30 days from the manifestation of the disorder, whichever is later, but cannot be more than a year after the qualifying event. Finally, the legislation requires an employing agency of a first responder to provide educational training related to mental health awareness, prevention, mitigation and treatment.

**Firearms**
SB 7026 (Senate Appropriations), the “Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act” passed on March 7. The bill addresses a wide range of topics including school “hardening”; interagency coordination between law enforcement agencies; increases the number of school resource officers; imposes age restrictions on gun buyers; and a host of other policies to address gun violence. Unfortunately, the bill does not repeal the local government preemption and penalties for local government officials for taking actions relating to guns or ammunition. Governor Scott signed the legislation March 9.

**Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)**
CS/CS/SB 1244 (Lee) and CS/CS/HB 1151 (La Rosa) substantially revise and limit the statewide guidelines and standards for existing developments of regional impact (DRIs). The legislation addresses existing DRIs in Florida by largely removing most state oversight over them and instead requires local government oversight. The legislation preserves all entitlements, vested rights and other protections for existing DRIs.

**Opioid Bill**
CS/CS/HB 21 (Boyd), a proposed solution to the opioid crisis, passed the legislature March 9. The bill increases reporting requirements for doctors associated with the prescription drug monitoring program and limits prescriptions for certain opioids to 3-day, or in limited circumstances 7-day, supplies. The bill appropriates $15.2 million (recurring) from the General Revenue Fund and $27.035 million from the Federal Grants Trust Fund (nonrecurring) to the Department of Children and Families for programs and services addressing opioid and other substance abuse disorders.
Supermajority Vote for State Tax Increases  
**HJR 7001** (House Ways and Means Committee) proposes an amendment to Florida’s Constitution to require that a state tax or fee imposed, authorized, or raised by the Legislature, be approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature. The amendment proposed in HJR 7001 will take effect on January 8, 2019, if approved by sixty percent of the voters.

Environmental Regulation  
**CS/CS/HB 1149** (Payne) addresses various provisions relating to water and wastewater permits and local government recycling responsibilities. The bill was amended to remove mandatory and unattainable recycling contamination limits. Instead, the bill requires local government recycling contracts to include provisions to address contamination in residential recycling but leaves the specifics and details up to local governments. The bill was also amended to include provisions of HB 837 and SB 244, which provide incentives for wastewater utilities to incorporate industry best practices.

Local Business Tax Exemption  
The Legislature passed, **SB 100** (Stuebe) which creates new local business tax exemptions for low income seniors, veterans and spouses of certain service members. The bill also exempts businesses in which an exempt individual owns a majority interest and employs fewer than 100 people from the local business tax.

Storm and School Tax Holidays  
**HB 7087** (Appropriations Committee and Ways & Means Committee and Renner) $168.6 million tax cut package. It includes a sales tax holiday on back-to-school items from Aug. 1-3, as well as a sales tax holiday on hurricane preparedness items like generators and batteries from June 1-7.

The nearly $170 million tax cut package also includes a slight decrease in the tax charged on commercial rent and a cut in tax charged on fuel used by airlines.

Lawmakers Sign Off On Bill For Generators  
**SB 7028** (Rules) Nursing homes and assisted living facilities will be required to have generators and 72 hours of fuel after the Legislature agreed to ratify a pair of proposed rules.

2018 Legislative Bills DIED  
Community Redevelopment Agencies/CRAs  
**CS/HB 17** (Raburn) and **SB 432** (Lee) sought to increase the accountability and transparency of CRAs. Of specific concern, CS/HB 17 required any new CRA be created by a special act of the Legislature. In addition, the HB 17 provided for the eventual phasing-out of all existing CRAs, unless reauthorized by a super majority vote of the body which created the CRA prior to 2038. SB 432 did not contain provisions requiring the phasing out of CRAs or additional requirements for the creation of new CRAs. However, SB 432 would have capped administrative CRA spending at 18 percent. In addition, SB 432 prohibited tax Increment expenditures on: festivals, street parties, grants to promote tourism, and grants to socially beneficial programs. Lastly, SB 432 would have changed CRA board composition by requiring the appointment of two non-elected members. CS/HB 17 passed the House but failed to pass the legislature when SB 432 stalled in the Senate.
In a second attempt for the House to pass CRA provisions, CS/CS/HB 883 (Ingoglia), a bill related to the creation of community development districts (CDDs), was heavily amended in the House expanding the bill from 5-pages to 193-pages. In addition to the CDD language, the bill included the entirety of CS/HB 17 (Raburn) relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), and the entirety of CS/CS/HB 1151 (La Rosa) relating to Developments of Regional Impacts. Ultimately, the Senate stripped out the harmful CRA provisions and no CRA language passed the legislature.

**Election Dates for Municipal Officers**
CS/CS/SB 1262 (Hutson) and HB 7037 (House Government Accountability Committee) would have prohibited municipalities from selecting the dates for their municipal elections and would have required municipalities to hold general elections on specified dates in either March or November. CS/CS/SB 1262 died on the Senate calendar. HB 7037 passed the House but died in the Senate.

**Interruption of Solid Waste and Telecommunications Services**
CS/CS/HB 971 (Fine) and SB 1368 (Mayfield) would have required a municipality or private solid waste provider to issue refunds to customers if solid waste collection service is not provided within four calendar days of a regularly scheduled service – even if the missed service is attributable to a natural disaster or the customer. The Senate bill was never heard in any committee. The House bill was poised for a vote by the full House but was temporarily postponed by the bill sponsor and died on the House calendar.

**Travel Expenses, Reporting and Financial Disclosure**
CS/CS/SB 1180 (Steube) and CS/CS/CS/HB 815 (Avila) address reimbursement for travel expenses for elected municipal and county officials. The bills would have required elected officials to obtain approval of their governing body prior to undertaking out-of-state or foreign travel, and would have required travel expense information to be posted on the local government's website. CS/CS/SB 1180 died in the Senate Rules Committee. CS/CS/CS/HB 815 passed the House but died in the Senate.

**Tree Trimming & Removal**
CS/SB 574 (Steube) and CS/CS/HB 521 (Edwards) would have preempted local government tree ordinances as applied to private property. The House bill was amended to substantially narrow the preemption to apply only to water management district and water control district rights-of-ways established for drainage and flood control purposes. CS/SB 574 died in committee. CS/CS/HB 521 passed the House but died in the Senate.

**Impact Fees**
CS/CS/SB 324 (Young) and CS/CS/CS/HB 697 (Miller) would have prohibited local governments from collecting impact fees prior to the issuance a building permit for the property that is subject to the fee. In addition, the bills codified the dual rational nexus test (a legal standard impact fees must meet). The legislation prohibited the use of impact fee revenues to pay existing debt or for prior approved projects, unless the expenditure is reasonably connected to, or has a rational nexus with, the increased impact generated by the new residential or commercial construction. Due to local government concerns, the legislation exempted water and sewer connection fees from the impact fee provisions of the bills. The bills failed when CS/CS/CS/SB 324 was not considered on the Senate floor.

**Cancer Benefits for Firefighters**
CS/CS/SB 900 (Flores) and HB 695 (Latvala) would have mandated a package of benefits for firefighters who are diagnosed with one of 21 different cancers. The benefits included treatment of cancer for ten
years post-employment, a $25,000 cash payout, disability retirement and death benefits. Both bills died in committee.

**Workers' Compensation**

**HB 7009** (House Commerce Committee) would have allowed injured workers to receive up to 260 weeks of temporary total disability or temporary partial disability, and would have substantially revised the attorney fees provisions. HB 7009 would have mandated a specified notice regarding attorney fees be signed by the claimant that states the injured worker may be responsible for any remaining attorney fees, and would have removed a restriction for injured workers to enter into a fee agreement with an attorney. The bill passed the House but was not heard in the Senate.

**Local Government Ethics Reform**

**HB 7003** (formerly PCB PIE 18-02) (House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee) and **SB 1534** (Mayfield) would have revised provisions in the state Ethics Code regarding financial disclosure, conflicting employment and contractual relationships, voting conflicts, and the regulation of persons who lobby before local governments. The bills would have required elected municipal mayors and governing board officers of municipalities with $10 million or more in revenues to file the full public disclosure of financial interests (Form 6). The bills also would have preempted to the state local government lobbyist registration requirements. HB 7003 passed the House but died in the Senate. SB 1534 never received a hearing in the Senate.

**No Communications Services Tax Changes**

**HB 1245** (Brodeur) and **SB 1210** (Brandeis) would have excluded internet video services, such as Netflix, Hulu and Sling TV, from the communication services tax. These services are taxable under current law. Both bills died in committee.

**Local Government Fiscal Transparency Fails to Pass**

**CS/SB 1426** (Lee) and **HB 7** (Burton) would have amended multiple provisions related to local government financial transparency including requiring additional public notice, public meeting, analysis and reporting for new or increased taxes, long-term tax-supported debt and economic development. HB 7 passed the House early in session but died in messages. CS/SB 1426 died awaiting action by the full Senate.

**Government Accountability Fails Passage**

**CS/CS/HB 354** (Stargel) and **CS/HB 11** (Metz) and would have required local governments to report budget information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the county clerk of the court and would have given the clerk of the court the authority to withhold the salary of the head of a local government entity if the local government did not comply. The bill would have changed the deadline for Annual Financial Reports and annual audits from 9 to 6 months after the end of the fiscal year. Provisions of this bill were also in **CS/CS/HB 1019** (House Government Accountability Committee). CS/HB 11 was passed by the full House but died in messages. CS/HB 354 died in committee.

**Financial Reporting**

**CS/CS/HB 1019** (La Rosa) would have changed multiple aspects of local government financial reporting. The bill would have required local governments to submit information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and a copy of their budget and a certification of timely filing to the clerk of the court. If a local government failed to file required reports with the clerk of the court, the clerk would have been required to notify the appropriate fiscal officer to withhold salary payments from the head of the local government entity until the reports are filed. CS/CS/HB 1019 died in Senate messages.
Expansion of Property Tax Portability
SJR 452 (Brandes) and HJR 501 (Ahern) proposed a constitutional amendment that would have extended, from 2 to 3 years, the “portability” period during which a Florida citizen has the ability to transfer up to $500,000 of accumulated Save our Homes cap benefits from an existing or prior homestead property to a new homesteaded property. CS/SB 454 (Brandes) and HB 503 (Ahern) would have implemented this proposed constitutional amendment if approved by sixty percent of voters. These proposals were estimated to have a less than one-million-dollar recurring impact on local government property taxes. Both bills died in committee.

Sovereign Immunity
HB 1131 (Jenne) and SB 1812 (Rader) would have substantially amended the waiver of sovereign immunity for governments, including cities. The bill would have allowed a local government to purchase insurance or to self-insure up to $5 million to pay a claim judgment by any one person or $7.5 million to cover the total claims or judgments arising out of the same incident or occurrence. The bills posed a significant fiscal impact since they increased a local governments liability without a claims bill. The bills were not considered in committee.

Federal Immigration/Sanctuary Policies
CS/HB 9 (Metz) and SB 308 (Bean) prohibited the adoption of a sanctuary policy by a local government, and required cooperation with federal immigration authorities. The bills required a state or local government official to promptly report a known or probable violation of the law to the attorney general or the state attorney having jurisdiction over the local governmental entity. The bills imposed a civil penalty of at least $1,000 but no more than $5,000 for each day a policy that violates the Act was in effect. A Speaker priority, CS/HB 9 passed the House, but was never considered by the Senate in committee.

Public Meetings/Imminent Litigation
SB 560 (Steube) would have expanded an exemption from the public meeting laws to authorize a private meeting for the purpose of discussing imminent legislation. The bill died on the Senate floor. The House companion, CS/HB 439 (Donalds), died in committee.

Private Property Comprehensive Plan Element
HB 207 (McClain) and SB 362 (Perry) would have required local governments to adopt a new mandatory element in their comprehensive plans that would address the protection of private property. The bills were not considered in committee.

Vegetable Gardens
SB 1776 (Bradley) would have preempted local governments from enacting local ordinances or regulations of vegetable gardens on residential properties. The bill passed the senate but was never considered by the House.

Coastal Management
CS/SB 174 (Hukill) and HB 131 (Peters) would have revised criteria considered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) involved in determining annual funding priorities for beach nourishment and inlet management projects and would have included the use of weighted tiers for such criteria. The bills would have appropriated $50 million annually from the state Land Acquisition Trust Fund for beach and inlet projects. CS/HB 174 passed the Senate but died in the House. HB 131 died in committee.
Land Acquisition Trust Fund
CS/SB 370 (Bradley) and HB 1353 (Beshears) would have directed an annual appropriation of $100 million to the Florida Forever Trust Fund from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. CS/SB 370 passed the Senate but died in the House. HB 1353 died in committee.

Storm-generated Debris and Solid Waste
CS/HB 879 (Toledo) and SB 1326 (Baxley) would have expanded the statutory definition of “recovered materials” to include wood, asphalt and concrete. The bills also included provisions that required local governments to suspend exclusive contracts for storm-generated debris under specified circumstances, and prohibit the use of exclusive contracts after a specified date. Both bills died in committee.

Natural Resources/Florida Forever
CS/CS/HB 7063 (Government Accountability Committee) would have revised current state law provisions addressing Florida Forever funding allocations and policies. The bill would have consolidated existing statutory allocations under the Florida Forever Program from nine categories into three main categories: land acquisition, Florida Communities Trust and the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program. The bill died in the House.

State Housing Trust Fund
SB 874 (Passidomo) and HB 191 (Shaw) would have prevented the Florida Legislature from sweeping the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Trust Fund. Both bills died in committee.

Human Trafficking
SB 1044 (Children, Families, and Elder Affairs and Book) A push to increase penalties on sex traffickers and make it easier for victims to sue fizzled in the final days of the session. The bill also would have set up a trust fund to help victims. The hotel industry objected to a provision that would have allowed victims to sue operators of hotels and motels who willfully ignore evidence of sex trafficking.

Vacation Rentals
CS/HB 773 (Government Accountability Committee and La Rosa) The bill prohibited counties and cities from establishing ordinances specific to short-term vacation rentals and would instead require that local regulations of activities associated with vacation rentals be applied uniformly to all residential properties. The bill would have allowed counties with vacation rental ordinances in place prior to June 1, 2011, to amend their ordinances, as long as the amendment makes the regulation of vacation rentals less restrictive.
RE: 2018 Session Adjourns, Sine Die! FINAL Legislative Update

Based on the bills that the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council were tracking this Session, the only two bills that passed were:

HB 215 - Motor Vehicles – 2018
Motor Vehicles: Authorizing a mobile carrier to be operated on sidewalks and crosswalks within a county or municipality when such use is permissible under federal law; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; providing that a mobile carrier is not required to satisfy specified registration and insurance requirements; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc.

https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=_h0215er.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=0215&Session=2018

HB 141 - Transportation – 2018
Revising provisions relating to contracting and negotiation between the Department of Transportation and local governmental entities for acquisition, construction, or operation of turnpike projects; exempting a law enforcement officer from paying a toll on a toll facility when operating an official vehicle while on official law enforcement business; requiring fees generated from tolls to be used to reimburse, by interlocal agreement, a county or another local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station providing services to the public on Alligator Alley,

https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=_h0141er.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=0141&Session=2018
Legislative Update for the week ending 02/23/2018

Overview

Committees meet for the last time on Tuesday of next week, the agendas that have been published are packed full and we should expect legislators will be making a last push to move their bills if the subject bill has only one more committee stop. One of those bills is SB 90, the texting while driving bill. This is the bill by Senator Perry to make texting while driving a primary offense. What that means is that an officer could stop a driver for texting while driving and issue a citation. Currently texting while driving is a secondary offense meaning that a driver must be pulled over for another reason and then a texting while driving citation could be issued. SB 90 needs to pass the Appropriations Committee which is chaired by Senator Bradley. Senator Bradley has stated he is opposed to the bill in the current form. The agenda for the Tuesday Appropriations Committee meeting has been published, all five pages of it, and SB 90 is not on the agenda. The fear is that Texting While Driving will remain a secondary offense in Florida for another year. Forty-Six states have it as a primary offense.

Our MPOs have carefully watched the progress of HB 575, the MPO bill that would among other things reduce the size of MPO boards. The bill which was assigned to three committees, passed through the first two committees with lightning speed and with plenty of momentum. Between the two committees it passed, there was only one opposing vote. The third committee stop for this bill is Government Accountability Committee. The bill has not been placed on the agenda so far but the committee meets one more time, on Tuesday. The agenda for this committee’s Tuesday meeting has not been published as of writing this newsletter. The good news is that the Senate companion bill has not advanced at all. Given the other issues around the capitol, MPO bills are not likely to get much attention. As for those other issues…..

There is the budget process and this week in a couple of publications it was revealed that the budget process has stopped. Apparently the House and Senate teams have not been talking to each other about the budget. Talks had been occurring but have stopped. While their overall budget amounts are similar in size, the way each chamber proposes to spend the money is quite different. To be fair there are a lot of other concerns facing Florida. Everyone, legislators included, have been focused on the Parkland shooting and how to prevent another tragedy of this type. Both chambers and the Governor proposed a number of measures to protect children at schools and to try and stop another school shooting. The proposals have costs and would need to be funded in the final budget. All leaders have said in one form or another that cuts will have to be made in the budget to allow for school safety programs and measures. It does appear that everyone is on the same page generally, how we get to a final budget and what specific programs are funded for school safety will be decided. Thankfully, everyone is in agreement that Florida must fund school safety.

Last week this newsletter made mention of the gambling compact with the Seminole Tribe and how it is an unfinished piece of business. To recap, the Seminole tribe wants a 20-year agreement to have the exclusive right to Class III gambling (think card games, roulette, slots, etc) in the state and in return their proposal is to
pay the state of Florida $3 Billion over the next seven years. Federal laws require the Seminole Tribe to have an agreement with the state for these types of games. Obviously, having the exclusive right to these games gives the tribe a monopoly and that is good for their business. The Speaker of the House has stated he is not looking for gambling expansion in the state of Florida. A long-term agreement would achieve his goal and lock out gambling expansion for future leadership. This compact may still have a chance this legislative session.

Last week in the MPOAC Legislative Update predictions were made for which bills would not pass. Those bills were labeled in red with “Will not pass this session.” This edition of the newsletter is leaving that information in the bill details but has changed the color of the lettering to black so that only new information from this past week is shown in red.

Here is a breakdown of the bills we are following. That’s a wrap for this week. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

### Important Dates for the 2018 Legislative Session

- August 01, 2017 – Deadline for filing claim bills
- November 17, 2017 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- January 5, 2018 – Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- January 9, 2018 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- February 24, 2018 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- February 27, 2018 - 50th day, last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 9, 2018 - 60th day, last day of Regular Session

### Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of February 23, 2018. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking.

#### Changes from last update are shown in RED

**HB 33: Texting While Driving** – (Toledo; Slosberg – Co-Introducers: Ahern; Burgess; Fitzenhagen; Jacobs; Metz; Stark; Altman; Asencio; Berman; Beshears; Boyd; Clemons; Cortes, J.; Cruz; Daniels; Diaz, M.; Donalds; Drake; Duran; Edwards-Walpole; Grant, M.; Gruters; Hager; Harrell; Harrison; Ingoglia; Killebrew; Leek; Mariano; McClain; McClure; Miller, M.; Moskowitz; Olszewski; Payne; Perez; Plasencia; Raschein; Russell; Smith; Spano; Stevenson; Stone; Watson, C.; White; Willhite; Williams) – Similar Bill SB 90. Revises legislative intent; requires law enforcement officer to inform motor vehicle operator of certain rights; prohibits certain actions by such officer; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. The bill has added many cosponsors and gained the support of the Speaker of the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0, now in Judiciary Committee. Passed Judiciary Committee, 17 Yeas, 1 Nay. It now needs to pass Government Accountability and then can head to the House floor for a full vote. Passed Government Accountability with 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now headed to the House floor for a full vote of the House. Please
note, Speaker Corcoran has publicly stated his support for this bill. Waiting for a vote of the full House of Representatives. To read on House floor on 02/28/2018, can be voted upon 03/01/2018.

SB 72: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Garcia – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) – Withdrawn. Identical to SB 90.

CS/SB 90: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Perry – Co-Sponsor: Garcia; Mayfield; Rodriguez; Campbell; Baxley Stewart; Taddeo) – Identical to SB 72. Similar to HB 33. Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc. Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Committee Substitute (amendment) and passed by Communications, Energy and Public Utilities (Yeas 7, Nays 1). This bill also picked up three more co-sponsors. Now in Transportation. The bill now has seven co-sponsors. The bill passed the Transportation Committee with a vote of 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The bill now moves to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On the Committee Agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/18/2018, 9:00AM 110 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 8 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Appropriations. After Appropriations Committee it will head to the Senate Floor for a full vote. Not on the Appropriations Committee Agenda for their last committee meeting, fear this bill may not pass.

SB 116: Operation of Vehicles – (Baxley – Co-Introducers: Passidomo; Book) - Requiring drivers to vacate lanes closest to, or reduce speed and pass, vulnerable road users, authorized emergency, sanitation, and utility service vehicles or workers, and wrecker operators under certain circumstances, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.

HB 117: Operation of Vehicles – (Stone – Co-Introducers: Hahnfeldt; Jacobs; Killebrew; Stark) - Companion Bill to SB 116. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Committee Substitute passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on a vote of 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. Pending review of Committee Substitute. Now in Government Accountability Committee. On the Government Accountability Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 3:00PM. Passed Government Accountability - 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Heads to Full House vote. Note that the Senate companion is not advancing, will not become law this session.

HB 121: Texting While Driving – (Slosberg; Stark) – Similar to SB 72 and SB 90. Revises short title & legislative intent; revises penalties for violations of provisions re: texting while driving; provides enhanced penalties for violations committed in school zones & crossings; requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies prohibiting racial profiling in enforcement; removes requirement that enforcement be accomplished as secondary action. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee. This bill was withdrawn and the bill sponsor (Slosberg) is a cosponsor of the newly filed HB 33: Texting While Driving bill.

SB 176: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Hutson) – Similar to HB 6001 - Repealing provisions relating 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. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.
SB 182: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Rodriguez) – Similar Bill HB 567. Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On the Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Will not pass this session.

SB 188: Public School Transportation – (Steube) – Companion bill is HB 1299. Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations. On the Education Committee agenda for 02/12/2018 at 3:30PM in Room 412, Knott Building. Passed Education Committee – 8 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K Education. Has two committees to go, will not pass this session.

SB 206: Highway Memorial Markers – (Perry) – Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process, including the adoption of any forms deemed necessary by the department, for submitting applications for installation of a memorial marker; authorizing the department to install a certain sign at no charge to an applicant; authorizing an applicant to request an emblem of belief not specifically approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for incorporation in a memorial marker, subject to certain requirements, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.

HB 215: Autocycles – (Payne) – Related bill SB 504 (Perry). Defines "autocycle" & revises definition of "motorcycle"; requires safety belt usage by autocycle operator/passenger; authorizes autocycle operation without motorcycle endorsement; provides applicability. Definition of an autocycle: A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Not knowing from the description what an autocycle looks like, I thought it best to share with you a picture of one. The image of an autocycle is shown below. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee (Yeas 12, Nays 2) and is now on the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee agenda for 11/15/2017. Bill passed the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, now in Government Accountability Committee. The bill passed the Government Accountability Committee with 19 Yeas, 2 Nays. The Bill has now been placed on the Calendar for a full House vote on 01/24/2018. Passed the House with 105 Yeas and 1 Nay. Received by the Senate and assigned to Committees – Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations. The Senate version has passed all committees and is waiting on a full Senate vote, this bill seems likely to become law.
HB 243: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Avila; Perez) – Companion Bill is SB 688. Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for refinancing existing bonds; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. The bill was amended by the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to define eligible uses of surtax monies. The bill as written does not allow for surtax monies to be used for salaries or other personnel expense. The bill passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays. The bill has passed the Ways and Means Committee with a vote of 14 Yeas, 6 Nays. It is now in the Government Accountability Committee. Bill was Temporarily Postponed in Government Accountability (was to be heard on 02/08/2018), now on Government Accountability agenda for 02/13/2018 at 3:00 PM, Morris Hall. Bill passed Government Accountability – 17 Yeas, 6 Nays. Headed to a Full House Floor vote. The Senate companion bill has one more committee stop before a full Senate floor vote. This is likely to become law. This bill passed the House on a full floor vote of 106 Yeas, 7 Nays.

SB 272: Local Tax Referenda - (Brandes) – Companion bill HB 317. Revises the voter approval threshold required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local government discretionary sales surtaxes when the referendum is held at any date other than a general election. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed Community Affairs, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the Committee agenda for 01/16/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with an amendment, 6 Yeas, Zero Nays, now in Appropriations. This bill has one more committee stop, the House companion bill has passed the full House. This bill is likely to become law. This bill is not on the agenda for the last Appropriations Committee meeting which is not good. The House companion has been sent over to the Senate, the bill can be taken up on the full Senate floor with some procedural maneuvering.

HB 317: Local Tax Referenda – (Ingoglia) – Companion bill SB 272. Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on specified dates & approved by specified percentage of voters. During a general election a simple majority would be required to pass a change to a sales tax, in a non-general election the threshold would be 60 percent. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Bill is now in Ways and Means Committee. Bill passed Ways and Means Committee, 18 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability Committee. An amended version of the bill passed Government Accountability Committee with 17 Yeas, 3 Nays. The amendment removes the ability to hold a local tax referenda item on a non-general election ballot. The bill is on the House Calendar to be heard (and voted upon) 01/31/2018. Passed the full House vote with 84 Yeas, 27 Nays. Bill was sent to the Senate, has been assigned to four committees: Community Affairs, Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations, Rules. The Senate companion bill has one more committee stop before a full Senate floor vote, this bill is likely to become law. Please see the Senate companion bill SB 272 for status.

SB 346: Motorcycle and Moped Riders – (Perry) – Increasing the age (from age 16 to age 21) at which persons who are operating or riding upon a certain motorcycle are exempt from protective headgear requirements, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. This bill has three more committee stops, will not pass this session.

HB 353: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher; Brodeur – Co-introducers: Jacobs; Payne) – Related to SB 712. Authorizes person to operate, or engage autonomous technology to operate, autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; provides that autonomous technology is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode; provides construction & applicability; defines "human operator." Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability
Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, now in Appropriations Committee. On Appropriations Committee agenda for 01/22/2018, 3:00PM, Webster Hall. Passed Appropriations Committee with 20 Yeas and Zero Nays. Next stop is Government Accountability Committee. This bill has one committee stop left in the House, the Senate companion bill has two committee stops. Don’t count this one out yet, the Senate sponsor (Brandes) is a fan of this bill and might get it through. This bill and the Senate companion have not been scheduled for their last committee stops. Not looking likely to pass.

SB 384: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Companion bill is HB 981. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Bill was amended to add hybrid vehicles, when hybrid and electric vehicles comprise 2% of the total number of vehicles registered in the state, the Florida Transportation Commission must conduct a study of the fiscal impact to transportation funding. Bill as amended passed Transportation Committee 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. This bill has two committee stops left, the House companion bill has passed all committees and is waiting on a full House floor vote. Don’t count this one out yet. Will require procedural maneuvering to pass.

SB 504: Autocycles – (Perry) – Related bill HB 215 (see HB 215 for an image of an autocycle). Defining the term “autocycle”; requiring safety belt or, if applicable, child restraint usage by an operator or passenger of an autocycle; including an autocycle in the definition of the term “motorcycle”; authorizing a person to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On agenda for Transportation Committee 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 8 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations – 19 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a full Senate floor vote. The House version of this bill has passed the House. Likely to become law. Placed on Calendar, headed to a floor vote.

HB 525: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Grall; Magar) – Similar bill SB 572. Requires railroad companies operating high-speed passenger rail system to be responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, & upgrade costs; specifies that governmental entity is not responsible for such costs unless it consents in writing. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Will not pass this session.

HB 535: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Avila) – Companion bill is SB 1200. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. This bill has two committee stops left to go, Senate version has been advancing. Will not pass this session.
SB 542: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.

SB 544: Procurement Procedures – (Brandes) – Specifying the applicability of procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process for certain procurements by specified transportation, expressway, and bridge authorities, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Was Temporarily Postponed. Passed Transportation, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. This bill has two committee stops left, will not pass this session.

SB 548: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Campbell) – Companion Bill is HB 6001. Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector,” respectively and relating 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 that cap fines and provide for the deposit and use of fines, and the distribution of specified penalties, respectively, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.

HB 567: Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program – (Richardson) – Similar Bill SB 182. Requires DOT to create Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requires disbursement of grants to qualified businesses; limits grant amount; provides application & eligibility requirements; requires assistance by DEO; provides for award prioritization; requires report & rulemaking. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Bill was amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, passed 12 Yeas, Zero Nays. Will not pass this session, has two committee stops left.

SB 572: High-Speed Passenger Rail – (Mayfield; Co-Introducer: Gainer) – Similar bill HB 525. Designating the "Florida High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act"; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; requiring the Florida Division of Emergency Management to offer, under certain circumstances, the local communities and local emergency services located along the rail corridor training specifically designed to help them respond to an accident involving rail passengers or hazardous materials; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for certain maintenance, improvement, and upgrade costs, etc. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 11/14/2017. Passed Transportation Committee 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Community Affairs. The bill will be presented in a workshop forum at the Community Affairs Committee on 01/23/2018 at 5:00PM, Room 301, Senate Office Building. Will not pass this session, has two committee stops left and the House companion bill has not advanced.

HB 575: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Beshears) – Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on
Governing Board Members. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Local, Federal and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee. The bill passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with a vote of 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. The bill now moves to the Government Accountability Committee. Will not pass this session, the Senate companion bill has not advanced.

**HB 633: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Fischer; Co-Introducer: Jacobs)** – Companion bill is SB 852. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: $15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee agenda, 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. The bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 12:30PM, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Has one committee stop left. The Senate companion has two committee stops left and is scheduled on committee agenda for next week. Don’t count this bill out yet, this will be a close one as to whether or not it becomes law. Passed Government Accountability Committee with 22 Yeas, Zero Nays. Headed to a full floor vote. Senate companion is headed to it’s final committee stop next week.

**SB 688: Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax – (Garcia)** – Companion bill is HB 243. Requiring counties, except under certain circumstances, to use surtax proceeds only for specified purposes; prohibiting the use of such proceeds for non-transit purposes, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Passed Community Affairs with 5 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. On the agenda for Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 01/29/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 401, Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax with 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee. One Committee stop left to go, the House version is headed to a Floor vote. This bill is likely to become law. Not on the agenda for the Appropriations Committee meeting (last one). Will require some procedural maneuvering to pass.

**SB 712: Autonomous Vehicles – (Brandes)** – Related to HB 353. Exempting an autonomous vehicle being operated in autonomous mode from a certain prohibition on the operation of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is actively displaying certain content that is visible from the driver’s seat while the vehicle is in motion; authorizing a fully autonomous vehicle to operate in this state regardless of whether a licensed human operator is physically present in the vehicle; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enroll the state in any federal pilot program or project for the collection and study of data for the review of automated driving systems, etc. Referred to Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Rules. Passed Transportation with 7 Yeas and Zero Nays. The next stop is Banking and Insurance. The House version has one committee stop left before heading to a full floor vote. Don’t count this bill out yet. This bill and the House companion have not been scheduled for their last committee stops. Not looking likely to pass.

**SB 782: Bollards Grant Program – (Rodriguez)** - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in their jurisdictions; requiring a county or municipality to specify in its application the area, which may include private property, where it intends to install bollards and why the installation is needed, etc. Annual amount: $250,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.
HB 807: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Diamond) – Companion Bill is SB 984. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. Assigned to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee. On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee agenda for 01/23/2018 at 9:00AM, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee with 13 Yeas and Zero Nays. On the Committee Agenda for Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on 01/29/2018 at 3:00PM in Room 12 of the House Office Building. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with 11 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Government Accountability. This bill has one committee stop left to go. The Senate companion bill has three committee stops left to go. Will not pass this session.

HB 815: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Avila; Co-Introducers: La Rosa) – Companion bill is SB 1180. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county of municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of $120 per night. For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of $120 per night would apply to you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. The bill has been referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Public Integrity and Ethics Committee; Government Accountability Committee. Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee with 12 Yeas and 2 Nays. Now in Public Integrity and Ethics Committee. Committee Substitute passed Public Integrity and Ethics Committee with 12 Yeas, 6 Nays. The next stop will be Government Accountability Committee. The bill has undergone some changes and is much easier to work with now. The hotel limit of $120 per night has been removed and applies to only elected officials now. This bill has one committee stop left to go, the Senate companion bill has two committee stops left to go and is on the agenda for a committee stop this coming week. Don’t count this bill out yet. Passed Government Accountability Committee with 17 Yeas, 4 Nays. Headed to full floor vote. Senate companion has one more committee stop.

SB 852: Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program – (Brandeis; Co-Introducer: Taddeo) – Companion bill is HB 633. Creates Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program within DOT; provides program goals & grant eligibility requirements; requires DOT to issue request for proposals; provides proposal requirements, grant award requirements, & requirements for use of grant funds; requires reports; requires administrative support by DOT; provides appropriation. Annual amount: $15,000,000.00. Referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. On the Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. The House version has one committee stop left. This bill has two committee stops left and is scheduled on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development agenda for 02/21/2018 at 1:30PM in room 110, Senate Office Building. Don’t count this bill out yet, this will be a close one as to whether or not it becomes law. On the Appropriations Committee agenda for 02/27/2018 at 11:00AM in Room 412, Knott Building. House companion is headed to full floor vote.
**HB 981: Electric Vehicles – (Olszewski)** – Companion bill is SB 384. Requiring the Florida Transportation Commission to review all sources of revenue for transportation infrastructure and maintenance projects and prepare a report to the Governor and the Legislature when the commission determines that electric vehicles make up a certain percentage or more of the total number of vehicles registered in this state; requiring a long-range transportation plan to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate the increased use of autonomous technology and electric vehicles, etc. Bill referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability. Bill passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee 13 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Transportation and Tourism Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/29/18, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee with 10 Yeas, 1 Nay. Passed Government Accountability Committee with 20 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is a vote of the full House. The Senate companion bill has two stops left, don’t count this one out yet. **On special order calendar for 02/28/2018, meaning it is going for a full floor vote.**

**SB 984: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Brandes)** – Companion Bill is HB 807. Allows MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as the result of a merger of two or more existing MPOs to have at least 5 Governing Board members. The bill does not place an upper limit on the number of Governing Board members for MPOs designated after July 01, 2018 as a result of the merger of two or more existing MPOs. The bill has been filed but not yet assigned to committees. Bill assigned to Transportation, Community Affairs, Rules. Will not pass this session.

**SB 1012: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo)** – Requiring fees generated from tolls to be used to reimburse, by interlocal agreement effective for a specified period of time, a county or another local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, which may be used by a county or another local governmental entity to provide fire, rescue, and emergency management services to the public, etc. Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 01/18/2018 at 10:00AM in room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development with 10 Yeas, Zero Nays. Next stop is Appropriations Committee. There is not a House companion bill. **On Appropriations Committee agenda for 02/27/2018 at 11:00AM in Room 412 of the Knott Building.**

**HB 1033: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Toledo)** – Companion bill is SB 1304 by Young. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Careers and Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. On the agenda for Careers and Competition Subcommittee for 01/16/2018 at 3:00PM in room 216 in the Capitol Building. Amended version passed Careers and Competition Subcommittee with 13 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Commerce Committee. Has one committee stop to go before a full House vote. The Senate companion bill has two committee stops to go. Not likely to pass this session. **Passed Commerce Committee with 23 Yeas, Zero Nays. On special order calendar for 02/28/2018 which means it is headed to a full floor vote.**

**SB 1180: County and Municipal Public Officers and Employees – (Steube)** – Companion bill is HB 815. This bill does a number of things, of importance to MPOs are two requirements related to travel in the bill. First, out of state travel for public officials must be approved by the full governing body of the county of municipality at a publicly noticed meeting and must be on the meeting agenda with an itemized list detailing all anticipated travel expenses. The public official travel must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body. This may create problems for MPO board members to attend events/conferences and USDOT led events given that short notice travel would be virtually impossible to be approved in advance. The second issue for MPOs is the cap of lodging expenses in excess of $120 per night. For MPOs that are administratively housed within a County or Municipality, the lodging cap of $120 per night would apply to
you. Foreign travel by county or municipal officers cannot be paid by their government body. Travel expenses incurred by public officers and employees may only be paid for if it is incurred 24 hours before, during and after the event necessitating the travel. Travel expenses outside those timeframes cannot be paid for by the government entity. This bill has undergone several changes, the hotel amount cap of $120 has been removed. The bill has been referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Ethics and Elections Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 412, Knott Building. Passed Ethics and Elections Committee – 5 Yeas, 3 Nays. On the Community Affairs Committee Agenda for 02/20/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 301, Senate Office Building. The House version has one committee stop left to go, don’t count this bill out yet. House version passed last committee stop and is headed to a full floor vote. Senate version (this bill) passed Community Affairs Committee with 7 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now headed to Rules Committee which meets on 02/26/2018 – this bill is not on the agenda. No change.

SB 1188: Strategic Intermodal System – (Rouson) – Companion Bill is HB 1277. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Transportation Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee – 6 Yeas, Zero Nays. Now in Community Affairs. The House version is not advancing, will not pass this session.

SB 1200: Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority – (Young; Co-Introducer: Galvano) – Companion bill is HB 535. Please see the 11/17/2017 MPOAC Legislative Update Newsletter Overview for more information on this bill. Renames Florida Rail Enterprise as Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority; revises annual allocations for Transportation Regional Incentive Program; specifies annual allocations to TBARTA & authority for certain purposes; provides requirements for use of funds provided to authority; requires enterprise contracts to remain with authority; provides requirements for funding requests & county matching funds; revises & provides definitions; replaces powers & duties of enterprise re: high-speed rail system with powers & duties of authority re: alternative transportation system; exempts proposed projects funded under authority from certain development requirement. The bill was referred to Transportation; Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations. On Transportation Committee agenda for 02/06/2018 at 2:00PM in Room 401 of the Senate Office Building. Passed Transportation Committee with 6 Yeas, 1 Nay. On the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Agenda for 02/14/2018 at 1:30PM in Room 110, Senate Office Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development – 7 Yeas, 3 Nays. Now in Appropriations Committee. House companion bill has two committee stops left to go, will not pass this session.

HB 1277: Strategic Intermodal System – (Willhite) – Companion Bill is HB 1188. Specifies that the Strategic Intermodal System and the Emerging SIS shall include existing or planned corridors that are managed lanes of transit. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability. Will not pass this session.

HB 1299: Public School Transportation – (Raburn) – Companion bill is HB 188. Requiring district school boards to provide transportation to certain students; revising the speed and road conditions that meet the requirements for a hazardous walking condition; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student, etc. Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education. Passed PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee with 10 Yeas and Zero Nays. Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill has two committee stops left to go, will not pass this session.

SB 1304: Dockless Bicycle Sharing – (Young) – Companion bill is HB 1033 by Toledo. Providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; providing requirements for dockless bicycles made available for reservation by such company, etc. Bill referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Rules. On the Banking and Insurance Committee Agenda for 02/06/2018 at 11:00AM in Room 110 of the Senate Office
Building. Passed Banking and Insurance Committee with 8 Yeas, 2 Nays. On the Community Affairs Committee Agenda for 02/13/2018 at 10:00AM in Room 301 of the Senate Office Building. Was not considered at last committee stop. Has two committee stops to go, the House version has one committee stop to go. Not likely to pass this session.

SB 1350: Airports – (Perry) – Increasing eligibility for certain funding by the DOT to include airports that have fewer than a specified number of commercial passenger enplanements annually. Bill referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. Will not pass this session.

SB 1516: Metropolitan Planning Organizations – (Perry) – This is a companion bill to HB 575, at this time the two bills are identical – HB 575 is likely to undergo revisions. Revises MPO voting membership requirements according to population; prohibits entire county commission from being members of governing board; revises percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners; requires adoption of certain bylaws; revises member reappointment provisions; requires compliance with certain provisions by specified date. MPOs with an urbanized population under 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 11 members, MPOs with an urbanized population over 500,000 must have a board of between 5 and 15 members. The bill does not affect the Miami-Dade TPO. The bill bans weighted voting and places term limits on Governing Board Members. The bill was filed on 01/04/2018, on 01/12/2018 it was referred to Transportation, Community Affairs and Rules. Will not pass this session.

HB 6001: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Avila; Ingoglia) – Similar to SB 176. Companion Bill is SB 548. 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 Appropriations Committee, on the Committee agenda for 10/10/2017. Bill passed Appropriations Committee (Yeas 16, Nays 10). Bill has been placed on Calendar for Full House Vote. The Bill passed the full House on a vote of 83 Yeas, 18 Nays. This bill has been sent to the Senate. Senate version has not advanced, will not pass this session.
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TAMPA, Fla. (March 19) – On Friday, March 16, Governor Rick Scott signed the $88.7 billion Securing Florida’s Future budget for 2018-2019, which included $1 million in funding for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) to create the Tampa Bay region’s first Regional Transit Development Plan.

The Florida Legislature restructured TBARTA from Transportation to Transit Authority last year and required it to develop a Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP) covering Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, and Manatee Counties. Local transit agencies are required by law to create and submit a Transit Development Plan (TDP) for their service areas to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that evaluates existing and anticipated demands over a 10-year horizon. While this new regional approach will meet the same statutory requirements as local TDPs, the focus will be on identifying how to best serve regional transit needs and a regional project prioritization process with funding scenarios for implementation.

“It is exciting for TBARTA to be moving forward with putting together this important plan for the future of transit across our region,” said Jim Holton, TBARTA chairman. “We owe it to our leaders in Tallahassee, as well as the support we received locally, for advancing our request to fund this effort.”

The TBARTA RTDP will fit within an overlapping and coordinated transit planning process, which will also include the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan that will determine that regional transit catalyst project for the three-county Transportation Management Area (TMA) of Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough Counties. The RTDP will also encompass the regional transit priorities of Hernando and Manatee Counties and address how their regional connectivity fits into the regional transit system cohesively.

“The value added in a regional TDP approach is greater collaboration on shared initiatives such as best practices and transit policies, innovative approaches and pilot programs,” said Ramond Chiaramonte, TBARTA executive director. “This can provide a much greater impact on the region’s ability to obtain funding at the state and federal levels.”

The process of selecting a consultant to perform the technical work and public engagement for the RTDP is expected to begin in late Spring 2018 and the project completed in Fall 2019.

For more information about TBARTA and the Regional Transit Development Plan, contact Michael Case, Principal Planner, at michael.case@tbarta.com or 813-282-8200.

TBARTA was created to plan and develop a multimodal transportation system that will connect five counties of the Tampa Bay region – Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas. For more information, visit www.TBARTA.com.
Pasco County Public Transportation Survey
~~Weigh in on the future of Pasco’s public transit~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) is inviting community members to provide important input on existing and future transit services through the online Pasco County Public Transportation Survey.

The short, 16-question survey is available on the PCPT website: ridepcpt.com or by clicking directly on this link: https://bit.ly/2pyS9fF. The survey closes April 15, 2018.

PCPT would like to collect rider and non-rider feedback on several transportation-related issues, including:

✔ Traffic Congestion
✔ New/Improved Transit Service
✔ Transit Fees
✔ User-friendly features

The Pasco County Public Transportation Survey is part of a major update to the County’s Access Pasco Ten Year Transit Development Plan (TDP). The update will serve as a guide for the transit agency’s vision to promote transit growth and improvement in Pasco County from 2019 through 2028.

To learn more about Pasco County Public Transportation, including bus routes, transportation news and schedules visit the PCPT website at: www.ridepcpt.com.

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Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) Survey

Please take a minute to help us plan for transit needs in Pasco County!

1. How much awareness is there in the community about transit/public transportation?
   - High
   - Moderate
   - None at all
   - Do not know

2. What do you think of PCPT transit service?
   - It must be provided
   - It might be useful
   - It does not matter to me
   - Not sure it is useful
   - We do not need it

3. Rate your perception of transit's role in the community?
   - Absolutely necessary
   - Somewhat important
   - Somewhat unimportant
   - Unnecessary

4. Is traffic congestion a problem in Pasco County?
   - Yes
   - No

5. If yes to question 4, what role do you see transit playing in alleviating the situation?
   - It will relieve congestion
   - It may provide some help
   - It will have no effect
   - It may create some additional traffic issues
6. Have you used Pasco County transit service?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

7. Do you think there is a need for additional transit service in Pasco County?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

8. If you answered yes to Question 7, select the TOP THREE transit improvements you would most like to see.
   ○ More Frequent Bus Service
   ○ Express Service (Please tell us where below)
   ○ Later Service
   ○ Increased Coverage Area (Please tell us where below)
   ○ Sunday Service
   ○ More Benches and Shelters
   ○ Better Sidewalk Connections to Bus Stops
   ○ Other

   If you chose Express Service, Increased Coverage Area, or Other above, please tell us more.

9. What do you think is a reasonable one-way fare to pay for transit service?
   ○ $0.00 to $0.50
   ○ $0.51 to $1.00
   ○ $1.01 to $1.50
   ○ $1.51 to $2.00
   ○ More than $2.00

10. Do you believe there a willingness in the community to consider additional local funding for transit?
    ○ Definitely
    ○ Somewhat
    ○ Not at all
    ○ Do not know

11. Are you willing to pay additional local taxes for an expanded transit system?
    ○ Definitely
    ○ Somewhat
    ○
12. Your age is...
- Under 18
- 18 to 24 years
- 25 to 40 years
- 41 to 60 years
- Over 60 years

13. What is the range of your total household income for 2017?
- Less than $10,000
- $10,000 - $19,999
- $20,000 - $29,999
- $30,000 - $39,999
- $40,000 - $49,999
- $50,000 or greater

14. What ONE technology improvement would you like to see?
- Bus location tracking app
- Next bus information at major bus stops
- Mobile fare payment options
- Communications of alerts, service changes, detours