

**PASCO COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF  
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER  
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER  
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

**10:00 A.M.**

**HISTORIC PASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
37918 MERIDIAN AVENUE, DADE CITY, FL 33525**

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**MPO MEMBERS**

Lance Smith, Chairman  
(Councilman, City of Zephyrhills)  
Matt Murphy, Vice-Chairman  
(Councilman, City of New Port Richey)  
Ron Oakley - **Absent**  
(County Commissioner, District 1)  
Seth Weightman  
(County Commissioner, District 2)  
Kathryn Starkey  
(County Commissioner, District 3)

Gary Bradford - **Absent**  
(County Commissioner, District 4)  
Jack Mariano  
(County Commissioner, District 5)  
Scott Black  
(Commissioner, City of Dade City)  
Scott Tremblay - **Absent**  
(Mayor, City of Port Richey)

David Gwynn, P.E. – FDOT District Seven  
(Non-Voting – Advisor)

**Staff Members:**

Nectarious Pittos, AICP  
Director of Planning of and Development  
Janniana Elkin, Public Transportation Director  
David Goldstein  
Chief Assistant County Attorney  
Sonya Duprez, Administrative Secretary II

Tania Gorman, Planner II  
Tina Russo, Planner II  
Laurie Schaediger, Business Manager  
Carl Mikyska, MPO Executive Director  
Scott Ferry, Principal Planner  
John Koors, Planner I

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

## **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Jessica Popplewell, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Roll Call - Clerk**

Ms. Popplewell called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Mayor Tremblay, Commissioner Oakley, and Commissioner Bradford who were absent.

Mr. Mikyska noted Commissioner Oakley and Commissioner Bradford had submitted prior notice regarding their absence.

## **Call for Public Input**

Mr. Greg Parsons stated he invented and held the US Patent for the Parallel Flow Intersection (PFI) and spoke regarding the build alternatives in the FDOT US 41/SR 54 project. He spoke regarding his presentation from the previous month and that he had received no questions or comments. He explained the reasoning why he felt FDOT was misrepresenting both the Parallel Flow Intersection and the Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) alternatives.

## **Approval of Minutes**

There were none.

## **MPO Advisory Committee Reports**

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The item was not discussed.

### Action Items

1. MPO Board Officer Elections for Calendar Year 2023  
**File Number** MPO23-0075  
**Comm. Dist.** All  
**Recommendation** Approve

**The Board approved** to elect New Port Richey Councilman Murphy as Chairman.

**The Board approved** to elect Dade City Commissioner Black as Vice-Chairman.

2. 2023 System Performance Report and Safety Targets  
**File Number** MPO23-0061  
**Comm. Dist.** All  
**Recommendation** Approve

**The Board approved** the item per Staff's recommendation.

3. 2022-2023 Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership Roster and Attendance Record  
**File Number** MPO23-0064  
**Comm. Dist.** 2, 4 and Dade City  
**Recommendation** Approve

**The Board approved** Staff's request to reapprove Mr. Clint Wynn, Mr. Steve Hickman, Mr. David West, and Ms. Sandy Graves as CAC members.

The consideration of the applicants for the District 2 vacancy was continued to the April meeting.

### GOPASCO Update

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

## Status Reports/Presentations

4. US 41/SR 54 Intersection Improvement Alternatives Study  
Presentation by FDOT  
**File Number** MPO23-0018  
**Comm. Dist.** 2 and 4  
**Recommendation** Presentation Only

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

5. Conceptual Road From US41/Connerton Blvd to I-75/Overpass Rd  
**File Number** MPO23-0074  
**Comm. Dist.** 1, 2 & 4  
**Recommendation** Presentation Only

The item was for information only. No action was taken.

## Other Business - Meetings Held / Scheduled / Items of Note

Mr. Mikyska requested clarification of the representative from the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Statewide Metropolitan Planning Advisory Council. It was confirmed it would be the current Chairman and Mr. Mikyska would provide Chairman Murphy with the meeting information.

Chairman Murphy expressed a Happy Birthday to Mr. Ferry, Ms. Russo, and Ms. Schaediger.

Commissioner Starkey spoke regarding recent discussion with Secretary Gwynn about the importation of Cogan Grass along 52. She had suggested speaking with the Agriculture Commissioner about having Pasco County being a pilot program for the eradication of Cogan Grass along public roads. She explained Cogan Grass was one of the top invasive plants in the world and did not want it to spread like it had in other areas.

Secretary Gwynn stated he would look into the issue.

Secretary Gwynn spoke regarding the upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the State Road 52 opening and noted they had invited the Governor however they were unsure if he would be attending.

Commissioner Starkey noted they did not have a big celebration for Ridge Road. She suggested to maybe plan one for the section.

Commissioner Mariano agreed that when the section of Ridge Road was opened they should make it a big deal.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for State Road 52.

### **Post Meeting Materials**

There were none.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Prepared by: Jessica L Popplewell, Records Clerk I, Board Records Division