

**PASCO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 5, 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**

1:20 P.M.

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

MPO Members

Matt Murphy, Chairman - **ABSENT**
(Councilman, City of New Port Richey)
Scott Black, Vice-Chairman
(Commissioner, City of Dade City)
Ron Oakley
(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)
Lance Smith
(Councilman, City of Zephyrhills)
John Eric Hoover
(Mayor, City of Port Richey)

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

Staff Members:

David Goldstein, Chief Assistant County Attorney	
Nectarios Pittos, AICP, Director of Planning and Development	
Carl Mikyska, MPO Executive Director	Tania Gorman, Principal Planner
Jannina Elkin, Public Transportation Director	Tina Russo, Planner II
Laurie Schaediger, Business Manager	John Koors, Planner II
Scott Ferry, Principal Planner	

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Roll Call - Clerk

Ms. Donalee Schmidt, Deputy Clerk, called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Bradford and Chairman Murphy who were absent.

Call for Public Input

Citizens are given an opportunity to comment on items listed on the Agenda by participating via WebEx during the meeting or attending in person. A WebEx preregistration process can be found on the Public Comment Options page and must be completed to participate. Citizens may also comment on items listed on the Agenda in person inside the Board Room. Attendees are given an opportunity to comment on listed agenda items, as well as non-agenda items during Public Comment.

Vice-Chairman Black called for public comment.

There was none.

Action Items

- 1 Pasco MPO FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment Request
File Number MPO23-0161
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation.

- 2 Adventure Cycling US Bicycle Route 15 through Pasco County
File Number MPO22-0055
Comm. Dist. District 1
Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Black asked if there were any other items.

Commissioner Starkey introduced Secretary Gwynn to speak regarding the Regional MPO.

Secretary Gwynn spoke regarding the Regional MPO potential, the need for the MPO to sign a MOOU to be able to conduct a study, the requirements to have a Regional MPO, that the MPO's money was formula based, that money would not be taken from Pasco County, the possible benefits of a Regional MPO, that there would be Federal Discretionary Grants going through the United States, the effect that a large Regional MPO would have compared to a singular County, the possibility of Pasco County having less seats on the Regional MPO, and their intention was not to push the Board into a Regional MPO but to participate in the study.

Vice-Chairman Black thanked Secretary Gwynn for his attendance and noted that they would continue to have the conversation.

Commissioner Oakley expressed his appreciation for Secretary Gwynn and his presentation. He spoke regarding the Board's concerns about not being able to speak to those about individual projects in Pasco County if there was a Regional MPO and that he understood the reason for the Regional MPO was to help with the bigger projects as well.

Secretary Gwynn noted that there were other ways to speak to individuals through other committees.

Commissioner Starkey noted that issues and concerns could be taken care of when the structure for the Regional MPO was formed, that she was in favor of going forward with conducting a study, and the potential to control the regional destiny. She thanked Secretary Gwynn for coming and spoke regarding the importance of the message.

Commissioner Mariano expressed his appreciation for Secretary Gwynn and thanked him for clarifying that the money in place for Pasco County would be protected.

Vice-Chairman Black thanked Mr. Mikyska for his service.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Kaylee Woods, Records Clerk I, Board Records Division