

**PASCO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

OCTOBER 12, 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, 2ND FLOOR
37918 MERIDIAN AVENUE, DADE CITY, FL 33525**

MPO Members

Matt Murphy, Chairman
(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 - **ABSENT**
(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

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Kaylee Woods, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Ms. Woods called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Mariano and Commissioner Bradford who were absent. Commissioner Weightman attended the meeting virtually. Commissioner Starkey arrived to the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Call for Public Input

Meeting attendees may provide public comment to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board regarding MPO and Pasco County transportation related issues or concerns. Comments are limited to three minutes in length.

There was none.

Approval of Minutes

- 1 Approval of the June 8, 2023; August 17, 2023; and September 5, 2023 MPO Board meeting minutes

File Number MPO23-0152

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the June 8, 2023, August 17, 2023, and September 5, 2023 Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting minutes by a roll call vote with Commissioner Starkey absent from the vote.

MPO Advisory Committee Reports

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

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

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

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

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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

Action Items

- 2 Pasco MPO - Review of Redesignation - Reapportionment Process - Planning Area Boundary

File Number MPO23-0150

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation by a roll call vote.

- AC3 Interlocal Agreement for County Line Road North - Hernando County - Cooperative Agreement to Widen Sections of County Line Road Between East Road and Suncoast Parkway - No Funding Required

File Number MPO23-0174

Comm. Dist. 5

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation by a roll call vote.

- 4 Proposed Calendar Year 2024 MPO Board Meetings Schedule

File Number MPO23-0149

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation by a roll call vote.

Status Reports/Presentations

- 5 2050 MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Activity Report
File Number MPO23-0185
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation No Action Required Presentation Only

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

Other Business - Meetings Held / Scheduled / Items of Note

Dade City Commissioner Black spoke regarding keeping the River Road and Bypass intersection on the radar, and he explained the conflict and possible solutions for the intersection.

Mr. Brian Hunter, Florida Department of Transportation, noted that they were looking at how they could accommodate the traffic and gave an example of a possible solution that was on the new State Road 52.

Dade City Commissioner Black spoke regarding the need to take into consideration the present and future use of River Road.

Commissioner Starkey and Mr. Hunter spoke regarding the intersection of State Road 54 and U.S. Highway 41 which was under evaluation; the environmental concerns for the project; the increase in population; the need for an appropriate solution; that the intersection was a part of the SIST; and possible Federal Funding for the intersection.

Commissioner Oakley requested further information on the River Road conflict.

Mr. Hunter noted that he was unsure if there was a current solution for the River Road conflict, his previous role, that they were aware of the U-turn concern, and that truck drivers stated that they were used to the U-turn.

Discussion followed regarding a possible solution.

Commissioner Starkey spoke regarding her conversation with Secretary Gwynn concerning sidewalks on State Road 52.

Mr. Goldstein and Commissioner Starkey held discussion regarding a missing sidewalk in front of Angeline near State Road 52; sidewalk requirements; FDOT's responsibility for widening State Road 52; possible lack of communication; and access concerns.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the missing multiuse trail on State Road 52; a possible opportunity to bring it in from Curley Road to Prospect Road; and future obstacles for the construction of the multiuse trail.

Mayor Hoover spoke regarding New Port Richey actively seeking a golf cart crossing on U.S. 19 and Grand Boulevard, that they did a traffic study, the city's dedication of a left turn lane, widening of the intersection, the need for help on the project, and the underpass for the Cotee River bike trail project.

Mr. Ralph Lair, Governmental Affairs for Pasco County, spoke during the discussion.

Discussion followed regarding possible funding from the Legislature; Legislative funding deadlines; the cost of improvements for golf cart crossings compared to the Cotee River Overpass bike trail; MPO's preferred funding requests; possible project priority solutions; the need for the cities to ask for funding more frequently; that Pasco County was working on a Countywide Ordinance for golf cart access; that the County could dedicate a certain area for golf carts by Resolution; the need for FDOT's permission for golf cart access on U.S. 19; funding for the engineering and design; and the process and requirements for requesting Legislative funding for the city's projects.

Dade City Commissioner Black noted that the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference was December 4th through December 6th, 2024 and that he wouldn't be able to attend the MPO December meeting.

Ms. Gorman spoke regarding requested appropriations, keeping all the funds in Pasco, and the need for the cities to work with the MPO regarding the appropriations.

Commissioner Starkey and Chairman Murphy spoke regarding the reasoning for the delay of the Marine Parkway project.

Addendum

6	Draft Regional MPO MOU
File Number	MPO23-0187
Comm. Dist.	All
Recommendation	Approve

The Board approved the item per Staff's recommendation by a roll call vote.

Post Meeting Materials

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<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/760/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes>

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

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