

**PASCO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

JANUARY 11, 2024

**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
(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	
Tania Gorman, MPO Executive Director	Scott Ferry, Principal Planner
Jannina Elkin, Public Transportation Director	Tina Russo, Planner II
Laurie Schaediger, Business Manager	John Koors, Planner II

Call to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Kayla Zine, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call – Clerk

Ms. Zine called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Jack Mariano who was absent. Commissioner Ron Oakley arrived to the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and Commissioner Kathryn Starkey arrived to the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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 pre-registration 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.

Chairman Murphy called for Public Comment.

There was none.

Approval of Minutes

1. MPO Board Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2023

File Number MPO24-0018

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved to continue the October 12, 2023 Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting Minutes with Commissioner Oakley and Commissioner Starkey absent from the vote.

MPO Advisory Committee Reports

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

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

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

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

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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

Action Items

2. MPO Board Officer Elections - Calendar Year 2024

File Number MPO24-0023

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved to elect Councilman Matt Murphy as Chairman and City Commissioner Scott Black as Vice-Chairman.

3. Annual MPO Board Appointments to Membership - Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) Board - SCTPA Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group -MPO Advisory Council Board (MPOAC) - Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)

File Number MPO24-0022

Comm. Dist. All

Recommendation Approve

The Board approved to keep the current slate for another year.

The Board approved to appoint Commissioner Jack Mariano as the Primary Representative and Commissioner Gary Bradford as an Alternate Representative for the TMA.

4. New Members Appointment - MPO Technical Advisory Committee
File Number MPO24-0030
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

The Board approved Staff's recommendations.

5. Confirmation - Pasco MPO Executive Director
File Number MPO24-0036
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

The Board approved to appoint Ms. Tania Gorman as the Pasco MPO Executive Director.

GOPASCO Update

There was none.

Status Reports/Presentations

6. Innovate Pasco 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Overview and Update
File Number MPO24-0034
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Presentation Only

COMMISSIONER STARKEY ARRIVED TO THE MEETING AT 10:11 A.M.

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

7. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Award Presentation
File Number MPO24-0037
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

Ms. Gorman spoke regarding the MPO merger discussion, requests that were sent, the Unified Planning Work Program, and discussion points for the next TMA.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the apportionment of the size; County seats; that money for the County stayed in the County; the airport seats on the board; whether the airport and port would be taken off the top of the number of Board Members or from the seats of Hillsborough County; and how many seats Hillsborough would get by population.

Mr. Justin Hall, Director of Transportation Development, noted that the breakdown by population would be 12 for Hillsborough, 9 for Pinellas, and 4 for Pasco.

Discussion followed regarding the airport and port be a part of the 12; different models; that 25 was the cap; and that it had to be done by population for the apportionment.

Mr. Hall spoke regarding the census numbers, a debate in the legal interpretation of population determination value of the Board makeup, whether the airport was a regional body, and CFR representation and Florida Statute.

Extensive discussion was held regarding project priority and the method of ranking them; priority measures; money and funding; Pasco working with Pinellas; the widening of 301; regional traffic patterns; and the reason for the discussion.

Ms. Gorman noted the next TMA meeting location and upcoming meetings, discussions for the meeting, that the February MPO Board meeting would start at 9:00 a.m. at the West Pasco Government Center, and welcomed Ms. Russo as the new Florida Premier Trails Board Member.

Discussion was held following the appointments of the Transportation Disadvantage Local Coordinating Board and the Bylaws.

Commissioner Starkey spoke regarding the ULI Conference, micro-transit, St. Pete Beach, the previous transit director and Mr. David Engle, and the costs involved.

Mr. Hall spoke during the discussion.

Extensive discussion was held regarding micro-transit; that GoPasco was doing their Comprehensive Operation Analysis and topics included; sidewalks; building out State Road 52; the PD&E Study; rights-of-way for sidewalks; preventions; sidewalk from Suncoast to the Angeline property; a trail on the North side; access to the trail; the landowners; U.S. 41 and 75 section; what was needed to tie in during construction; intersections landscaped; Overpass Road, the Interchange, and the new Ridge Road; and money designated.

COUNCILMAN SMITH LEFT THE MEETING AT 11:39 A.M. AND DID NOT RETURN.

Mr. Gorman confirmed with the Director of GoPasco that they would like to complete the Operation Analysis and then the micro-transit.

Post Meeting Materials

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https://www.pascocountyfl.net/government/agendas_minutes.php

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Prepared by: Kayla Zine, Records Clerk I, Board Records Division