PASCO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING

ANNOTATED AGENDA

AUGUST 8, 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
(Mayor, City of Dade City)
Ron Oakley
(County Commissioner, District 1)
Seth Weightman **- Absent**
(County Commissioner, District 2)
Kathryn Starkey
(County Commissioner, District 3)

Lisa Yeager
(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
- **Rep. by Elizabeth Blair, Senior Assistant County Attorney**
Tania Gorman, MPO Executive Director
Scott Ferry, Principal Planner
Laurie Schaediger, Business Compliance & Contracts Manager
Tina Russo, Planner II

Call to Order

Chaiman Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Amanda Dobson, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Clerk

Ms. Dobson called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Weightman who was absent. Commissioner Starkey arrived to the meeting at 10:07 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.

Mr. Charles Carey spoke regarding county road conditions and concerns.

Discussion was held regarding the newly voted-in road paving system and process; the history and faults of the PVAS system; and a comparison of the Pasco County road system to other cities and counties.

Approval of Minutes

1 MPO Board Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2024
File Number MPO24-0138
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the June 13, 2024 MPO Board meeting minutes.

MPO Advisory Committee Reports

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The item was for information only.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Approved the information provided by Staff.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The item was for information only.

Action Items

2 New Member Appointment - MPO Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
File Number MPO24-0130
Comm. Dist. District 1
Recommendation Approve

Approved to appoint Mr. David West to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

3 Pasco MPO - TIP Amendment - FY 2025-2029
File Number MPO24-0132
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the TIP Amendment for Fiscal Years 2025-2029.

4 Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged - Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) - Metropolitan Planning Organization - Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement - $35,093.00
File Number MPO24-0129
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement.

5 MPO Board and Committees - Meeting Schedule - 2025 - DRAFT
File Number MPO24-0140
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the MPO Board and Committees meeting schedule contingent on the August 14, 2025 meeting date.

6 Major Update - Pasco MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) - 2024
File Number MPO24-0141
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the Pasco MPO Public Participation Plan.

7 Major Update - Pasco MPO Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan - 2024
File Number MPO24-0142
Comm. Dist. All
Recommendation Approve

Approved the Pasco MPO Limited English Proficiency Plan.

GOPASCO

The item was for information only.

Status Reports/Presentations

There were none.

Other Business - Meetings Held / Scheduled / Items of Note

Mayor Black and Ms. Gorman spoke regarding the August 2025 dates for the Florida League of Cities Conference and updates to the meeting schedule.

Chairman Murphy spoke regarding the approval to change the December 5, 2024 MPO Board meeting to Dade City instead of New Port Richey with secondary location options.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling conflicts and location options.

Commissioner Mariano left the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and returned at 11:04 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of a quorum at the LRTP adoption meeting; that members could be virtually present but could not vote; and that the City Council Chamber was an option in New Port Richey for the meeting location.

Commissioner Mariano asked about the status of the underpass at Cotee River.

Discussion was held regarding the revival challenges of the project; the support of the project; safety concerns on 19; discussions on street vacations; timeline of projects; and if the Grand Boulevard bridge could be raised.

Mr. Nick Uhren, Engineering Services Director and County Engineer, spoke regarding the design phase of lifting the bridge, construction funding, the submission of the Bridge Investment Program Grant application, construction for Fiscal Year 2026/2027, intersection modifications for U.S. 19 and Grand Boulevard, that the U.S. 19 underpass was a Penny for Pasco project, and the hopeful ability to move the underpass project forward.

Discussion followed regarding golf carts on 19 and engineering on Grand Boulevard.

Mr. Justin Hall, FDOT Director of Transportation Development, spoke during the discussion.

Discussion continued regarding the use of the Catches parking spaces for additional ingress; under the bridge feasibility; the possible elevation of the 19 bridge; that the bridge was not structurally deficient; the expense of elevating the bridge; pedestrian bridge access; accommodations for golf carts; growth around the bridge; and the underpass width.

Mayor Black noted that he would need to leave the meeting early due to a City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Yeager left the meeting at 11:19 a.m. and returned at 11:22 a.m.

Commissioner Starkey and Mr. Hall discussed the 54 and Suncoast bike and pedestrian overpass; road design; overhead electric issues; finalization of the design; Letting dates; coordination of trailheads and restrooms; the Florida Turnpike relationship; timeline and design of the 52 overpass; the pedestrian underpass on State Road 52; the coordination with SWFWMD for a southside sidewalk; the northside right-of-way on Clinton Avenue; that there was no current priority to build a trail; how to prioritize the trail; and trail feasibility.

Extensive discussion was held with maps displayed regarding the multi-use trail connection to the 301 Trail; trail feasibility; the initial design removal and trail change;

communication between the Board and Staff; updates on the midblock crossings on State Road 54; resurfacing of the crossings; coordination with Staff for the sidewalk on State Road 52 from the Suncoast east; the active design for sidewalk impacts; the need for developers to put in sidewalks; the Conner Preserve pedestrian underpass; underpass versus overpass construction; the Catches parking spaces; the challenges of a Ridge Road connection to 75; an idea for a Crews Lake canal multi-use path; a timeline of project priorities; the Orange Belt Trail; the Target Distribution Center road connection; the Vision Road Plan; and the importance of road-interconnections.

Post Meeting Materials

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Adjourn

Mayor Black left the meeting at 11:21 a.m. and did not return.

Commissioner Oakley left the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and did not return.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Prepared by: Amanda Dobson, Records Clerk I, Board Records Division