



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY - PUNTA GORDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2016
EAST PORT ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPUS
TRAINING ROOM B 25550 HARBOR VIEW ROAD
PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda
Kay Tracy, Charlotte County Economic Development
Matt Trepal, Charlotte County Community Development
Venkat Vattikuti, Charlotte County Public Works
Michelle Edwards, Charlotte County, Transit Division
Gary Quill, Charlotte County Airport Authority
Earl R. Hahn, DeSoto County
Mark Gering, City of Punta Gorda Public Works
Wayne Salladè, Charlotte County Emergency Management Development

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nichole Gwinnett, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Excused)
Sgt. Tom Scott, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
Jill Mead, Charlotte County Public Schools
Don Scott, Lee County MPO
Chris Whittaker, City of North Port Planning and Zoning

OTHERS ATTENDING

Bob Herrington, MPO Director
Lakshmi N Gurram, Planner II
Gary Harrell, Principal Planner
Lori Carlton, FDOT
Ned Baier , Jacobs Engineering, Inc.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mitchell Austin, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There are no public comments.

3. Chair's Report

TAC Chair Mitchell Austin, informed the Committee that the Punta Gorda City Council has updated engineering cost estimates for the Harborwalk at Gilchrist and the US 41 MURT at North Alligator Pedestrian bridge projects. He also mentioned that the US 41 MURT is also eligible for SUN Trail network funding.

4. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report

FDOT Liaison Lori Carlton, informed the Committee that the landscaping improvements on I-75 Interchange at Kings Hwy and US 17 are planned to be scheduled in the new fifth year work program (FY 2020-2021).

Lori Carlton, also mentioned that at the April 13, 2016 TAC meeting the FDOT Consultant Kelly Bradley mentioned the new schedule for resurfacing projects.

She also informed the Committee that resurfacing projects on SR 776 are funded through design and no subsequent funding is available for construction.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2016 Meeting

Earl Hahn made a motion for approval of the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Mark Gering seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll – Forward Amendment

MPO Staff Gary Harrell, described the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll-Forward Amendment and the projects that are being rolled forwarded into the new fiscal year that commences on July 1, 2016. He noted that the two resurfacing projects on SR 776 were also added to the Work Program in May 2016.

Earl Hahn made a motion for approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll-Forward Amendment. Mark Gering seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Staff Comments

Mr. Herrington reviewed a list of recent activities that staff had participated in.

Gary Harrell informed the Committee that two Sun Trail project requests that were recently submitted to FDOT: (1) the underpass on US 41 northbound bridge, and (2) the northbound overpass of Alligator Creek. He noted that the two Charlotte projects are at #4 and #8 on the FDOT District One list.

Mr. Herrington announced that Don Lee will be the recipient of the 2016 Peggy Walters Citizens Mobility Award. He will receive the award at the August 29, 2016 MPO Board Meeting.

He also provided the TAC members with the new Meeting Calendar reflecting changes to accommodate FDOT's Work Program and thanked Lori Carlton for her effort releasing the Work Program earlier.

9. Member Comments

Wayne Salladè informed the Committee that the Emergency Office of Charlotte County has been performing regional evacuation exercise in Region 6 and have been meeting with FHP, FDOT and other staff members for 2 years. He mentioned they hired Haggerty Group to design a major evacuation exercise and shared the planning exercise dates coming up in the next 2-3 months.

He also announced his retirement in April 2017 after 37 years of service in the County.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Eastport Environmental Campus, 25550 Harbor View Road, Port Charlotte in Training Room B.