

## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY – PUNTA GORDA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tel: (941) 883-3535

**9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

East Port Environmental Campus

Training Room B

25550 Harbor View Road

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 3. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2018 Meeting**
- 5. 2019 Project Priorities – Discussion**
- 6. Taylor Rd Shared Use Path PD&E Study**
- 7. Public Comments**
- 8. Staff Comments**
- 9. Member Comments**
- 10. Adjournment (Next TAC Meeting – March 6, 2019)**

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**CONSENT AGENDA # 4**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 4-A**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 7, 2018 MEETING**

**Purpose:** To review and approve the Minutes of the previous Technical Advisory Meeting.

**Agenda Item Presented by:** MPO Staff

**Discussion:** To Be Determined

**Recommendation:** Motion to approve the Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of December 7, 2018

**Attachment:** Minutes of the December 7, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting



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

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2018  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mitchell Austin, City of Punta Gorda  
Linda Sposito, City of Punta Gorda Public Works  
Matt Trepal, Charlotte County Community Development  
Venkat Vattikuti, Charlotte County Public Works  
Don Scott, Lee County MPO  
Rick Kolar, Charlotte County Transit Division  
Chris Whittaker, City of North Port Planning and Zoning  
Jerry Mallet, Charlotte County Emergency Management

**ADVISORY MEMBERS**

D’Juan Harris, FDOT Liaison  
Michael Tisch, FDOT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sgt. Tom Scott, Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office  
Vacant, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)  
Ron Ridenour, Charlotte County Airport Authority (Excused)  
Kay Tracy, Charlotte County Economic Development  
Tony Conte, Charlotte County Public Schools  
Earl Hahn, DeSoto County

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Gary Harrell, MPO Staff  
Lakshmi N. Gurram, MPO Staff  
Karen Barnett, MPO Admin. Temp  
Bekie Leslie, MPO Staff

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mitchell Austin, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

## **2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

## **3. Election of 2019 officers**

Gary Harrell opened the nominations for 2019 TAC Chair and Vice Chair. He asked for nominations and election of the TAC Chair.

*Venkat Vattikuti* nominated **Mitchell Austin** as TAC Chair. **Rick Kolar**, seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion was passed unanimously, and **Mitchell Austin** was declared TAC Chair.

Newly-elected Chair **Mitchell Austin** called for nominations for TAC Vice Chair. **Venkat Vattikuti** nominated **Matt Trepal** as TAC Vice Chair, and **Rick Kolar** nominated **Venkat Vattikuti** as TAC Vice Chair. **Rick Kolar** made a motion to close the nominations. **Chris Whittaker** seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

**Mitchell Austin** asked for a vote for those in favor of **Matt Trepal** as TAC Vice Chair. **Matt Trepal** received seven votes, and was declared TAC Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

## **4. Chair's Reports**

The Chair had nothing to report.

## **5. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report**

D’Juan Harris introduced Michael Tisch, his replacement as FDOT Liaison and gave a brief overview of his background and experience. He noted he will check to see if he will also be the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Representative.

D’Juan also noted that it was the last day of the E-Public Hearing for the FDOT Tentative Work Program and stated it will officially close at midnight. He gave the website address and stated that comments will be accepted until December 28, 2018.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2018 Meeting**

**Matt Trepal** made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Linda Sposito** seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously.

## **7. FY 2019 and FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment**

Gary Harrell stated that the UPWP is the MPO’s two-year budget. At the end of each year, the MPO may have money remaining which can be rolled forward into other years for different tasks.

Gary Harrell stated the MPO closeout of the FY 2017 and FY2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) had \$46,931 remaining. The MPO needs to move this amount into the current Fiscal Year 2019 – FY 2020 UPWP through an amendment. MPO staff recommends adding \$20,000 into FY 2020 Task 1 – Administration; and \$26,931 into FY 2019 Task 4 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The MPO is required to amend the FY 2019 – FY 2020 UPWP updating figures to reflect these funds.

Gary Harrell stated the funding for the LRTP will not be available until after July 1, 2019, which is the start of the State’s Fiscal Year. He noted the MPO would like to choose an LRTP consultant by the May MPO Board Meeting so that funds will be available to start the process.

*Linda Sposito made a Motion to recommend that the MPO Board amend the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/FDOT Amendment to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement adding \$20,000 into FY 2020 Task 1 – Administration and \$26,931 into FY 2019 Task 4 – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Motion allows for transmittal of the amendment to the FDOT allowing for staff to make minor changes and adjustments based upon input received; and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution # 2018-06. Rick Kolar seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously.*

**8. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One Draft Tentative Work Program FY 2019/2020 – FY 2023/2024, For Charlotte County**

Gary Harrell introduced D’Juan Harris and Mike Tisch, FDOT. He noted that Michael Tisch has worked for both Charlotte County and Lee County and he looks forward to working with him.

D’Juan Harris stated that FDOT leans heavily on the MPO and its committees in determining the project priorities. He stated that FDOT funds as many projects as they can once they have closely looked at the feasibility of each one. He then presented the FDOT District One Draft Tentative Work Program and reviewed the line items of Attachment 3, (Summary of rescheduling, additions and deletions). He explained each one briefly and discussion took place on some of the listed items. Areas of concern were SR 776 from Spinnaker Blvd. to Sunnybrook; Washington Loop to the DeSoto County Line; US 41 from S. Payne St. to North of Rio Villa Drive; US 41 from Midway Blvd. to Paulson Rd. After discussion, D’Juan Harris noted he will clarify and make requested changes.

Gary Harrell noted Ron Ridenour, Project Manager at the Airport, was unable to attend this meeting, but he had recommended that a roundabout be considered at the intersection of Jones Loop Road and Piper Road or otherwise, consideration be given to having Jones Loop Road be the stop street due to the high volume of traffic.

Venkat Vattikuti asked for clarification regarding moving the funds from the deleted project US 41 at Port Charlotte Blvd. D’Juan Harris stated he will ask David Wheeler, FDOT Safety Office, for more information regarding the funding, including which project inherited the funding.

Linda Sposito asked for clarification on the traffic signal project on US 41 from Carmalita Street to Marion Avenue. Mitchell Austin stated that the US 41 intersections at Taylor Road, Virginia Avenue, Olympia Avenue and Marion Avenue are all being reviewed as part of this project because they have signals. He also asked FDOT for clarification on the description of the project prior to giving it to the MPO Board Members. D’Juan Harris stated he will make the description clearer prior to the MPO Board Meeting or he may refer to it as “just North of Carmalita,” because there is no signal at that intersection.

Gary Harrell stated that the deletion of the US 41 at Carmalita Street intersection extension project combined that work with a US 41 resurfacing project. Construction was accelerated two years by deleting and combining projects.

Gary Harrell noted that the recently adopted Charlotte Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan identifies projects on the SUN Trail network. The feasibility study addresses one of several projects that are on the SUN Trail network. That grant was awarded in the FY 2019/2020 funding year starting July 1, 2019.

Don Scott inquired as to whom will be conducting the study. Gary Harrell stated it will either be Charlotte County Economic Development or Charlotte County Public Works. He then requested any other comments be given to Laks or himself after the meeting, so that they can be directed to Mike Tisch for a response.

## **9. Draft 2019 MPO Legislative Position Statement**

Gary Harrell explained that the Annual 2019 MPO Legislative Position Statement is being brought to the Board prior to commencement of the 2019 Florida Legislative Session. When adopted by the Board, this position statement will be used to set the MPO’s legislative platform for advocacy in the 2019 Florida Legislative Session. The Board’s Legislative Position Statement will be provided, at a minimum, to the area’s Legislative Delegation to assist them in accurately identifying what the MPO’s position is on issues that affect transportation planning. The legislative delegation may use this information when considering legislation affecting the MPO. The MPO Legislative Position Statement focuses on those issues most relevant to the MPO.

He noted that no State or Federal funds were used in the preparation of this legislative position statement. County funds were used.

*Venkat Vattikuti, made a Motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the Draft 2019 MPO Legislative Position Statement and authorize its distribution to the area’s Legislative Delegation and other agencies. Chris Whittaker seconded the Motion, and it was carried unanimously.*

## **10. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Safety Performance Measures Targets**

Laks Gurram stated the MPOs are required to adopt Safety Performance Measure Targets every year for tracking progress towards the Statewide/MPO targets for each of the transportation performance measures to meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

requirements. The MPO adopted the FDOT's "Vision Zero" targets (goal of no fatalities or injuries) for all five of the safety performance measures at the December 18, 2017 meeting.

FHWA has established five national Safety Measures which all State Departments of Transportation and MPOs must address. Unlike other performance measures applicable only to the National Highway System (NHS), the safety performance measures apply to all public roads. The safety performance measures are:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

He indicated the MPO has until December 18, 2018, to accept the FDOT targets, or develop their own targets. Of note, FDOT is required to provide safety performance data to the MPO. However, no new safety performance data is available from FDOT at this time. MPO Staff recommends the MPO Board readopt the Safety Performance measures provided last year.

***Rick Kolar** made a motion to recommend the MPO Board adopt FDOT's safety targets for all five national safety measures. **Linda Sposito** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.*

#### **11. 2019 Project Priorities – Discussion**

Gary Harrell noted the 2019 Project Priorities are scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board at the May Meeting. He explained the deadlines for the information packages and suggested members submit additional information sheets with the forms including the required project details. He said if anyone needs assistance with the project information sheets, Laks Gurram would help.

Linda Sposito noted there is a high incidence of accidents at the exit of US 41 at Burnt Store Meadows. She stated it is a dangerous U-Turn, and she questioned the criteria on determining change to the intersection. Mitchell Austin stated this would have to be a new project from the planning perspective. Linda Sposito stressed the importance of finding funding to make a logical and safer solution. After further discussion, Gary Harrell suggested the Burnt Store Meadows Homeowners Association be notified so that they could work with the City for a possible new project submission.

Gary Harrell noted that February 1, 2019 is the deadline for Project Priority inputs.

#### **12. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.



### **13. Staff Comments**

Laks Gurram stated that the MPO Board recently adopted the Charlotte Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. It is currently awaiting adoption by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). County staff intends to take it to the BCC at its first meeting in January 2019.

Laks Gurram noted that work on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update is about to commence. He stated the LRTP Update is the biggest project that the MPO conducts and is completed every 5 years. He noted that given recent technology changes, it will be interesting to see whether capacity is increased, maintained or decreased.

### **14. Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

### **15. Adjournment (NEXT TAC MEETING – January 16, 2019)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Eastport Environmental Campus, 25550 Harbor View Road, Port Charlotte in Training Room B beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM # 5**  
**2019 PROJECT PRIORITIES - DISCUSSION**

**Purpose:** To discuss 2019 project priorities for submission to FDOT

**Agenda Item Presented by:** MPO Staff

**Discussion:**

The MPO is required to annually develop a list of project priorities as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process and to submit the list to FDOT. FDOT has asked that the initial priorities be submitted by February 1, 2019 to begin their review process. The project priorities must be approved and submitted to FDOT by the July 1, 2019. The MPO receives project candidates from the City of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County which include Highway projects, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects, and Congestion Mitigation/Transportation System Management (CM/TSM) Box, and Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) projects. Attachment 1 is the list of Project Priorities approved by the MPO Board at the May 2018 meeting. Attachment 2 is the District One Priority Project Information Sheet.

**Recommendations:** Review and comment on Highway, TAP and CM/TSM Box and TRIP Project Priorities for 2019

**Attachments:**

1. 2018 Charlotte Count-Punta Gorda MPO FY 2018/2019-  
FY 2022/2023 Project Priorities Adopted May 1, 2018
2. FDOT – District One Priority Project Information Sheet

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA MPO FIVE YEAR PROJECT PRIORITIES 2018/2019 - 2022/2023**

Revised January 3, 2019

HIGHWAYS					TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT/ CONGESTION MITIGATION					TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES LOCAL/REGIONAL PROJECTS									
RANK	FPN#	PROJECT NAME	FROM	TO	JURSDICTION	TYPE OF WORK	UNFUNDED PHASE	REQUESTED FUNDS (In Mil)	LOCAL FUNDS (In Mil)	TOTAL COST-PDC ( in Mil)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	HIGHWAY PROJECTS	CM/TSM PROJECTS	TAP PROJECTS -LOCAL PROJECTS	TAP PROJECTS - REGIONAL PROJECTS
1	4402671	Burnt Store RD Phase II <sup>1</sup>	North of Zemel Rd	North of Norte Dame Blvd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	2L To 4L	CST	\$5.0	\$25.40	\$30.40						X			
2	4350991	US 41 <sup>1</sup>	At Carmalita St - Merged with FPID 441524-1. Resurface US 41 NB Lanes, add a signal at Carmalita St and add a WB->SB left turn lane onto US 41 from Carmalita		CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Intersection Improvements	CST			\$2.730						X			
3	434965 1/ 434965 2	Harbor View Rd <sup>1</sup>	Melbourne St	I-75	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	2L To 4L	CST				\$4.020			\$1.895	\$4.369	X			
4	435563 1	N. Jones Loop Rd <sup>1</sup>	Burnt Store Rd	Piper Rd	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	4L To 6L	PE & CST			\$0.66	\$1.220					X			
5		US 17 ( On E.Marion Ave and E.Olympia Ave ) <sup>1</sup>	Cooper St	US 41 NB	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Complete Streets	PE & CST	\$3.29	\$0	\$3.00						X			
6		US 41 (On US 41 NB and US 41 SB) <sup>1</sup>	Retta Esplanade	Charlotte Harbor Bridge	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Decorative Street Lightning	CST	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.12						X			
7		SR 776 <sup>1</sup>	CR 775	Spinnaker Blvd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	4L To 6L	PE, CST			\$4.45						X			
8		US 41 (SB) <sup>1</sup>	Peace River Bridge	Kings Hwy/ Parmely St	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Planning Study	PD&E, PE & CST			\$ .75 PD&E \$4.0 PE									
	193833 1	County Wide Operational Improvements			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Congestion Management				\$1.77				\$1.080			X		
1	4382611	County wide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	ITS Master Plan	CST					\$0.500					X		
2		SR 31 @ CR 74			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST				\$1.20						X		
3		Add turn lanes on SR 776 @ Charlotte Sports park 1			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST										X		
4		<del>US 41 @Port Charlotte Blvd-</del>			<del>CHARLOTTE COUNTY</del>	<del>Intersection-Improvements</del>	<del>PE &amp; CST</del>			<del>1.159</del>							<del>X</del>		
5		US 41 @ Easy St			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST		\$0.10								X		
6		Add turn lanes US 41 @ Forrest Nelson Blvd / Crestview Cir			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST			\$0.62							X		
7		Add turn lanes US 41 @ Carousel Plaza			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST			\$0.62							X		
8		Add turns lanes @ SR 776 @ Biscayne Blvd			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST										X		
9		Add turn lanes on SR 776 @ Cornelius Blvd <sup>1</sup>			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST			\$0.62							X		
9		Add turn lanes on SR 776 @ Jacobs St <sup>1</sup>			CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Intersection Improvements	PE & CST			\$0.62							X		
1	4351052	Taylor Rd - Phase I	N.Jones Loop Rd	Airport Rd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT	CST			\$0.67					\$665,000			X	
2	4351051	Taylor Rd - Phase II	US 41 SB	N.Jones Loop Rd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT	PE, CST												
3		US 41	Sidewalks -Morningside Drive	Sarasota County line	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT													
3A		US 41 Eastside <sup>1,2</sup>	Conway Blvd	Midway Blvd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT				\$0.67			\$0.010	\$0.350	\$0.307			X	X
3B		US 41 Eastside <sup>1,2</sup>	Melbourne St	Kings Hwy	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT				\$1.05				\$0.330				X	X
3C		US 41 Eastside <sup>1,2</sup>	Midway Blvd	Paulson Dr	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT				\$1.88			\$0.150		\$5.023			X	X
3D		US 41 Eastside <sup>1,2</sup>	Kings Hwy	Conway Blvd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X

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3E		US 41 Eastside <sup>2</sup>	Tuckers Grade	Taylor Rd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
3F		US 41 Eastside	Morningside Dr	Tuckers Grade	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
3G		US 41 Westside	Tuckers Grade	Taylor Rd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
3H		US 41 Westside	Morningside Dr	Tuckers Grade	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
3I		US 41 Westside	Taylor Rd	Burnt Store Rd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
3J		US 41 Westside <sup>1,2</sup>	Burnt Store Rd	Aqui Esta Dr	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	MURT												X	X
4		Airport Rd Complete Streets	US 41	Cooper St	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Complete Streets	PE & CST	\$0.60		\$0.60								X	
5		Charlotte Harbor CRA -Sibley Bay ( Trails and Way Finding)	Bayshore Rd	US 41	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Way Findings	PE & CST	\$0.845		\$0.845								X	
6		Cooper St Complete Streets	Airport Rd	E.Marion Ave	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Complete Streets	PE & CST	\$1.50		\$1.50								X	
7		Parkside CRA E. Elkcam Blvd	US 41	Midway Blvd	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Street Lights & Pedestrian Bridge	PE & CST	\$1.719		\$1.719								X	
8		Shreve St Complete Streets	Airport Rd/Pompano Terrace	Virginia Ave/Linear Park	CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Street Lights	PE & CST	\$0.35		\$0.35								X	
9		Harbor Walk Phase IV <sup>1</sup>	Harbor walk @ US 41 NB		CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Bridge Underpass & Lighting	PE & CST	\$0.25		\$0.25								X	
10		US 41 NB <sup>1</sup>	Multi Use recreational trail bridge over Alligator Creek - South		CITY OF PUNTA GORDA	Bicycle/Ped Bridge	PE,CST&CEI	\$1.88		\$1.88									X
11		SR 776 - Cape Haze Pioneer Trail	Myakka State Forest	US 41	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	SUN Trail Feasibility				\$0.11	\$0.11								X

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Regional projects

<sup>2</sup> TAP Project on SUN Trail network system

PE - Design Phase

ROW - Right-Of- Way

PD&E - Project Development & Environmental Phase

CST - Construction Phase



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SECRETARY

January 8, 2019

Chairman Stephen R. Deutsch  
**Attn: Gary Harrell, Executive Director**  
25550 Harbor View Road, Suite 4  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980-2503

**RE: Request for Transportation Project Priorities Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

Dear Chairman Deutsch:

Each year the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) coordinates the development of the Tentative Five-Year Work Program with the Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO/TPO) within District One. Project and scope development are essential in the process of accurately programming projects with our partner agencies, therefore by way of this letter, it is requested your agency begin the annual process of identifying projects for submission. The Department requests that the following be submitted by the deadlines noted below.

Information packages	<b>February 1, 2019</b>
A preliminary list of priority projects	<b>March 15, 2019</b>
Final approved list of priority projects	<b>July 1, 2019</b>

District staff will review the information provided in the information packages for completeness and funding eligibility. Once all information and data has been received, staff will coordinate further evaluation for constructability. A considerable amount of coordination is essential to developing an accurate scope and cost estimate for each project and staff will closely communicate with MPO/TPO staff, as well as local government contacts, throughout the process.

**Attachment 2**

Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes require MPO/TPOs to develop and submit an annual list of priority projects based upon project selection criteria which considers the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), its connectors, other regionally significant facilities, and the following:

1. An approved MPO/TPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
2. The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan
3. Transportation management system procedures
4. MPO/TPO public involvement process

Please provide your approved prioritized lists for highway capacity, Congestion Management (CMS), Transportation Alternative (TA), and Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) for funding consideration. Generally, priorities will be considered for programming in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 unless an opportunity arises to fund a project or project phase earlier. A final adopted/approved list of priority projects must be submitted to FDOT by July 1, 2019, at which time further consideration for programming and funding will be evaluated as the Tentative Five-Year Work Program is developed over the summer/fall time frame.

For modal programs, FDOT staff will contact transit, aviation, and port managers directly to request submissions for new projects. While MPO/TPOs are not required to prioritize modal program projects, it is important for modal agencies to share their priorities and continue to coordinate with their MPO/TPO.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in the FDOT Work Program development process. For additional information regarding this process please contact H. Wayne Gaither, Southwest Area Office Director at (239) 225-1971 or [Wayne.Gaither@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Wayne.Gaither@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

H. Wayne Gaither  
Southwest Area Office Director, FDOT

HWG  
Enclosures

cc: Gary Harrell, MPO Executive Director  
D'Juan L. Harris, Community Liaison

JANUARY 16, 2019  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**AGENDA ITEM # 8**  
**TAYLOR RD SHARED USE PATH PD&E STUDY**

**Purpose:** To receive a briefing from FDOT Consultant on the Taylor Road Project Development and Evaluation (PD&E) Study

**Agenda Item Presented by:** FDOT Consultant WGI, Inc.

**Discussion:**

FDOT Consultant WGI, Inc. will present a PowerPoint presentation on the Taylor Road Multi-Use Trail from US 41 (South) to Airport Road Project, including PD&E study objectives.

The Taylor Road Project is the MPO's number one Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project. The project has been programmed in two segments because of the complexity of the roadway. The first segment, Taylor Road from Jones Loop Road to Airport Road is programmed for Design in FY 2023/2024. The second segment, Taylor Road from US 41 (South) to Jones Loop Road is not yet programmed past the PD&E Study.

**Recommendations:** Review and comment on the PD&E Brief

**Attachments:** Power Point handout to be provided before the meeting