



**Regular Public Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
OF THE HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

Thursday, October 23, 2025

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a public meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando-Citrus MPO websites.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Walt Eastmond, Chair, County Engineer/Technical Services Director, Citrus County Public Works Dept.
Scott Herring, Vice Chair, County Engineer/Public Works Director, Hernando County Dept. of Public Works
Eric Landon, Citrus County Planning Department
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District
Kay Griffith, Hernando County Planning Department
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville
Carly Hanson, City of Crystal River
Tiffany Kersey, Citrus County Transit
Suzanne Ziegler, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District
Chris Shoemaker, City of Inverness
Darlene Lollie, Hernando County Transit
Valerie Pianta, Non-Voting Member, Hernando County Airport
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Citrus County Aviation Section

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Lashaundra Ellison, Hernando County Planning Department
Victoria Williams, CPM, FCCM, Liaison Administrator, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Rob Cursey, AICP, Transit and Transportation Group Manager, Benesch & Associates
Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager, Benesch & Associates

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Moment of Silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Moment of Silence.
- A quorum was declared, and Ms. Turner noted for the record that the public notice for the meeting was posted in accordance with the adopted policies.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Landon to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Herring and the motion passed 8-0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 22, 2025, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Herring to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landon and the motion passed 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review and Recommendation of Revision 4 of the Hernando-Citrus MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY2025-FY2026 by Adoption of Resolution 2025-5 Amending PL Contract #G2V07 to Recognize additional funding

Ms. Elwin reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Landon to recommend the MPO Board approve Revision 4 and adopt Resolution 2025-5 amending the FY2025-FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to recognize \$20,172 in additional PL funding from FDOT into FY2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffith and the motion passed 8-0.

2. Review and Recommendation of the Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule for the Hernando-Citrus MPO Board and Committees

Ms. Elwin reviewed the agenda item and staff recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Herring to recommend the MPO Board approve the proposed 2026 MPO Board/Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gouldman and the motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2050 Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan

Ms. Elwin presented the agenda item and staff recommendation, followed by the committee's review of a recorded presentation from Lori Kent, FDOT District 7 SIS Coordinator, regarding the SIS 2050 Multi-Modal Unfunded Needs Plan. There were no comments from the committees.

2. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2027-FY2031)

Suzanne Ziegler of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, delivered a presentation outlining programming strategies and the proposed FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY2027-FY2031. A flyer detailing the public hearing process, provided by FDOT, was included in the meeting packets and is also available on the MPO's website. Ms. Ziegler shared the web page for public comment, which is open from October 20, 2025, through November 3, 2025.

She noted that resurfacing projects are illustrated on a map within the presentation; however, she will provide a detailed list of these projects to MPO staff for distribution. Additionally, Ms. Ziegler addressed the Capacity project for SR 50/Cortez Boulevard from W of Buck Hope Road to W of Jefferson which has been deferred to FY2032. She emphasized that FDOT recognizes the need to rehabilitate this section prior to the lane addition project, and it is scheduled for resurfacing in FY2027 to maintain roadway conditions until the larger project begins.

3. Presentation by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (FY2027-FY2031)

Victoria Williams, Liaison Administrator, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), made a presentation on the proposed Tentative Five-Year Work Program for FY 2027–FY2031. Her presentation included how projects are prioritized and funded.

4. Presentation by the General Planning Consultant, Benesch & Associates, on the status of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and Complete Streets Update

Rob Cursey, the MPO's General Planning Consultant with Benesch & Associates delivered a presentation detailing the upcoming activities, strategies, and objectives for updating the Congestion Management Process (CMP). He shared that a stakeholder group, primarily composed of members from the Henando-Citrus MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), is being assembled and there will be a workshop to gather initial input, coordination, and collaboration with this group on November 20, 2025, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The workshop will be noticed, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager at Benesch & Associates, delivered a presentation outlining the goals, objectives, and current status of the Complete Streets update. During the discussion, Ms. Bechtel inquired about the source and reliability of the data being used. Mr. Keller explained that bicycle and pedestrian data is sourced from Signal4 Analytics. While acknowledging that the data may not be entirely accurate, he emphasized that it is actively reviewed and analyzed for trends to establish benchmarks and identify areas for improvement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further committee member comments.

MPO STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Elwin shared the following updates:

- Today's meeting presentations will be available on the MPO website.
- Following a review of upcoming agenda items, the CAC/BPAC meetings scheduled for November will likely be cancelled. However, the TAC meeting scheduled on November 20th will be used to conduct a Congestion Management & Complete Streets workshop with various TAC members and department representatives from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (2 hours) at the Hernando County Building Training Facility. Staff will update the current Outlook meeting notices accordingly. The meeting is open to the public and the meeting notice will be posted on the MPO website.
- The poles for the traffic signal are up at Gospel Island and SR44. Resurfacing is underway and estimated completion is spring of 2026 (FDOT Project #448040-1-52-01 & 443981-1-52-01).
- On July 29, 2025, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the installation of "No Thru Trucks-Local Delivery Only" signage along CR 48 at the Withlacoochee River Bridge (Citrus County side) and at the intersection of CR 48 and US 41. Sumter County has also implemented similar roadway signage. We extend our gratitude to our partners at FDOT, District 7, District 5, and Benesch & Associates for conducting this important study, and we appreciate Citrus County Commissioner Bays' support on this initiative.
- The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) formally kicked off the Suncoast Parkway at Centralia interchange study at the beginning of April. The study will go through the end of 2025. FTE is currently collecting preliminary information.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

Chair Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.