



**Stakeholder Public Workshop on  
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND THE  
COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Jurisdictional  
Representatives of the  
HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

**MINUTES**

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and various committee/department representatives of Hernando and Citrus Counties held a public meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, 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  
Lashaundra Ellison, Hernando County Planning Department  
Steve Gouldman, City of Brooksville  
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director  
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator  
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant  
Rob Cursey, AICP, Transit and Transportation Group Manager, Benesch & Associates  
Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager, Benesch & Associates  
Ralph Leath, Director of Transportation, Hernando County School District  
Karen Esty, Hernando-Citrus MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) member representing the City of Inverness

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- Chair Eastmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Introductions of the Committee members and staff followed the Call to Order.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Rob Cursey with Benesch & Associates on the Congestion Management Process Update**

Rob Cursey explained the purpose of the CMP, which aims to address safety and improve traffic operations through short-term projects that reduce travel demand or implement operational improvements. The committee reviewed the project schedule, which includes tasks such as identifying congested locations, evaluating causes of congestion, and developing mitigation strategies. The next steps involve quantifying congestion causes and discussing solution sets with the committee in the coming months.

2. **Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Chris Keller with Benesch & Associates on the Complete Street Update**

Chris Keller delivered a presentation outlining Complete Streets initiatives, explaining that while there is not a strict definition of what constitutes a Complete Streets project, it generally refers to roadways designed to accommodate all users safely and efficiently. He detailed the evolution of Complete Streets policies at the state and federal levels, noting that while Florida is shifting away from using the term "Complete Streets," federal requirements still use it and mandate that 2.5% of PL funds be dedicated to Complete Streets planning activities. Mr. Keller also outlined various Complete Streets activities that qualify for federal funding, including the adoption of standards, prioritization plans, and regional planning efforts focused on non-capacity type projects.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Benesch & Associates: Pull and analyze congestion data for County Line Road to ensure it is included in the dataset, as requested by meeting participants.
- Review and consider emailed comments from Jim Reynold (CAC member) regarding Complete Streets policy, equestrian trail crossings, and performance measures, and address in the updated report.
- School District representatives (Hernando and Citrus County): Start compiling and providing data on student arrival modes (bus, private vehicle, walk, bike) to MPO staff for Congestion Management and Complete Streets analysis.
- Joy Turner will send presentation links to all attendees via email.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** - There were no further committee member comments.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** - There were no citizens comments.

Mr. Esposito thanked everyone for their participation in the workshop.

Chair Eastmond adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.