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## Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00PM – please log on at 5:45p to test audio  
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| <b>I. Call to Order &amp; Introductions</b>  | 6:00 |
| <b>II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum</b> (Gail Reese, TPO staff)   |      |
| <b>III. Chairman's Request:</b> <i>Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate; and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.</i> |      |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b> - 3 minutes per speaker, please  | 6:10 |
| <i>Public comments are welcome and may be given at this meeting virtually by logging onto the website above and clicking the "raise hand" button. Staff will unmute you when the chair recognizes you.</i>   |      |
| <b>V. Chair's Report</b>   | 6:15 |
| <b>VI. Minutes</b>   |      |
| A. Approval of Minutes (February 1, 2023)  | 6:20 |
| <b>VII. Action Items</b>   |      |
| A. TIP Amendment: HART Bus Stop Capital Improvements   | 6:25 |

(Roger Mathie, TPO Staff)

**VIII. Status Reports**

- A. Gandy Boulevard Bridge PD&E 6:40  
(Johnny Wong, TPO Staff, on behalf of Craig Fox, FDOT)
- B. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps 7:00  
(Vishaka Shiva Raman and Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff)
- C. Regional Planning in the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff) 7:25

**IX. Unfinished Business & New Business 7:45**

- A. Next CAC meeting: April 5, 2023
- B. Status of CAC Vacancies and Bylaws Amendment
- C. Subscription to Receive Committee & Board Agendas

**X. Members' Interests & Future Topic Requests 7:55**

**XI. Adjournment**

**XII. Addendum**

- A. TPO Summary and Committee Reports
- B. Attendance Roster
- C. Robert's Rules of Order Executive Summary

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HYBRID MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM** (Gail Reese, TPO Staff)

Members Present In-Person: Rick Fernandez, Steven Hollenkamp, Aiah Yassin, Bill Roberts, Hoyt Prindle, Don Skelton, Ed Mierzejewski, Sharon Gaumond, Joshua Frank

Members Present Virtually: Carolyn Brown, Nicole Rice, Christine Acosta, Artie Fryer

Members Absent/ Excused: Nicholas Glover, Terrance Trott, Drew Newman

Others Present In-Person and Virtually: Johnny Wong, Priya Nagaraj, Connor MacDonald, Amber Simmons, Gena Torres, Lisa Silva, Vishaka Shiva Raman, Allison Yeh, Gail Reese (TPO Staff); Jim Davison, Christina Bosworth, Chris Vela, David Coleman, Mike Lamarca (Public)

**A.** (Timestamp 0:01:34)

*An in-person quorum was met. Joshua Frank moved to allow remote participation by members attending virtually; seconded by Aiah Yassin. The voice vote passes unanimously.*

**III. CHAIRMAN'S Request:** Per the TPO Bylaws, all speakers are asked to address only the presiding Chair for recognition; confine their remarks to the question under debate and avoid personalities or indecorous language or behavior.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Timestamp 0:02:04)

**A. Chris Vela:** Commented on the TIP Amendments. On the Performance Targets, asked that the committee let the TPO know that they are doing a bad job. Went over the statistics. Spoke about the Reconnecting Communities Grant meeting. Noted that this has been talked about for several years. Felt like the application was rushed and that information brought up at the TPO Board meeting was not discussed at that meeting. A lot of time and money was spent. (3 minutes was reached)

**Hoyt Prindle moved to allow Mr. Vela additional time, seconded by Aiah Yassin. The Chair granted another one minute.**

This grant application is going to come around again. Before that time, requested that all the information be brought to the surface for discussion in committees and with the TPO Board.

**V. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION** (*Timestamp 0:08:22*) – Dr. Jim Davison is up for TPO Board approval in February. This is the sixth committee he will serve on in the county and is looking forward to it.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (*Timestamp 0:09:35*) – January 4, 2023

**Aiah Yassin moves to approve minutes from January 4, 2023; seconded by Ed Mierzejewski. The voice vote passes unanimously.**

**Discussion:**

Christine Acosta noted that there have been multiple safety reports. Those reports are gauging against 2021 with the pandemic spikes as the new bar. The minutes prompted to bring this concern up.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. TIP Amendments: New HART Maintenance Facility, Lighting and Resurfacing Project, and I-4 Truck Parking and EV Charging Infrastructure** (Johnny Wong, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:12:25*)

- Review of the seven amendments requested by the FDOT to add funds to the FY2022/23 – 2026/27 TIP
  - New HART Maintenance Facility (2 Amendments), addition of \$9,220,000
  - I-4 Weigh Stations Truck Parking (2 Amendments), addition of \$2,541,000 & \$2,291,000
  - SR 60 Lighting Project (1 Amendment), addition of \$7,11,289,000
  - S Dale Mabry Resurfacing (1 Amendment), addition of \$2,534,555
  - I-4 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure (1 Amendment), addition of \$900,000
- Went over public outreach for these amendments – 14 days prior to the February TPO Board meeting.

**Recommended Action: Approve the seven amendments to the FY22/23 TIP and recommend approval to the TPO Board.**

**Presentation:** [TIP Amendments February 2023](#)

**Discussion:**

It was noted that the additional truck parking seemed like excessive pricing. It is design and construction. It was questioned if the light projects would be the purple lights; if so, they are not as safe. It was asked if anything else could be done with the resurfacing projects like restriping, Vision Zero, etc., and requested that if there are improvements that could be made that they be done. It was noted that there is a safety project near this segment. Will check with FDOT and bring it back. It was asked if the reallocation of the HART funds means that bus replacements will not be done. HART has been applying for grants for bus replacements. With the movement of the funds, there won't be any available for bus replacements. Clarification was asked about the heavy

maintenance facility and whether it is a reconstruction at the same location or another location. It is a new facility. A question was asked about the price increase. The original costs were estimated a few years ago. The other challenge is that a satellite facility will need to be used during the construction. The timeline of the HART project was asked for. It was asked that FDOT come back and talk about areas near the repaving project that would be safety-related. It was noted that one of the projects is a \$50,000 project and questioned why it was not an administrative amendment. All TIP Amendments have to be a roll call vote of the TPO Board. The TPO does not usually fund buildings, it was asked why the maintenance facility was being funded. Because it is a transit facility. It was also asked if parking facilities along the proposed BRT would be funded with TPO funds. Will look further into that and bring it back. It was noted that the purple bulbs are a problem for many cities. If TECO puts in additional poles with the new lights, it will continue to cause challenges for people with visual challenges and safety issues. The lights are on recall. It was noted that the line item should be removed until TECO can provide guarantees on the lights being installed.

**Aiah Yassin moved to approve the seven amendments to the FY22/23 TIP and recommend approval to the TPO Board; seconded by Don Skelton. The voice vote passes unanimously.**

**Christine Acosta made a motion to amend the original motion to accept the amendments and that a status report is made by FDOT on the S Dale Mabry repaving and resurfacing in conjunction with the safety improvements that are already slated for the area and provide ideas of what other safety improvements can be incorporated, seconded by Sharon Gaumont. The roll call vote passes unanimously.**

**Discussion:**

Clarification was asked about the design phase of the resurfacing project. Recommended that the amendment be approved and ask the designer to bring back the proposed safety designs.

**B. 2023 Safety Performance Targets (Connor MacDonald, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:42:55)**

- Reviewed the performance targets and the requirement.
- Six Categories – went over 2023 timeline.
  - February – Safety
  - March – Greenhouse Gas
  - April – Pavement & Bridge Condition, Travel Time Reliability
  - TBD – Transit Asset Management
  - TBD – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
- Five required targets
  - Number of Fatalities on a 5-yr Rolling Average.
  - Rate of Fatalities per 100M VMT
  - Number of Serious Injuries
  - Rate of Serious Injuries per 100M VMT
  - Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
- Two elected by Hillsborough TPO
  - Number of Fatalities

- Motorcycle Fatalities
- Went over Forecasting Future Performance '26 – '45 – it's TIME survey: provide alternatives to driving, use technologies, reduce congestion.
- Review of annual actual fatalities, projected through 2023
- Went over the 2022 report card and the takeaways – potential risk factors for crash deaths (national trends), local relations and implementation
- Review of proposed performance targets for 2023

**Recommended Action: Approve the CY 2023 Safety Performance Targets and recommend approval to the TPO Board.**

**Presentation:** [2023 Safety Performance Targets](#)

**Discussion:**

It was noted that it is a bit difficult to understand how the numbers are calculated. It was requested that information be shown with the numbers from comparable cities to provide context. It was asked why the total fatalities number is not “zero”. The requirement from the federal government is for it to be realistic. Clarification was asked if the action that the committee agrees with the charts. The forecast must be based on data-driven factors. The federal government has returned to jurisdictions where unrealistic targets have been set. The 2019 speed study was brought up. 70% of the top 20 HIN in Hillsborough County are posted at 5 – 10 miles above the recommended speeds. An additional 15% are posted at 15 to 20 miles above the recommended speeds. It was asked if the numbers could be reported by population instead of VMT. That can be looked at as an elective target. It was asked if any impact from the announced grants can be seen and how long before the impacts would take. Those grants are for construction-ready projects. It was asked if the number of actual fatalities could be provided for 2021 and 2022. 2021 – 255 and 2022 – 219 when the data was pulled. Clarification was asked if the new reduction was only a reduction of 5 fatalities and if that number can be improved. The data is not supporting a larger reduction based on data from the last 10 years. It was noted that setting the standard of VMT would be a more productive method to reduce fatalities. It was asked if the number of vehicles on the roadway is factored into the data and noted that the number of vehicles along with the speeds could be factors. It was brought up that fewer vehicles on the road can contribute to an increase in crashes because drivers can move at increased speeds. Clarification was asked about the targets for fatalities and serious injuries.

**Seeing TPO staff comments in the Zoom chat window, Hoyt Prindle moved that staff comments be made verbally so the committee can hear them in real-time as opposed to chat, seconded by Aiah Yassin. The voice vote passed unanimously.**

**Steven Hollenkamp moved to approve the 2023 Safety Performance Targets as amended and recommend to the TPO Board; seconded by Don Skelton. The roll call vote passes 13 – 0.**

**Bill Roberts proposed an amendment to the motion that the numbers should try to be more aspirational. Recommended that the fatality target be changed to 200 and that TPO Staff work to**

**justify that number including projects and ways to reduce crashes overall; seconded by Don Skelton. The roll call vote passes 10 - 3**

**Discussion:**

It was noted that finding the data to support the new number is unrealistic. It is a good aspirational goal. The county is on record as saying zero is the target.

**Aiah Yassin offered a substitute motion to amend the goals from 1% reduction to 1.5%, seconded by Sharon Gaumont. The roll call vote fails 9 – 4**

**VIII. STATUS REPORTS**

**Hoyt Prindle moved to have the Gandy Boulevard update first. Chair Fernandez noted that he requested it be last on the updates as it is not coming before the TPO Board at their meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> and the Gibsonton Drive PD&E is. Mr. Prindle retracted his motion.**

**A. Gibsonton Drive PD&E Kickoff** (Johnny Wong, TPO Staff, on behalf of Ashley Henzel, FDOT) *(Timestamp 1:27:55)*

- Review of the project area – Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301.
- Went over study objectives and what will be included in the study.
  - Going from 4 to 6 lanes with some turn lanes and bike lanes.
  - In the high-injury corridor
  - Have engaged in public comment.

**Presentation Slides:** [Gibsonton Drive PD&E Kickoff](#)

**Discussion:**

It was asked why the need for corridor improvements and what are the crash causes. It is a highly commercial corridor with strip developments and many access points. There was a concern as to why the crash ratio is so high. It was asked if FDOT would be able to include information about the use of the roadway.

**B. Report on Special Meeting to Reconsider Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application** (Amber Simmons, TPO Staff) *(Timestamp 1:36:09)*

- Went over what was presented to the TPO Board and the Board's decision.

[Agenda with the presentation from January from the January 25, 2023 meeting.](#)

**Discussion:**

Clarification was asked if the TPO was asking for the application to be withdrawn. The application has been withdrawn. It was noted that the moving Board member moved that the TPO Board go with the staff recommendation. Clarification was asked if the staff recommended withdrawing the application. TPO Staff recommended considering withdrawing the application.

**Hoyt Prindle moved to express that the view of the CAC is that the TPO Board erred in withdrawing the grant application, seconded by Christine Acosta. Roll call vote, the motion passed 7 to 6.**

**Discussion:**

It was noted that the TPO Board has voted and asked what the point of the motion was. It was asked what the committee can take to the TPO Board to have a more productive discussion. Clarification was asked why it was recommended to withdraw the application. The history was provided. There was not an official action taken to the TPO Board to apply for this grant. The change of the TPO Board had an impact on this vote.

**C. Gandy Boulevard Bridge PD&E** (Johnny Wong, TPO Staff, on behalf of Craig Fox, FDOT) – deferred

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Next CAC Meeting: March 1, 2023**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

**A recording of this meeting may be viewed at:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb\\_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsojHyZb_mkYIU3o32Tbg4w/videos)

**Chat:**

From Lisa Silva, TPO to Everyone 07:11 PM

We are hopeful that the numerous implementation safety projects anticipated to be funded with SS4A grant award will make a difference in driving down fatal and serious injuries.

From Gena Torres to Everyone 07:12 PM

Reducing speeds = crashes happen but don't result in death and injury

From Christine Acosta to Everyone 07:14 PM

VMT = Vehicle Miles Traveled

From Mike Lamarca to Everyone 07:16 PM

Gridlock lowers serious injuries and fatalities.

From Mike Lamarca to Everyone 07:22 PM

Steep goal, nearly 10%, since current FLHSMV online data is showing 225 deaths last year. And, I don't ever agree with TPO.....

From David Coleman to Everyone 07:26 PM

The state requires a goal? Tell them vision zero isn't a grim jest. ( don't think I am allowed to comment) but I had to

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# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

TIP Amendment: HART Bus Stop Capital Improvements

### **Presenter:**

Roger Mathie, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

This TIP amendment will impact one project, noted below:

452684 -1 HART Bus Stop Capital Improvements

This amendment will add new federal funds, thereby allowing HART to improve some bus stops throughout Hillsborough County. HART's recently completed Bus Stop Inventory Assessment identified needs to standardize bus stops throughout the system, address Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies at bus stops, and replace shelters in disrepair.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the TIP Amendment to add new federal funds for HART Bus Stop Capital Improvements and forward to the TPO Board for approval.

### **Prepared By:**

Roger Mathie, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

1. [Comparative Report](#)
2. [Presentation slides](#)



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## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item

Gandy Boulevard Bridge PD&E

### Presenter

Johnny Wong, TPO Staff on behalf of Craig Fox, FDOT

### Summary

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study on Gandy Blvd (US 92/SR 600) from 4<sup>th</sup> St North in Pinellas County and West Shore Blvd (CR 587) in Hillsborough County, extending along the length of the bridge. The PD&E study will evaluate capacity needs, and potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the limits of the corridor.

The FDOT project manager will present details on the study objectives, potential improvements, and a timeline of completion.

FDOT will also host an in-person public hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781. There will also be an option to attend virtually using GoToWebinar and details will be provided by FDOT staff at a later time.

### Recommended Action

None. For information only.

### Prepared By

Johnny Wong, PhD, TPO Staff

### Attachments

[Project Webpage](#)





# Hillsborough TPO Transportation Planning Organization

## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### **Agenda Item:**

2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Initial Steps

### **Presenters:**

Vishaka Shiva Raman and Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff

### **Summary:**

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Hillsborough County is a blueprint for the future, and it conveys Hillsborough County's transportation vision and priorities. Federal law requires LRTPs be updated every five years, therefore the 2050 LRTP must be adopted by November 2024.

TPO and Planning Commission staff have thus far prepared the base year socioeconomic data, which are the building blocks of the LRTP. These data will inform revenue forecasts, future population and employment estimates, development trends, and the transportation demand model.

Staff will present an overview of the LRTP process, transportation model-building, and the deliverables produced throughout this process.

### **Recommended Action:**

None. For information only.

### **Prepared By:**

Vishaka Shiva Raman and Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

### **Attachments:**

None.



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## Board & Committee Agenda Item

### Agenda Item:

Regional Planning in the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA)

### Presenter:

Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

### Summary:

Regional transportation planning coordination has been ongoing in the Tampa-St. Petersburg Transportation Management Area since the early 1990s. The primary forum for this is the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA), formerly known as the MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee, which supports local, regional and statewide projects that improve access to transportation opportunities in the West Central Florida region. A subcommittee of the SCTPA is the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group which includes elected officials from the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas MPOs.

There is an interlocal agreement between the Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas MPOs that specifies the roles and responsibilities of the regional planning process such as:

- A regional long range transportation plan, with needs and affordable projects,
- A regional project prioritization process and ranked order list,
- An air quality consultative process,
- A regional public involvement plan, and
- Annual evaluations of the regional process as part of the annual MPO certifications.

At the March 24<sup>th</sup> TMA Leadership Group meeting there will be a discussion about regional transportation planning and preliminary investigation of merging the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas MPOs.

### Recommended Action:

None. For information only.

### Prepared By:

Elizabeth Watkins, AICP, TPO Staff

### Attachments:

None.



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**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD  
HYBRID MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2023  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** *(Timestamp 0:03:59)*

Commissioner Myers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held in person and virtually via WebEx.

**II. Roll Call** *(Gail Reese, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:04:24)*

The following members were present in person: Commissioner Gwen Myers, Mayor Andrew Ross, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Joshua Wostal, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Councilmember Joseph Citro, Mayor Nate Kilton, Charles Klug, Gina Evans, Greg Slater, Adalee Le Grand, Planning Commissioner Hemant Saria

The following members were present virtually: Commissioner Henry Cohen

The following members were absent/excused: Councilmember Maniscalco, Councilmember Hurtak, Board Member Jessica Vaughn

A quorum was met in person.

**A. Vote of Consent for Remote Member Participation.**

**Mayor Ross moved, seconded by Commissioner Kemp; the voice vote, motion passes unanimously.**

**III. Approval of Minutes** *(Timestamp 0:05:36)* – January 11, 2023 and January 25, 2023.

**Chair Myers sought a motion to approve the January 11, 2023 and January 25, 2023 minutes. Owen so moved, seconded by Commissioner Kemp; the voice vote passes unanimously.**

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items** *(Timestamp 0:06:00)* (30 minutes total, with up to 3 minutes per speaker) Additional comments made via [Social Media](#) and [Email](#) can be found at the end of these minutes.

- Rick Fernandez – Incorporated written comments by reference. Commented on the motion to withdraw the grant application at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Stated that the motion was incorrect to the recommendation of TPO Staff. Stated that the recorded minutes and the video are wrong and requested that the record be changed. The Boulevard Tampa concept came from the neighborhoods most impacted by I-275 but is unfamiliar to some of the TPO Board. This is debating two competing visions for I-275, expansion and the boulevard. The expansion has been done for several decades. Boulevard Tampa cannot be fully vetted in three minutes but there is ample material in the public domain and from community advocates. The infrastructure was wrongfully placed and has been compounded. Boulevard Tampa is one component of a vision. It would take years to change; would need sufficient public transit options; and a focus on moving

people instead of cars. A feasibility study as voted on by the Board in 2019, nothing has been done. The actions of January 25<sup>th</sup> will cause further delay.

**V. Committee Reports & Advance Comments** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair; Davida Franklin, TPO Staff; and Beth Alden, TPO Executive Director) (*Timestamp 0:09:58*)

**A. CAC – February 1, 2023** (Rick Fernandez, CAC Chair)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at new start time, a quorum was met. Dr. Jim Davison was in attendance and is on the consent agenda today. Instituting a new meeting of 2 hours from 6P – 8P.
- Approved
  - TIP Amendments on the TPO Board today.
  - Safety Performance Targets – every year, this causes discomfort on the committee. The committee would like to see the target numbers lowered. The amended motion passed with the target of fatalities going from 214 to 200. Learned the impact of losing the sales tax spending which may have lowered the reduction of crashes to 3% versus the 1% which equates to 4 fatalities.
- Status Reports
  - Gibsonton Road PD&E.
  - Special TPO Board meeting passed a motion expressing disappointment in rescinding the grant application.

**B. TAC – February 6, 2023** (Davida Franklin, TPO Staff)

- Approved
  - TIP Amendments. Questioned the high cost of the parking spots at the weigh station.
  - 2023 Safety Targets. There were questions about a correlation between the increased motorcycle and bicycle numbers, possibly due to additional motorcyclists and bicycle facilities.
- Status Reports
  - Gandy Boulevard Bridge PD&E. Information regarding the old bridge was asked about.
  - Gibsonton Drive PD&E Kickoff. It was noted that there is a Caterpillar facility adjacent to the study area and that 11-foot lanes may not be sufficient for oversized vehicles.
  - 2050 LRTP Initial Steps. There was a discussion about millage rates.

**C. LRC – January 18, 2023** (Davida Franklin, TPO Staff)

- Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies
- Status Reports
  - Hillsborough Safe Routes to School Projects
  - 2022 Multimodal Level of Service Report

**D. BPAC – January 25, 2023** (Davida Franklin, TPO Staff)

- Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies
  - Discussed various options for improved attendance
- Status Updates
  - 2022 Multimodal Level of Service Report and 2022 State of the System Report. The committee questioned how safety is factored into the MMLOS numbers for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**E. TPO Policy – January 11, 2023** (Beth Alden, TPO Director)

- Recommended the TPO Board approve the consent agenda item, the contract with AECOM.
- (Mayor Ross) TPO Policy discussed keeping the recruitment process for a new TPO Executive Director. Reviewed the high-level discussion. The TPO Policy Committee recommends, unanimously, that the TPO Board conduct the recruitment in-house. Reasoning includes the cost of an outside firm and the time it would take to secure a recruiting firm; this is a specialty niche and in-house resources will be able to identify and reach the possible candidates; it would allow for more direct lines of communication.

**Adalee Le Grande moved to have the TPO Executive Director search be done in-house, seconded by Commissioner Kemp. The roll call vote passed 13 – 0.**

**F. Public Comments Received Through Email & Social Media** (Davida Franklin, TPO Staff).

Detailed [Email](#) and [Social Media](#) are located at the end of the minutes.

**VI. Consent Agenda** (*Timestamp 0:25:25*)

**A. Committee Appointments**

- ITS – Michelle Jenkins (EPC)
- LRC – Meagan Winchester (Hillsborough County Development Services)
- TAC – Noliyanda James (Department of Health)
- BPAC – Noliyanda James (Department of Health)
- CAC – Carolyn Brown (Commissioner Myers), Dr. Jim Davison (Commissioner Wostal), Hoyt Prindle (Commissioner Kemp), Sherri Southwell (Commissioner Owen)

**B. Amendment to General Planning consultant Contract with AECOM**

**Motion to approve the committee appointments only by Mayor Ross, seconded by Commissioner Wostal; the roll call vote passed 13 – 0.**

**VII. Action Items**

**A. TIP Amendments: New HART Maintenance Facility, Lighting and Resurfacing Projects, I-4 Truck Parking, and EV Charging Infrastructure** (Roger Mathie, TPO Staff) (*Timestamp 0:27:14*)

- Review of the seven amendments requested by the FDOT to add funds to the FY2022/23 – 2026/27 TIP
  - New HART Maintenance Facility (2 Amendments), addition of \$9,220,000
  - I-4 Weigh Stations Truck Parking (2 Amendments), addition of \$2,541,000 & \$2,291,000
  - SR 60 Lighting Project (1 Amendment), addition of \$7,11,289,000
  - S Dale Mabry Resurfacing (1 Amendment), addition of \$2,534,555
  - I-4 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure (1 Amendment), addition of \$900,000
- Went over public outreach for these amendments – 14 days prior to the February TPO Board meeting.
- Amendments passed by the CAC and TAC

**Recommended Action: Approve the seven amendments to the FY22/23 TIP.**

**Presentation:** [TIP Amendments February 2023](#)

**Discussion:**

Clarification was asked about the funding being moved from one place to another in the HART amendment. It is being moved from bus replacement to the heavy maintenance facility. What HART is doing is working on finding funding to move the heavy maintenance facility forward. It is a net gain of \$0. It was noted that the heavy maintenance facilities improve the on-time rates and also help with recruitment.

**Commissioner Kemp moved to approve the TIP Amendments; seconded by Councilmember Citro. Roll call vote passed 13 – 0.**

**B. 2023 Safety Performance Targets (Connor MacDonald, TPO Staff) (Timestamp 0:36:10)**

- Reviewed the performance targets and the requirement.
- Six Categories – went over 2023 timeline.
  - February – Safety
  - March – Greenhouse Gas
  - April – Pavement & Bridge Condition, Travel Time Reliability
  - TBD – Transit Asset Management
  - TBD – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
- Five required targets
  - Number of Fatalities on a 5-yr Rolling Average.
  - Rate of Fatalities per 100M VMT
  - Number of Serious Injuries
  - Rate of Serious Injuries per 100M VMT
  - Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
- Two elected by Hillsborough TPO
  - Number of Fatalities
  - Motorcycle Fatalities
- Went over Forecasting Future Performance '26 – '45 – it's TIME survey: provide alternatives to driving, use technologies, reduce congestion.
- Review of annual actual fatalities, projected through 2023.
- Went over the 2022 report card and the takeaways – potential risk factors for crash deaths (national trends), local relations and implementation.
- Review of proposed performance targets for 2023

**Recommended Action: Approve the CY 2023 Safety Performance Targets and recommend approval to the TPO Board.**

**Presentation:** [2023 Safety Performance Targets](#)

**Discussion:**

Clarification was asked on the five-year rolling average and if it is required by the federal government or the TPO. Asked for clarification between the actual year of 2022 and the five-year average. It was asked how serious injuries are being defined. A common definition is life-altering

injuries. It was asked if there was a reported breakdown between bike/ ped/ motorcycle and vehicle crash. That information can be brought back. Hillsborough County is number two in the nation for fatalities. What is happening has to be paid attention to. It was noted that Hillsborough County has the highest rate of fatalities per capita, a Tampa Bay Times article was cited. It was asked where number two came into play. The methodology of the “Mean Streets” report; the statistic being cited is from all crashes. It was noted that the number one is Orlando and seven of the top ten are in Florida. Transit brings more safety and changes to the streets, along with walkability, crosswalks, etc. Need alternative transportation for people including transit, trails, and sidewalks. Government has to do things based on statutes, this is one. This report appears to be a hollow report; it plots historical data to set targets. In the end, if you meet the target, you get a “Yes” meeting the target. This report is an example of a bureaucracy that serves no point. The target is Vision Zero and that should be number one priority. It was asked if lowering the speed limit is considered a “shovel-ready” project. It was asked if the TPO Board can lower the speed limit to save lives by lowering the limit by 10 miles per hour. Speed limits are not considered in the TIP, “shovel-ready” is based on TIP projects. Lowering speed limits is governed by the state. The tool is to design roads where people do not feel comfortable driving at higher speeds. Vision Zero has been an important driver in a lot of what the TPO has done and influenced a lot of the studies and improvements. It was noted that this is an exercise required by the federal government but is also brings attention to it every year. It was noted that the 2023 target is the same as the 2022 target and the motorcycle target is higher. It is the five-year rolling average that is calculating the numbers. The target should focus on reducing the numbers instead of reflecting what the forecast says.

**Commissioner Kemp moved to approve the 2023 Safety Performance Targets; seconded by Mayor Ross. The voice vote passes unanimously.**

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **C. Gibsonton Drive PD&E Kickoff (Ashley Henzel, FDOT) (Timestamp 1:02:34)**

- Review of the project area – Gibsonton Drive from Fern Hill Drive to US 301, approximately 0.9 miles.
- Went over study objectives and what will be included in the study – adjusting for the increase in volume.
  - Going from 4 to 6 lanes with some turn lanes and bike lanes.
  - In the high-injury corridor and crash statistics
- Went over the existing typical sections and the proposed, additional lanes, connecting sidewalks and/or developing paths.
- Looking at stormwater management and other environmental factors.
  - Have engaged in public comment. Targeting a public hearing in late 2023.

**Presentation Slides:** [Gibsonton Drive PD&E Kickoff](#)

**Discussion:**

Clarification was asked about the rate of crashes in this segment. They are six times the state average. It was noted that the serious injury and fatalities are not like Fowler Avenue. It is a short segment that was identified as one of the top twenty.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (*Timestamp 1:09:34*)

- A. The backup for the status of the MMLOS information is available for resources. Can provide customized reports if requested.
- B. The State of the System report is provided as documentation as well. This will be brought back in May with more information. The federal government does not require this Board to prioritize the dollars in certain ways; they do require information to drive the decisions.
- C. Follow-up item on the Nondiscrimination Plan adopted by the Board about a year ago was evaluating compliance with the ADA. The self-evaluation has been finished; identified some transition steps. This is administrative.
- D. Would like to bring an in-depth discussion about a request from the neighboring MPOs on merging the MPOs from Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco Counties. It will be coming up at the tri-county meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Pasco County. It is being pushed as an in-person meeting. Would like to spend the March Policy Committee meeting working through this complex topic. Would like to go over the federal and state expectations and the regional coordination process. There was a study done on possible MPO consolidation and how other MPOs around the nation are structured. Would like to invite the TMA representatives to the March Policy meeting to have this conversation.
- E. Congratulating this governing Board with their leadership on the Vision Zero Action Plan, things that can be done right away; that is what won Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa the \$40 million in federal grant money.
- F. Florida MPO Advisory Council opportunities include an orientation meeting on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in Tampa. April meeting of the MPO Advisory Council is in Miami at the end of April and in July in Saint Petersburg. Mr. Klug is the representative and may have some conflicts, may be looking for other volunteers.
- G. Would like to come back to the apportionment plan in the fall after the boundaries of the transportation management area will be released over the summer, there is no specific date at this time.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Ross requested was made for advance information on consolidating MPOs prior to the meeting in order to save time for healthy discussion during the meeting. It was asked if the merging of the MPOs is being driven by the TMA. It has been voted down at least once if not twice already by all the MPOs. Merging would be a real loss to Hillsborough County's decision-making for the county. Examples of other Florida counties merging and being independent were given. There has never been a merger of MPOs in the nation but there have been divorces. It was expressed that it is inappropriate to have the TMA drive this. It was brought up that there are elements in the other counties that each of the counties has an equal number of votes. That is not something that should be entertained when this comes up. It was asked how quickly this can be stopped before it starts; when can the TPO Board take a vote on this? One of the state

representatives from Pinellas County has filed a bill for MPOs; it is not clear what the legislature can do. The bill is not ready for review at this time and is still being drafted. It was noted that Tampa and Hillsborough County are the hubs of transportation in the area; the word “regional” continues to be spoken but the additional funds for HART as being a priority project, at the regional level, was pulled as being a priority. It was noted that the Policy Committee is the subcommittee and is looking for direction. It was brought up that maybe this should be brought before the TPO Board.

**IX. OLD & NEW BUSINESS** (*Timestamp 1:31:11*)

- A. Next meeting is on March 8, 2023.
- B. February 21<sup>st</sup> FDOT job fair.
- C. Save the Date for March 1<sup>st</sup> at noon, Mid-town Tampa Walking Tour.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 11:28 PM

The recording of this meeting may be viewed on YouTube: [Meeting Recording](#)

**Social Media**

**Facebook**

**1/11 (Regarding honoring outgoing TPO Board and committee members at the 1/11 board meeting)**

**Mike Lamarca**

It’s sad that we have turned government into nothing more than a game of participation trophies. So many “awards” for doing what one is paid to do, even if they do a horrible job. Imagine if that energy was actually utilized to better the community?

**1/23 (Regarding the FDOT’s Community Conversation workshop on the I-4/I-275 downtown interchange)**

**Gabrielle Pacatte**

Terrible. This is terrible.

**1/25 (Regarding the Board’s decision to withdraw the Reconnecting Communities Grant)**

**Tom Danahy**

Unless rail mass transit (not Fake BRT) is going to be the centerpiece of any such application, just save us the grief, and punt all this again into the future.

**Tatiana Morales**

Tom Danahy that's what the plan is

**Tom Danahy**

Tatiana Morales It’s just unbelievable that one stinking down midterm election can defeat all the momentum that had been building.

**Walter John Slupecki**

Tom Danahy yep, and even more sad, the same GOPers will put interstate widening north of Hillsborough back onto the TIP. That is now all but guaranteed

**Tom Danahy**

Walter John Slupecki Just another task to rectify in 2 years, but, either way, at least “nothing gets done” works against that, too.

**Dave Coleman**

Tatiana Morales the Statement of purpose of 2 of the new gop electeds is to keep their sections of the county beautiful and safe. I suggest we pull the water pipeline and let them drink toilet to tap with no pressure

**Tom Danahy**

Dave Coleman LOL: they'll be as disappointed then as we are now.

**Dave Coleman**

Tom Danahy I hate politics today.

**Dave Coleman**

So sad how gop and money rule the day

**Dave Coleman**

This guy accusing Hurtak of attacking secretary Gwynn after she questioned him on saying if we do the study the people in the community might get their hopes up. I think this child has long way to go growing up. Proud of yourself gop? Of course you are. Chuds Chudding chuddingly. What a waste of time.

**Vela Christopher**

One question we need to know from Hillsborough TPO

Why did you support the removal of the grant? But stated no reasons?...

**Dave Coleman**

Vela Christopher it was a disgrace. I especially point to the secretary and port authority having their will with uninformed gop electeds. Toss in Meyers now a true republican

**Mike Lamarca**

Dave Coleman I don't want myer. You gonna have to keep her.

**Vela Christopher**

Today was a massive setback. But federal law will allow the Hillsborough TPO to reapply.

But this isn't an excuse to withdraw efforts to continue a path for a nationwide study (not a commitment to build) to see if the boulevard will work.

The Hillsborough TPO staff pretended that the past four years of our time, committee volunteers, and money (there were boulevard lite scenarios run under Irtp and fdot) didn't matter.

Today I had four years of my life turned to vaporware in a second because the non-board-directed TPO staff, for no reason, recommended a rejection of the study.

While I blame the usual Dems my point here is that a public agency took matters into its own hands and slammed its project with no board direction. We had multiple decision bodies today, not one. Secretary Pete Buttigieg

I plan on filing a complaint but I don't know where to begin. I waiting to hear a back from the Hillsborough TPO

**1/26 (Regarding the Board's decision to withdraw the Reconnecting Communities Grant)**

**Jason Ball**

I've lost what little respect I had remaining for this board.

**David Yunk**

Vela Christopher yes, we need answers from staff

**Hillsborough TPO response**

Hi Chris! Thanks for sharing your thoughts at yesterday's meeting and for sending comments in advance. And many thanks to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts regardless of their position. Ultimately, we believed it wasn't in the best interest to apply for the grant when the majority of the board didn't agree with the options that could be studied. Applying for the grant could have caused us to misrepresent the board's position or unintentionally misguide the

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant team. But the door is open for us to apply again. If you have any ideas, even incremental ones, that we can include in a future application, please send them our way. ~  
Davida

**Vela Christopher**

Hillsborough TPO Thanks Davida. May I get your number? You can always PM it to me. I do have some further questions.

**2/3 (Regarding National Crossing Guard Day)**

**Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization**

Thank you for sharing!

**2/7 (Posted to the Facebook event page for the 2/8 Board Meeting)**

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## Twitter

### 1/14 (Regarding MLK Day)

#### **AmeriCorps**

Check out in-person + virtual opportunities to help create Dr. King's #BelovedCommunity in your neighborhood and across the nation this weekend, on #MLKDay, and all year long:

<http://AmeriCorps.gov/VolunteerSearch>.

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## Email

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Livable Roadways Committee (LRC) Meeting on January 18**

The LRC approved the following action item and welcomed new members:

- ✓ Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies

The LRC heard status reports on:

- Hillsborough Safe Routes to School Projects
- 2022 Multimodal Level of Service Report

### **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting on January 25**

The BPAC approved the following action item:

- ✓ Election of Officers, Attendance Review and Declaration of Vacancies
  - BPAC membership unanimously reelected Tim Horst as chair, Jim Shirk as vice chair, and Peter Davitt as Officer At Large.
  - Membership discussed various options for an improved attendance policy and ultimately requested that the liaison draft a proposal and present it at the February meeting.
  - BPAC members had multiple questions about the process for declaring a vacancy, and were assured the TPO staff would take the initiative in reaching out to lapsed members. The Committee voted not to declare any vacancies based on the 2022 attendance sheet.

The BPAC heard status reports on:

- 2022 Multimodal Level of Service Report and 2022 State of the System Report and the committee members had questions about how safety is factored into the MMLOS numbers for pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting of February 1**

The CAC approved the following action items:

- ✓ A TIP Amendment that will program funds for the HART Heavy Maintenance Facility, Lighting & Resurfacing Projects, I-4 Truck Parking, and EV Charging Infrastructure. The committee stated its support for several projects included in

this amendment and approved the action item. Discussion focused mainly on the committee's desire to see the resurfacing project on S Dale Mabry coordinated with a safety project that will be let in July 2023 so that the projects can be completed simultaneously. TPO staff reached out to FDOT D7 staff which, following the CAC meeting, confirmed that this will occur. Several committee members also commented that purple-colored streetlights are a distraction and ineffective as a safety measure. The purple-color seen on some lights is the result of a manufacturing defect and some members requested that D7 communicate with TECO to ensure that no defective equipment is installed.

- ✓ The CAC also heard a presentation on the CY2023 Safety Performance Targets. Based on discussion from committee members, the general consensus was that they are uncomfortable and unhappy with Hillsborough County's historical safety performance. Due to their discomfort, the committee brainstormed a number of justifications for reducing the annual fatality target and, as a result, an amended motion was passed to approve all of the recommended CY2023 safety targets, except for annual fatalities, which the committee reduced from 214 to 200. TPO staff were then directed to seek out data or previous studies which may support that aspirational target.

The CAC heard status reports on:

- The Gibsonton Drive PD&E Study Kickoff, but did not have any questions.
- Report on the Special Meeting to Reconsider Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application. Some members expressed disappointment that the committee was not offered an opportunity to adopt a position and present it to the Board prior to the special meeting. Following a lengthy discussion about Board members' concerns and next steps for the application, the committee passed a motion to inform the TPO Board that it erred in its decision to withdraw the application from consideration.

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting of February 6**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

**HILLSBOROUGH MPO  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

CAC Member	Representing	Appointed By	Appointed	Term Expires	Attendance											
					1/4/23	2/1/23	3/1/23	4/5/23	5/3/23	6/7/23	Optional 7/5/2023	8/2/23	9/6/23	10/4/23	11/1/23	12/6/23
Trott, Terrance	African-American Origin	Member-at-Large	3/3/2020	3/3/2022	Yes	No										
Roberts, Bill	Aviation Authority	HCAA Board	6/30/2020	6/30/2022	Yes	Yes										
Gaumont, Sharon	Business Community	Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	4/14/2023	No	Yes										
Hollenkamp, Steven	City of Plant City	City Commission	4/14/2021	4/14/2023	Yes	Yes										
VACANT	City of Tampa	Councilwoman Hurtak	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
Nikki Rice	City of Tampa	Councilman Maniscalco	10/27/2022	10/26/2024	No	Yes										
Acosta, Christine	City of Tampa	Councilman Citro	12/14/2022	12/13/2024	Yes	Yes										
Aiah Yassin	City of Temple Terrace	City Council	5/12/2021	5/12/2023	Yes	Yes										
Ed Mierzejewski	Expressway Authority	Greg Slater	2/12/2022	2/12/2024	Yes	Yes										
Glover, Nicholas	HART	HART Chair	4/14/2021	4/14/2023	No	No										
Prindle, Hoyt	Hillsborough County	Commissioner Kemp	10/1/2019	9/30/2021	Yes	Yes										
VACANT	Hillsborough County	Commissioner Wostal	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
VACANT	Hillsborough County	Commissioner Owen	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
Brown, Carolyn	Hillsborough County	Commissioner Myers	1/13/2021	1/13/2023	Yes	Yes										
Morrison, Meaza	Hillsborough County	Commissioner Cohen	6/9/2021	6/9/2023	No	No										
Fernandez, Ricardo	Hispanic Origin	Member-at-Large	4/14/2021	4/14/2023	Yes	Yes										
VACANT	Neighborhoods	Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
VACANT	Persons <30	Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
Skelton Jr., Don	Port Tampa Bay	Port Authority CEO	1/11/2023	1/10/2025	Yes	Yes										
Fryer, Artie	Transp. Disadvantaged	TDCB Chair	4/2/2019	4/1/2021	Yes	Yes										
VACANT	Women	Member-at-Large	VAC	VAC	VAC	VAC										
Drew Newman	Planning Commission	Planning Commission	9/14/2022	9/14/2024	No	No										
Frank, Josh	School Board	Jessica Vaughn	8/11/2021	8/11/2023	Yes	Yes										

<b>Members Present</b>	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CAC Membership Less Declared Vacancies</b>	20	20	21	21	21	22	23	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
<b>Needed for Quorum</b>	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
<b>Quorum Achieved</b>	YES	YES	NO													

<b>Legend:</b>	YES = Attended
	NO = Did Not Attend
	VAC = Vacant
	DVAC = Seat Declared Vacant
	NO = Three (3) or More Consecutive Absences
	Attended Virtually
	= Term Expired; Member may continue until reappointed or replaced.

The MPO may review & consider rescinding the appointment of any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings.

# Parliamentary procedure



Keep in mind that business meetings are measured in terms of things done rather than by the exactness in parliamentary procedure. The use of good form in business meetings should enable a group to get things done easily and smoothly. Use parliamentary procedure to help your meetings run logically and reduce noisy chaos, but don't be a slave to it. Following the proper rules of order ensures the fairness of and gives validity to committee actions.

## A motion is in order

- Always address the chairperson by saying, "Madame Chairperson, or Mr. Chairperson, Chairperson James, or Chairperson Betty." The chairperson then says, "John" or "Susan." A member may not make a motion until recognized by the chair person.
- State your motion as follows: "I move that..."  
Motions must be seconded or they will be lost for want of a second. It is not necessary to rise to second a motion.
- After being seconded, the motion must be stated in full by the chairperson as follows: "It has been moved and seconded that (such and such be done). Is there any discussion?"
- After the discussion, the vote is taken.
- If there is a motion before the committee, no other motion can be entertained except its amendment, the previous question, or a motion to adjourn, until the one before the committee has been voted upon. Only members are entitled to make motions, to vote or hold office. In cases of a tie vote, the chairperson votes and decides the motion.

## Five ways of voting

- By acclamation (or by voice). The chairperson says, "All in favor of the motion say 'aye', opposed 'no'."
- By standing.
- By raising of hand.
- By ballot - distributing slips of paper and allowing each member to write "yes" or "no" or a name upon a ballot.
- By calling the roll or ordering the "yeas" and "nays". Acclamation is used for ordinary motions. Do not permit absent members to have someone else vote for them by proxy.

## To amend a motion

A motion may be completed or changed when the chairman calls for discussion by means of an amendment. A motion may be amended in three ways:

1. By inserting or adding a word or phrase
2. By striking out a word or phrase
3. By substituting a word, phrase or entire statement.

For example, this motion is before the house for discussion. "I move that a committee be appointed to arrange the canned food exhibits at our local Achievement Day." It might be amended in any of these ways:

1. I move to amend by inserting 'of five' after committee.
2. I move to amend by striking out 'canned foods'.
3. I move to amend by substituting this statement 'that a standing committee be appointed to arrange the committee exhibits' for 'all events this year'.

The amendment to a motion, if seconded, must be voted upon before the original motion. If the amendment to the motion is carried, the original motion must be voted upon as amended. On the other hand, if the amendment is defeated, the motion is voted upon as originally stated.

In case of an amendment to an amendment, the last amendment is always voted on first. If it is carried, the preceding amendment is then voted upon as amended.

### **Withdrawal of a motion**

Occasionally a member may wish to withdraw his motion. This may be done at any time before a vote is taken on the motion. Such a request needs no second and is not debatable. It may be done simply by stating, "I ask leave to withdraw my motion." If the motion has been seconded, the maker of the motion should ask the consent of the one seconding to withdraw.

### **Abstaining from voting**

It's your duty to vote when you have an opinion about a matter being decided. By failing to vote, you allow others to make the decision, which is the same as having voted for the prevailing side. Whether you vote or not, you're still in some way responsible for the decision that's made.

On the other hand, you can't be forced to vote, and in fact, should not vote in certain situations. According to Robert's Rules, you should abstain from voting whenever you have an interest in the outcome that directly affects you personally (or monetarily) in a manner not shared by the other members of your group

*Adapted from Carol Gehrs, Cass Co. 4-H Youth Specialist, November, 1999*

## Basic parliamentary procedures

Parliamentary procedure refers to the practices used in meetings to keep things orderly and give everybody a fair chance to be heard. Robert's Rules is generally regarded as the codification (or systematic arrangement) of these procedures.

Parliamentary procedure is based on parliamentary law. Specifically, parliamentary procedure is the parliamentary law you follow in your organization along with any special rules of order you make just for your group. The broad concept of parliamentary law, although not actually law in the sense of statutes and jurisprudence, is the body of accepted rules and practices of deliberative assemblies of all types and sizes.

- 1) **Quorum.** A majority of committee members constitutes a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the following actions may be taken.  
Adjournment  
Fix time to which adjourn  
Take steps to obtain a quorum
- 2) **Motions.** No matter may be officially acted upon unless a motion has been made by a committee member to take such action and said motion has been seconded by another committee member. Once a motion has been made and seconded by another member, the presiding officer shall conduct debate on the merits of the motion. Once debate ends, the presiding officer shall call for a vote. Debate can also be closed upon motion to Call the Question approved by a vote of two-thirds of the committee members present.
- 3) **Amending a motion.** Motions may be amended by any committee member by a motion to amend which must be seconded and approved by a majority of the members present. Motions to amend a motion are voted on before the main motion is decided.
- 4) **Substitute motions.** When a committee member desires to make significant changes to a motion, he/she may offer a substitute motion which will be treated in the same manner as a motion to amend.
- 5) **Reconsideration.** When a committee member desires to reconsider an action of the committee at the same meeting in which it was originally passed or failed, he/she is making a motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider may only be made by a committee member who voted on the prevailing side. A simple majority is necessary to approve a motion to Reconsider.
- 6) **Renewal.** Since each meeting of a committee is considered a separate "session", anyone can make a motion to Renew a motion that failed at a previous meeting. A simple majority is necessary to approve a motion to renew.
- 7) **Rescind.** A motion to Rescind is a motion by which a previous action can be canceled. It strikes out an entire motion that has been adopted at some previous time. It requires either a two-thirds vote, a majority vote when notice of the motion is provided at the previous meeting or in the call of the meeting, or a vote of a majority of the entire committee. It can be made by any committee member regardless of how the

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committee member voted on the original question. There is no time limit on making this motion after the adoption of the measure to which it is applied.

- 8) Amend Something Previously Adopted.** A motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted is a motion used if a committee member desires to change only a part of the text or to substitute a different version. It requires either a two-thirds vote, a majority vote when notice of the motion is provided at the previous meeting or in the call of the meeting, or a vote of a majority of the entire committee. It may be moved by any committee member regardless of how the committee member voted on the original question. There is no time limit on making this motion after the adoption of the measure to which it is applied.

**Public Comment.** Committees may choose to take public comment at the beginning of each meeting. As with the Board of County Commissioners' meetings, comments may be limited to three minutes each for a total of forty-five minutes for the public comment period. The purpose of public comment is to give the public the opportunity to voice opinions on matters to be discussed by the assembly. It is not a time to engage the public in debate. It is a time to receive input in an orderly fashion.