



# Council Minutes

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10:00 a.m.

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## REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee, Chair  
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Vice Chair  
Vice Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Sec./Treasurer  
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island, Past Chair  
Commissioner Ron Barnette, City of Dunedin  
Council Member Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace  
Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County  
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa  
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor  
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport  
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater  
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County  
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole  
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena  
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey  
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg  
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-officio, FDEP  
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT

## REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs  
Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City  
Commissioner Jonathan Davis, City of Palmetto  
Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City  
Councilman Alan Knight, City of Zephyrhills  
Mayor Maria Lowe, City of St. Pete Beach  
Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County  
Mr. Mike Moore, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton  
Council Member Jim Ronecker, City of Oldsmar  
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park

## OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Wood, Director Policy Planning, FDOT  
Gary Justice, Lead Estimator, Lane Construction  
Rachel Layton, Director of Planning, ZNS Engineering  
Ed Vogler, Vogler Ashton  
Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD  
Darenda Marvin, Grimes Goebel  
Dean Ash, Hillsborough County

**STAFF PRESENT**

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director  
Don Conn, Legal Counsel  
Maya Burke, Senior Planner  
Lori Denman, Recording Secretary  
Randy DeShazo, Principal Planner  
Marshall Flynn, IT Director  
John Jacobsen, Accounting Manager  
Betti Johnson, Principal Planner  
Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information  
John Meyer, Principal Planner  
Brady Smith, Senior Planner  
Avera Wynne, Planning Director

**Call to Order – Chair Núñez**

The October 13, 2014 regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Voting Conflict Report --** No voting conflicts were filed.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Larry Bustle, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Announcements:**

- **NEW Council Members Recognition:**  
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin will be representing the City of Tampa and Council Member Jim Ronecker will be representing the City of Oldsmar. Council members welcomed them.
- **Congratulations to Barbara Todd:**  
Congratulations are in order for Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd for her recent appointment as Second Vice President to the Florida Regional Council's Association Policy Board. Thank you Barbara, for agreeing to serve in this capacity.
- **NEW Staff Person Randy Deshazo:**  
We are pleased to welcome back Mr. Randy Deshazo to our staff. Randy started out with the Council back in 2003 and then went on to gain additional experience in economic development and transportation in Oakland and Monterey, California as well as in Chicago Illinois. We are pleased to have him back on board as our economic development Principal Planner.
- **Recognition for Todd Pressman:**  
Mr. Pressman served on the Council for 14 years, first as a Gubernatorial Appointee and then as the representative of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. As a token of appreciation Mr. Pressman was gifted with a clock for dedicated service.
- **Recognition for Ron Barnett:**  
Commissioner Ron Barnett has represented the City of Dunedin on the Council for the past 6 years. Ron decided not to seek re-election on the City Commission this year so unfortunately today is his last Council meeting. As a token of appreciation Commissioner Barnett was gifted with a clock for dedicated service.
- **Housekeeping Items:**  
There are a few forms located in Council folders to be completed and returned to Lori Denman not later than Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to complete your forms today, please do so and give them to Lori following the meeting.

You will find a form to update your contact information as well as the Committee Assignment Request Form. Please indicate which Committees you would be willing to serve on for the upcoming year.

Please take a moment to update your contact information as well. We would also like to invite you to sign up to do the Invocation and Pledge at one of our meetings.

- Our speaker has also graciously provided you with *A Pocket Guide to Florida Transportation Trends and Conditions*.
- Brief Reminder:  
Just a brief reminder that a Council Meeting Recap will be sent to you via email following the meeting for your convenience in reporting back to your respective Councils and Commissions. Thank you for keeping them updated on Council activities.

**1. Approval of Minutes - Secretary/Treasurer Brown**

Approved the minutes from the August 11, 2014 regular meeting. (Long/Hamilton)

**2. Budget Committee - Secretary/Treasurer Brown**

- a. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 7/31/14 (Matthews/Rick)
- b. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 8/31/14 (Hamilton/Neidinger)
- c. FY 2013/2014 Final Budget Amendment  
The Budget Committee previously met and was presented with the 2013/2014 Final Budget. The overall budget decreased slightly more than \$31,000 primarily due to the following:

Federal revenue decreased \$19,000. RDSTF Planning & Economic Development District decreased a total of \$13,000 because the contracts were awarded late. This decrease in funding will be added to FY 2015. Solar Ready II decreased \$3,000 based on less expenditures anticipated for this fiscal year. This decrease will also move to next fiscal year. Hazards Analysis decreased \$3,000 because the contract was not awarded to Council this fiscal year.

Fees/contracts decreased \$56,000. Pinellas County LMS increased \$6,000 to reflect the amount earned at 9/30 based on the deliverable based fee schedule. Disaster Planning Guide increased \$8,000 due to printing additional copies. Support Region 4-Health Medical Coalition decreased \$69,000 due to non-renewable of the contract anticipated in mid-year budget. Tampa Bay Hurricane Evacuation Sensitivity Analysis increased \$8,000. This is a new project. North Central Regional Planning Council Scorecard Template decreased \$15,000 because this project will be delayed until next fiscal year. DRI revenue increased \$9,000 due to an increase NOPC activity.

Appropriated fund balance increased \$45,000. This reflects the loss of several anticipated projects and delays in the starting of several others.

Motion to approve the FY 2013/2014 Final Budget Amendment (Long/Crist)

**3. Consent Agenda - Chair Núñez**

Commissioner Larry Bustle noted a correction to Consent Agenda Item #3.F.2. DRI #80, Big Four Mine S/D, RY 2013/14 ARS should be Hillsborough County, not Manatee County. The correction was noted.

**A. Budget and Contractual**

- 1. Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement between Tampa Bay Estuary Program and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. This two year agreement provides for

administrative support to the Estuary Program by the Council per the scope of services from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 for the fee of \$30,215; and, \$30,970 from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Action Recommended: Authorization for the Chair to sign this agreement

2. **GIS and Mapping Transition to Florida Multi-Functional Program**

At the August 11, 2014 Council meeting the Board approved the Chair to sign an agreement with the Department of Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The Scope of Work is in its final stages and the approximate funding is estimated not to exceed \$80,000. As stated in the August agenda item this effort will include setting up a GIS server, transferring existing content, enhance and publish web mapping applications.

Action Recommended: Motion to authorize Chair to sign agreement with the Department of Management Services.

3. **Intergovernmental Coordination and Review AND Public Transportation**

**Coordination Agreements** – Every five years each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has to develop and execute an agreement that delineates roles and responsibilities for review of transportation planning activities. TBRPC is a party to such agreements with Hillsborough, Manatee/Sarasota, Pasco and Pinellas County MPOs. Each respective public transit agency is also party to an agreement. In addition, Florida Department of Transportation and TBARTA are parties to each agreement.

Action Recommended: Authorize Chair to sign agreements for Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.

**B. Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program**

1. IC&R Review by Jurisdiction – August/September 2014
2. IC&R Database – August/September 2014

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

**C. DRI Development Order Reports (DOR) – None**

**D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR)**

DRI # 240 – Heritage Harbour, Manatee County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report

**E. Notice of Proposed Change Reports (NOPC)**

*Due to stator and contractual requirements, the following Report has been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and all relevant review agencies in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C.:*

DRI # 265 – Lakewood Centre, Manatee County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report

**F. Annual Report Summaries (ARS) / Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)**

1. DRI # 74 - River Ridge, RY 2013-14 ARS, Pasco County
2. DRI # 80 - Big Four Mine S/D, RY 2013-14 ARS, ~~Manatee County~~ Hillsborough County
3. DRI #115 - Woodland Corporate Center, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County
4. DRI #145 - Southbend, 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County
5. DRI #158 - Tampa Bay Park of Commerce, RY 2013-14 ARS, City of Oldsmar & Pinellas County
6. DRI #203 - Beacon Woods East, RY 2013-14 ARS, Pasco County
7. DRI #231 - C.F. Industries Gypsum Stack Expansion, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County

8. DRI #235 - Southeast Tract (Mosaic), RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee County
9. DRI #244 - Cypress Creek, RY 2013-14 ARS, Pasco County
10. DRI #246 - Suncoast Crossings, RY 2013-14 ARS, Pasco County
11. DRI #251 - Four Corners Mine Addition/Altman Tract, RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee County
12. DRI #251 - Four Corners Mine Addition/Phase 2, RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee County
13. DRI #255 - Bexley Ranch, RYs 2012-14 BRS, Pasco County
14. DRI #263 - Hillsborough County Mine Consolidation, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.

**G. DRI Status Report**

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

**H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)**

*Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C. No Report is prepared for adopted amendments that do not require Council comments.*

1. DEO # 14-3ESR – Manatee County
2. DEO # 14-1ESR – City of St. Petersburg

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)

**I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)**

The following report(s) are presented for Council action:

1. DEO # 14-4ESR – Manatee County
2. DEO # 14-5ESR – Pasco County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)

**J. West Florida RPC Resolution**

A Resolution of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Florida Regional Planning Council-Resolution #2014-2.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council congratulates the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognizes its contributions in advancing the regional agenda. WFRPC is the third RPC in the state of Florida to reach this milestone.

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution #2014-2.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Todd/Hamilton)

**4. Item(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s) - None**

*Council members shall notify the Chair of any items they wish to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. These items will be discussed and voted on separately after the remainder of the Consent Agenda is approved.*

**5. Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion**

DRI # 271 – Robinson Gateway, Final Report, Manatee County

Mr. John Meyer, Principal TBRPC Planner presented the Final Report. The Final Report signifies the end of the initial review prior to the Development Order for the project. Robinson Gateway is located in northwest Manatee County.

There are four primary sections of the Final Report. Introduction, Impacts, Developer Commitments, and Proposed Development Order Conditions. To the left of the project is the existing Gateway

North DRI and at the southeast is the Parrish Lakes DRI which is the project that was considered by the Board 3 ½ years ago.

The entitlements proposed by the applicant are 542 residential units, which is almost 1 million sq. ft. of retail, 600,000 sq. ft. of office, a 1750 seat movie theater, and 350 hotel rooms.

At the southern boundary of the project is Moccasin Wallow Road. Hillsborough County is about 2 miles to the north. There are no natural resources of regional significance as defined in the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan within the project. Previous use was agricultural operations.

There is no evacuation zones associated with the project.

Some of the more notable recommendations identified in the Council report is specific approval of the single-phased project with a build out date at the end of 2025. That coincides with the transportation analysis. We would suggest that there be a Development Order Commencement Date identified in the development year, 5 years from the date of Development Order adoption. As committed the developer will provide park land and recreational facility including a connection with the Manatee County Greenwoods Trails program. They are also obligated to provide a stormwater management plan and a parks master plan. The developer has indicated that they are going to provide and service the groundwater quality monitoring during development which is appropriate. Mitigation of impacts will be identified in the Development Order. The applicant has proposed a voluntary affordable housing program or workforce housing program. We look at that as a Development Order obligation as they committed to doing so.

Mr. Ed Vogler, representing the developer, was introduced. Mr. Vogler stated he is a land use lawyer and in this matter he is one of the principles of the landowner. His partner is Bill Robinson and his family have owned the land for an extended period of time. If you are familiar with the area it is at the confluence of I-275 and I-75 so there is interstate access both to Pinellas County and St. Petersburg as well as Tampa and New Tampa, and south into Sarasota. We believe we are at the confluence of a rapidly developing area. In Manatee County right now there are about 15,000 residential units that are approved and unbuilt in this area, north of the Manatee River. There are very limited retail opportunities and there is a limited opportunity for lifestyle amenities that are required in the region. We expect this project to fulfill that market. There is also a residential demand in north Manatee County that I mentioned and we have proposed a 900,000 sq. ft. of retail uses which would be mixed with restaurant, retail, lifestyle, and entertainment. We have an anchor plan for a multiplex movie theater, 1750 seats which is in the center of the project and it will provide an entertainment anchor. We also anticipate a regional office opportunity with 600,000 sq. ft. of office and you can imagine with the confluence of those interstates and the access to the region that this would be a good plan. We support both the lifestyle center with three hotels – two that are interstate orientated and one that is project orientated for overnight stays. This is a new urbanism of design and the concept of new urbanism is to mix uses in a way that creates a walkable community so we actually reduce transportation trips, or at least we plan to for the project. The design for the project is the center of the project is the walkable lifestyle retail center with residential over retail and the anchor of the movie center directly in the center. Around that lifestyle center is a series of residential streets that are walkable and that extend into and connect to the retail center. The idea is to integrate the project, particular on the east side, into a walkable, livable community. There are condo units, multi-family units, townhomes and we buffer projects to the east by a very large community park that is sized for soccer as well as baseball. That's also the location of the Manatee County Greenways Trail. The Trail connects right on the east side of the project and extends north into other areas of the county.

We want to thank your professional staff John Meyer and Roy Chapman, your transportation engineer. These are dedicated and professionally skilled people and a pleasure to work with. We do accept the final staff report that's been presented and we will be collaborating on the primary issues in this report that are transportation oriented. Ultimately, at the end of this process, our friends from Manatee County will work with us in identifying all the transportation impacts that are consistent

with your final report and that are necessary to support the project. There are no wetlands on this property; there are no listed species on this property. It has been operated as a tree farm and agricultural crops for many years so we don't have the typical environmental concerns that you might see in a large project like this. Additionally, as mentioned, we're not in a hurricane evacuation area so that level of concern is diminished. We think we have a good plan and a good use at the right location and our request to you today is to approve the final report so we can proceed with our public hearings.

Questions & Comments:

- Commissioner Long: You talked about how big that project is going to be and I missed that.  
Mr. Vogler: The project itself is 288 acres and within that acreage we would have 900,000 sq. ft. of retail uses, 600,000 sq. ft. of office, a 1750 seat movie theater, 350 hotel rooms, and 542 residential units.
- Councilwoman Rice: Could you explain the statement you made about why it's not in an evacuation area?  
Mr. Vogler: It's not in an identified hurricane evacuation zone. All of us on the coast are influenced by evacuation issues but this property is not within one of the evacuation zones that are mapped. The evacuation criteria does not directly apply to us, but of course we are adjacent to the interstate which is the primary evacuation route for most of the county. I was referring to the mapped zones but we are all influenced by evacuation issues. I know it's one of the things that the Council does really well and we know that you create the SLOSH models and this falls down into local government comprehensive planning and so that's how it's implemented.
- Commissioner Crist: How far from Hillsborough is that site?  
Mr. Vogler: 2 ½ miles.
- Commissioner Crist: And what are the major feeding roads to it besides the interstate?  
Mr. Vogler: Moccasin Wallow Road, which is an east/west connector from US 41 on the west to US 301 to the east and we are adjacent to and provides access to Port Manatee which is in the US 41 corridor.
- Commissioner Crist: Commissioner Bustle, do you have any thoughts?  
Commissioner Bustle: I've been watching this project for quite a long time and am pleased.
- Councilman Fridovich: Myrtle Beach, SC did something very similar to that consequently are you going to be providing public transportation like a trolley so people can do the loops? Are your roads big enough to handle that? That was one of the problems they had in the Myrtle Beach area. They have all the housing but you have no way of getting around if you don't want to use a car and you can't walk.  
Mr. Vogler: We have a commitment to connect to the public transit system if it is extended to that area, which it isn't yet. That's a regional concept. For the inner project we do not have a mandatory requirement for a trolley or some type of intermodal transportation system, however, what we know from our experience in this industry is that it is usually required in some form for tenants. I would like to tell you that this concept of new urbanism is identified by one important transportation concept which is park once. The idea is that the customer will park one time and then enjoy the experience on-site and then leave. If you really truly have a park once concept you have to have some type of inner project transportation.

Motion to adopt the Robinson Gateway Final Report and transmit to Manatee County and the State Land Planning Agency (Long/Brown)

6. Mr. Jim Wood Director of the Office of Policy Planning for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided an overview of the *2060 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)* and the *Florida Strategic Intermodal System Strategic Plan (SIS)*. The FTP serves as Florida's long

range transportation plan and provides policy guidance for transportation partners and a policy framework for expenditure of state and federal transportation funds. The SIS Strategic Plan provides policies and guidance for planning and implementing Florida's Strategic Intermodal System. Both plans are currently being updated with completion of the updates in 2015. Mr. Wood discussed the trends and challenges impacting the future of transportation in Florida as well as the engagement process and the implementation of the next Florida Transportation Plan and SIS Strategic Plan.

The FTP serves as the transportation plan for all of Florida, not just the Florida Department of Transportation. The FTP also establishes the policy framework for allocating the state and federal transportation funds which flow through the department's 5-year Work Program. In addition, the FTP identifies the roles and responsibilities of all partners for implementing this plan. We are at the point in time where we will be updating both of these plans over the next 14-15 months.

Each state is required to create a Long-Range Transportation Plan that can take on many different forms and in Florida we develop it as a Policy Plan. We call it a plan for all of Florida because it does bring in all of the transportation partners to do the Long-Term visioning for the state in terms of where we are going. It does provide a policy framework for our expenditures, state and federal funds. It's very general in that way, we don't get into significant detail in terms of the finance side but it does have that general approach. The last plan was completed about 4 years ago which was the 2060 Transportation Plan. We update every 5 years. The second plan is called the Strategic Intermodal System Strategic Plan and it is the state's primary transportation system. It includes the major interstates and expressways as well as Ports, major Airports, major Rail – all combined together in a priority network system. It's critical because 75% of our discretionary capacity funds go to the SIS because the intent at the state level is to create this system into which the rest of the transportation system can be connecting. We fund other things as well. As we move through this it is always critical to determine the appropriate designation criteria – how are things either on or off the SIS and what is eligible to be in the SIS. It's always an important discussion to make that determination and that's what we will be working through over the next year. Both of these plans are slated to be updated by the end of 2015. We are already working on them and making presentations like this too many of our partners. To give you a context, this is a whole series of plans and program areas within the Department's responsibility-the Florida Transportation Plan and the SIS is a key plan, but we also have Modal plans that focus on aviation and rail and other modes such as the bicycle and pedestrian program. It's important with the FTP that we coordinate with the other plans.

In the past these plans have been done at entirely separate times, stemming from when the SIS plan came out as a statute with a different timeframe. This year we decided to bring the public involvement process for these two plans together because they think it's so critical that the Steering Committee is addressing the broad FTP as well as the SIS at the same time. We will still have two separate documents so we are looking for completion of the FTP by November 2015 and the SIS Plan by December 2015.

We are looking at a two part process. The Visioning component feeds more into the FTP than the SIS, and it is a newer element that we are doing on this update. We will also have the Policy component which is the written physical plan and that will be worked on primarily throughout next year. On the Visioning side what we want to do – we always are looking at transit conditions and issues and possible futures for Florida when we are doing this plan but we're going to be taking that to another level this round. We are going to be looking at alternative transportation futures for the state, whether it's positioning Florida as a global hub or looking at the amazing range of things that we're seeing with technology that will be changing transportation over time. We will be looking at various scenarios, probably four, and the idea is not to select one of these scenarios but to look at the range of them and the common things and goals that we have among these futures. From those we will form the goals and objectives. The Vision piece will be through the end of this year and early 2015 and then the Policy Plan will be developed by the Steering Committee after that.

With the Vision Component we have been having partner briefings, we are developing a background paper, we are developing those draft alternative futures, and we have been doing target outreach such as today. In December we anticipate we will have a summit in Orlando and would invite all of you to be in this conversation and participate. We will also try and have regional forums in December/January if possible. From that work we will have the Transportation Vision document completed in January/February. Meanwhile, in terms of developing a Policy Plan, we will convene the Steering Committee sometime after the beginning of the calendar year and then we will have another Statewide Summit. We will have many regional workshops through our Districts throughout the state next year, and we will be looking for draft FTP with the public comment in September/October, and the final FTP will be in November, and the SIS Plan would be public comment October/November and the final SIS in December.

We have presented to the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) a couple of times, and we are reaching out to many organizations throughout the state. A lot of potential changes are being looked at in demographics and economic and travel demand issues overtime. While population growth has resumed, vehicle miles traveled peaked in 2007, dropped during the recession, and has been relatively flat during the past few years. We are now moving into the third position nationally in terms of population, behind Texas. Our population is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. There are certain factors changing why people are not driving as much as they might have in the past. There are the millennials who are choosing to use electronic communications instead of getting in the car to go see people and the trend is showing that teenagers aren't jumping out to get their driver's license at 16 anymore and a lot of folks are looking for more transportation options in choosing to not use their vehicle as much; however, having said that vehicle miles and our highways are still critical to the movement of our transportation system. Air travel is up significantly, cruise activity is up and transit use is at its highest ever both nationally and in Florida and it is rapidly increasing.

Some of the prevailing issues are bike and pedestrian safety. Florida has the highest bicycle fatality rate in the nation. There are a lot of potential factors for that and we take that very seriously. Secretary Prasad has had an established bike coalition under District Secretary Billy Hattaway for a couple of years trying to look at strategies in very specific areas and we are also looking at things we can do statewide. Florida has the fastest increase in aging population in the nation and we are focusing on what we can do to provide safe mobility for our seniors when they are out driving in their vehicles, what are the options they would have and how do we create a transportation system that acknowledges that. I mentioned the transit increase and what's happening in terms of transit oriented development. Sun Rail opened a few months ago in Orlando and has very strong ridership and they are already pushing to do the subsequent phases for Sun Rail and there is a strong push to get weekend service that we don't have. These things will come over time. Complete streets are the way to look at transportation and how we bring transportation through city centers and other places. Growth and visitation continues to be high. This year it looks like we are almost on pace to meet the target that was set by the Governor which will be 100 million visitors in Florida which means five times our normal population is here on a temporary basis. We have to be able to provide the best experience for them as they are coming to Florida so they will desire to come back.

Freight movement has been a very big issue. Truck miles traveled and freight tonnage for rail and seaports dropped significantly during the recession and are slowly recovering. The Florida Chamber has led a study "Florida: Made for Trade" in positioning Florida as a global hub. There is a great deal of focus on that. Flowing from that the Department just completed the two parts to a Freight Mobility and Trade Plan, the first time the Department has ever done this type of plan. It was driven by the stakeholders in the private sector helping to define the policies as well as the projects to be focusing on. Florida is really trying to position itself as a global hub.

Emerging technologies are influencing transportation at an unprecedented pace. There are smart vehicles, automated vehicles and a lot of fuel efficiency which has an impact on our revenue for transportation because as vehicles are more efficient or people are using electric vehicles they're not

contributing to the conventional source of fuel tax as much. There are a whole series of things in ITS or Intelligent Transportation Systems that we're trying to deploy to improve efficiency. How can those become a part of this long range plan for the state?

Automated vehicles become a big issue. It is something we are taking seriously because there are several manufacturers that are testing these automobiles and in December we will be having our second summit on automated vehicles at Disney, on December 15<sup>th</sup> and there will be folks like Audi, Volvo and others at the Disney racetrack demonstrating these technologies. GM recently announced that Cadillac will have an automated cruise control in some of its vehicles within the next 5 or 6 years. Levels of automation are already coming into our vehicles and how is that going to change our transportation network as we evolve to that? The real focus is on safety. Our vehicles are talking to one another and they will avoid some of the collisions and accidents that happen when human error is at issue.

Regional community visions are very important and One Bay is the focus here. We are very fortunate Florida has several regional visions like One Bay that help to define some of the issues that are going to feed into the overall state transportation planning system.

Bob Romig presented to you on Future Corridors. Basically that's our very long term planning process to move ahead and make sure we have very early buy-in during the concept stage and we are looking at very long horizons here and multiple decades for large geographic areas. We continue to work earnestly on these projects because they are the way we are doing business now – long term.

MAP-21 is the federal transportation legislation that was most recently established over a couple of years now. There were new provisions in there about planning and performance based plans.

Questions & Comments:

Commissioner Crist:

You mentioned you had a report coming out about future plans for corridors. A county like Hillsborough has a major port and a major airport and has to compete in the Gulf region with the expansion of the Panama Canal. What we're looking for are those new expanded corridors to be able to move goods from Tampa, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, and Manatee County where we have ports. Are there plans on the way that will improve rail?

Mr. Wood:

We often say that future corridors are not about one mode and it's not about one road. It's about the collective planning of the system within a region. Part of the solution may be an expressway, but it may be a multi-modal corridor that would include rail as well as an expressway, or like the Suncoast Parkway and Suncoast Trail. Whether it's within the footprint of one of those corridors or a part of the overall network within the region, that's absolutely what we're looking at because we know that movement of the freight is not necessarily going to be moving the same types of things the rail is going to be moving so we have to look at both issues. Mr. Romig shared the Future Corridors and the plan from Tampa to Jacksonville which is very critical. Tampa to I-75 and the alternate routes that we might have to I-75 area from Wildwood to Gainesville where we have a lot of safety and liability issues right now.

Councilor Matthews:

The new entrance to Tampa Port where you use the Crosstown, that signage is very confusing. There should be no address to trucks or no trucks because if you are going to the Port you don't have to be a truck. I've been there twice with two different people and found that the driver had confusion about which way to go to get to the Crosstown. Another item is that on the beaches there are two

different forms of bicycle identification. One is the marked white line section and then you have installed the new bicycle pattern with no white line and I called to talk to someone on your engineering staff about that confusion and the answer I got was that I had to get used to it – the whole lane belongs to the bicycle. Prior to this process the consistent pattern was a protected space. The bicycle pattern now overlaps the traffic pattern.

Mr. Wood:

We like to hear feedback. This is a new way of marking for bicyclists that the bicyclist community as well as others has actually encouraged because of its success in other places. I fully understand the question you are raising because if there is not a clear distinction between the bicycle and the car, but in Florida a bicycle is treated as a vehicle so that's part of what we are trying to do. These are usually roads that have slower speeds.

Commissioner Bustle:

Unless I'm mistaken this briefing deals with physical policy, how the roads are going to be built and where and transit. I didn't hear you talk much about financial or fiscal policy. How is that going to be accommodated? I've heard Secretary Prasad talk at great length about the challenges of not having gas taxes indexed to the price of gasoline but I don't hear much talking about what we are going to do about that.

Mr. Wood:

We will address that at some level in the Plan. We always address the fiscal side and the need for revenues. The broad policy framework of this plan is one that in of itself is a standalone as the best place for that entire conversation. Mr. Romig is running the Transportation Commission and they have an effort they are trying to look at on mobility-based user fees and how do we address this deficit that's increasing in terms of the reduction and overall revenue. It is a huge issue. It's a very significant issue. We will address it at some level in the Plan but we can't do justice to what attention it needs within this plan alone. It's kind of a jump off point for more specific policies. When we are getting into issues of how to manage and determine the best way to measure people's miles if we're trying to away from a fuel tax it's going to be something that requires a lot of attention and discussion.

Councilman Fridovich:

Any idea when U.S. 19 will be done?

Mr. Wood:

I don't mean to be evasive but I'm not with the District so I don't know that detail on that project.

Mr. Farah:

I will provide you with the schedule for each segment that we're working on.

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[www.tbrpc.org/council\\_members/council\\_presentations.shtml](http://www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml)

## 7. Council Members' Comments

Councilman Hamilton:

The Clearwater Jazz Festival starts on Thursday and it's kicking off with Earth Wind and Fire. It's one of our biggest events of the year and runs through Sunday.

Commissioner Diaz:

There is going to be a new container ship line from Mexico into Port Manatee starting October 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be carrying fruits and vegetables from Mexico and will take back to Mexico heavy equipment, spare parts, chicken. The goods will be by rail or truck to east of the Mississippi to the Northeast and will bring cargo back from the Northeast to Florida, back to Mexico.

8. A. **Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – Mayor Minning, Chair**  
The summary report from the full Agency meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup> was included in the Council packet. The October meeting has been canceled and the next ABM meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **Regional Collaboration Steering Committee (RCSC) – Commissioner Crist, Chair**  
Information was provided in the Council packet. Mr. Wynne will provide a report.

Mr. Wynne: The issues that were addressed at the meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> were related to the seaport collaboration, the RESTORE Act, manufacturing. The meeting minutes are located in your folders or you can go online to read them. The Committee was in conversation about the upcoming collaboration concepts and what forums to conduct, and what topics they were interested in engaging the Council in the upcoming year. We spent a lot of time talking about the millennials, the boomers, the Gen X and the differences that are shaping our land use and transportation patterns going forward, and what policy implications those may have. We have a forum coming up on November 10<sup>th</sup>. There's a handout that tells you how to register. Council Members can register for free on our webpage. On the agenda will be a report from the Collins Institute: *Tougher Choices* – Dr. Carol Wiessert; *Tampa Bay Implications* by Randy Deshazo, TBRPC Principal Planner, and a panel exploring the differences in the Millennial, Gen X, Boomer, and Traditional generations. There will be representatives from all generations on the panel and to talk about how decision making is influencing them. Attached to the Memo in your folders are charts and there will be discussion on how large the demographic segments are in our region and how does our region look like the state, federal and the nation as a whole and how that might be different.

A great opportunity for our regional planning council and the four counties of our region is that the Department of Homeland Security has approached us about co-sponsoring a Department of Homeland Security Climate, Hazard Adaptation Exercise and how we will look at climate resiliency, coastal resiliency as we move forward in planning our domestic security. There are only three locations in the United States that will be hosting this – Charleston, S.C., San Diego, CA and Tampa Bay. We will be the only one looking at it from a regional effort. This will be in February or March 2015.

A lot of discussion was on energy. The regional planning council coordinated a Statewide Energy Resiliency Study over the past two years and we are working towards hosting an Energy Summit in the May timeframe. We will talk about energy issues facing our region and the Council will be the convener of the region and look at how we diversify energy, sources in the region, what alternatives may be best for our region. We will talk about Solar Ready Florida in some detail, which is a program of the Council.

Related to that Council staff will be participating at the National Council for Science & the Environment in January working on energy with policymakers, scientists, educators and it will be a fairly large conference. More information will be provided in the near future.

The third one will be the One Bay Resilient Communities which will tie-in with our NOAA grant that is related to Coastal Resiliency, particular sea level rise. We are rolling that into our One Bay Resiliency Community efforts. In about a year from now we hope to know a lot more and have some consensus built on what projections our region and its local governments would be using for sea level rise planning as we move forward. More specific issues are, for example, right now the downtown St. Petersburg waterfront plan will want to be considering sea level rise because this investment that they make with the renovation of

the Pier and such will have a 40-50 year economic life at a minimum. What will the sea level conditions be like in 50 years? We will be providing some technical resources for that.

I will be on a panel at the Blue Ocean on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:30 p.m. somewhere around the USF Campus and will be talking about the economic consequences of doing nothing.

As we move forward topics that may be presented at the Council and at the Collaboration Committee meetings include Medical Tourism, Regional Standards for regulating transportation services, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update, the Economic Scorecard and the Six Pillars Community Designation.

**Chair Núñez:**

Before we move on to the next agenda item I would like to share with you the proposed schedule for our 2015 Council meetings.

We are proposing two additional changes to our 2015 Council Meeting schedule to accommodate our new initiatives.

The Energy Summit that we are in the process of planning will take the place of our May monthly meeting. And, the Coastal Resiliency Forum will take the place of our November 2015 monthly meeting.

And just as a reminder, we also do not have a meeting in January or July unless the Chair calls for a meeting.

Next year our regularly scheduled meetings will be held in February, March, April, June, August, September, October and December.

We will provide you with a schedule in the near future.

Motion to approve the proposed 2015 Council Meeting schedule. (Long/Neidinger)

**C. Local Emergency Planning Committee – No Report**

**D. Legislative Committee**

Mr. Pumariega reported that on September 26<sup>th</sup> a couple of RPC Executive Directors met with DEO's Executive Director Jesse Panuccio and a couple of Department heads. We presented a RPC funding proposal.

They met with us for about 35 to 40 minutes and listened very attentively and we had a good dialogue. Mr. Panuccio committed to circling back with the Governor's office – in particular Policy Chief Stu Pollin who gave us the direction to meet with Jessie Panuccio in the first place.

Since that meeting we have spoken to Bill Killingsworth, DEO Community Development Director. He indicated that he had reviewed our proposals and indicated that he would be providing FRCA with a few recommended changes to the RPC Funding Proposal.

**9. Executive/Budget Committee Report - Chair Núñez**

This morning the Executive/Budget Committee met prior to the Council meeting. And, as reported under Agenda Item 3A, the Committee unanimously approved the FY-2014 Final Year End Budget.

Although FY-2015 just started on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the staff provided a mid-fiscal year budget outlook. The FY-2015 mid-year internal working budget reflects additions and deletions of projects as well as provides for a salary performance pool. It is projected that we will use \$96,246.00 less in fund balance reserves as compared to the initial FY-2015 initial budget that was adopted at the June

Council meeting. We will be using this working budget until a mid-year budget comes forward in March.

Also on the agenda was the Executive Director's Evaluation. As usual Manny received high marks from the Executive/Budget Committee. And, we are fortunate to have such financial leadership during these tough economic times. Manny continues to practice strong fiscal responsibility while maintaining an excellent level of service to the Board and our region.

This past year, the Council adopted the 2013 Initiatives Plan and began to implement the plan through the establishment of the Regional Collaboration Steering Committee. The Council staff also completed the Statewide Energy Resiliency Study and the Statewide Energy Assurance Study which will serve as a "spring board" for an Energy Summit which will be taking place in May of next year.

The Council staff was awarded grants with great significant to the Tampa Bay region which included the Solar Ready Florida Grant and the Coastal Resiliency Grant. There are many other projects which included staffing the RDSTF Region 4 Health and Medical Coalition; the EDA Economic District CEDS Grant; and the Broadband GIS and Mapping Transition to Florida Multi-functional program. These are just a few of the accomplishments made by the staff over this past fiscal year.

Manny and the staff have also worked diligently to establish collaborative efforts with seaports, Tampa Bay tourism, and with our regions airports. This is an ongoing effort in which progress has been made.

This year's Future of the Region's awards program which honors the region's best practice projects and programs was one of the largest attendance records in its 22 year history. And staff developed the TBRPC Bulletin, an email Newsletter which highlights the Council's own great projects and programs.

I would like to take a moment to thank Manny for his dedicated and diligent service to this Council.

#### **10. Chair's Report**

**Nominating Committee Appointments**

It is that time of year when the Chair appoints the Nominating Committee which will present the 2015 Slate of Officers for your approval in December.

I would like to thank the following for agreeing to serve on this year's Nominating Committee: Councilor Bob Matthews, Chair; Commissioner Jack Mariano; Commissioner Bustle; Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd; and Ms. Angeleah Kinsler. Thank you very much.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting prior to the December Council meeting. We would like to invite you to express your desire to serve in this capacity.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer, please keep in mind that it is a three year commitment. Those currently sitting on the Nominating Committee are ineligible to serve.

Please contact Manny or Wren by Friday, October 24th if you would like to be considered for the 2015 Secretary/Treasurer position. Thank you very much for your consideration.

#### **11. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Manny Pumariega**

The FRCA Activity Report for the month of July was distributed in Council folders.

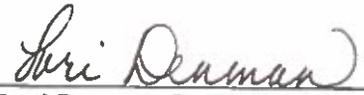
Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:20 a.m.



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Andres Núñez, Chair



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Lori Denman, Recording Secretary