Meeting of the MPO Board
Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Hillsborough County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 26th Floor

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

II. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2020

III. Public Comment - 3 minutes per speaker, 30 minutes total; as needed, additional time may be provided later in the agenda.

IV. Committee Reports & Online Comments (Bill Roberts, CAC Chair and Wanda West, MPO Staff)

V. Consent Agenda
   A. Committee Appointments

VI. Action Items
   A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (Vishaka Raman, MPO Staff) - Roll call vote required
   B. Garden Steps Action Plan (Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff)
   C. Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project (Allison Yeh, MPO Staff)

VII. Status Reports
   A. Cost of Doing Nothing: Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Area (Randy Deshazo, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council)
   B. Plan Hillsborough Annual Report (Melissa Zornitta, Planning Commission)

VIII. Executive Director’s Report
   • HART/ MPO Joint Board Meeting: Tour of Sun Rail, March 5, 9am
   • Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting: March 6, 9:30am
   • MPO Board Workshop on TIP Priorities: March 24, 9am
   • MPO Board Workshop on managed lanes new date: June 19, 9am-Noon

IX. Old & New Business

X. Adjournment

* Public comments are welcome, and may be given in person at this meeting; or, until 3pm the day before the meeting, via e-mail to mpo@plancom.org or by visiting the event posted on the MPO Facebook page. Written comments will be provided in full to the board members.
XI. **Addendum**

A. Announcements

- USDOT Pedestrian Safety Press Conference March 16 @ 9:30am, Fletcher Ave & 22nd Street
- Plant City Bike with the Mayor, March 14, 7:00am, HCC Trinkle Ctr.
- Tampa’s Downtown Bike to Work Ride & Rally with Mayor Castor March 12, 2020 @ 7:00am, Lykes Gaslight Park

B. Project Fact Sheets & Other Status Reports

- FL MPO Advisory Council Legislative News 2-15-20
- FL MPO Advisory Council Legislative News 2-22-20

C. Correspondence

- To Senator Galvano Re: Use of Toll Revenue from High Occupancy Toll or Express Lanes
- To Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao Re: Letter of Support the FY 2020 INFRA grant application for the Container Berth 214
- To Senator Fine Re: SB 1000 and HB 1371 Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
- From FDOT District Secretary on Traffic Fatalities Jan. 17-31
- From FDOT District Secretary on Traffic Fatalities Feb. 1-15

D. Articles Relating to MPO Work

- [State Supreme Court hears arguments about All for Transportation tax](https://www.baynews9.com/story/18863169/state-supreme-court-hears-arguments-about-all-for-transportation-tax) | Bay News 9 | 02.05.20
- [Two Florida Supreme Court Justices speak out against All for Transportation tax in final appeal hearing](https://floridapolitics.com/news/2020/02/two-florida-supreme-court-justices-speak-out-against-all-for-transportation-tax-in-final-appeal-hearing/) | Florida Politics | 02.05.20
- [Hillsborough County commissioners will talk about a back up plan if the all for transportation penny tax doesn't hold up in court](https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/local-news/hillsborough-county-commissioners-will-talk-about-a-back-up-plan-if-the-all-for-transportation-penny-tax-doesnt-hold-up-in-court) | ABC Action News | 02.19.20
- [Hillsborough County commissioners to discuss ‘Plan B’ for transportation project funding](https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/local-news/hillsborough-county-commissioners-to-discuss-plan-b-for-transportation-project-funding) | ABC Action News | 02.19.20
- [Hillsborough Commission considers backup penny tax](https://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/2020/02/19/hillsborough-commission-considers-backup-penny-tax/) | Tampa Bay Times | 02.19.20
- [A replacement Hillsborough transportation tax should mirror the existing tax](https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/2020/02/17/a-replacement-hillsborough-transportation-tax-should-mirror-the-existing-tax/) | Editorial | Tampa Bay Times | 02.17.20
- [Bringing bus service back to Plant City](https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/local-news/2020/02/19/bringing-bus-service-back-to-plant-city/) | ABC Action News | 02.17.20
- [Bus service could soon be back in Plant City](https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/local-news/2020/02/19/bus-service-could-soon-be-back-in-plant-city/) | ABC Action News | 02.17.20
Hillsborough's transportation tax is at risk. What about a back-up tax? | Tampa Bay Times | 02.14.20

Hillsborough County's transit agencies and municipalities are at a standstill waiting for a ruling on the surtax | Business Journal of Tampa Bay | 02.14.20

5 things to know about FDOT's plans to improve 'Malfunction Junction' | Spectrum Bay News 9 | 02.13.20

Keep moving forward to meet Hillsborough's transportation challenges | Column | Tampa Bay Times | 02.13.20

New effort underway to keep The Downtowner running in Downtown Tampa, Channelside | ABC Action News | 02.12.20

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CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The MPO Chairman, Commissioner Les Miller, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. The regular monthly meeting was held at the County Center Building on the 18th Floor, Planning Commission Board Room.

The following members were present:

Commissioner Les Miller, Commissioner Pat Kemp, Commissioner Ken Hagan, Charles Klug, Councilman Joseph Citro, Michael Maurino, Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Janet Scherberger, Commissioner Mariella Smith, Mayor Rick Lott and Joe Waggoner.

The following members were absent: Cindy Stuart, Mayor Mel Jurado, Councilman Luis Viera, Councilman Guido Maniscalco and Adam Harden.

A quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 7, 2020

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Kemp so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Overman and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two public comments. Laurel Urena, who lives in North Ybor, spoke in opposition of the proposed ramp to 14th/15th Streets from I-4. She is a small business owner and her background is in environmental engineering. She emphasized that the North Ybor area is not designed for capacity that would be pushed on the community by the building of a ramp to I-4. For the safety and health of the community she is asking to prioritize the stakeholders and citizens.

Chris Vela from Ybor City spoke about the environmentally friendly noise walls white paper. He pointed out that most of the walls in the report are not in the U.S. and very theoretical. These walls are not restorative to the neighborhood. If they build these walls it will permit large roads. He personally does not want TIF funds to go into a wall for an interstate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, ONLINE COMMENTS

Bill Roberts, CAC Chair, presented an update from the CAC. The committee had its annual election of officers and he was re-elected as Chairman for another year. Rick Fernandez was elected as Vice Chair and Steven Hollenkamp was elected Officer at Large. The attendance report was reviewed and it was determined there need be no seats declared vacant on the CAC. Under action items, the CAC has
approved and forwarded to the board a few items. The environmentally sensitive noise walls white paper was reviewed and discussed at length and they recommend the following amendments. First, they ask that the MPO Board consider traffic noise at its origin. The CAC also added the benefit and cost analysis of solar panels which could be attached to the noise walls to offset the cost. Finally, the CAC asked that you consider the impact to the natural environment as well as the human environment. The CAC heard a status report on the FY 21 & 22 Unified Planning Work Program Call for Projects and will revisit this topic in the next week’s meeting. There are two new appointments and two re-appointments on the agenda today for the CAC members, and they encourage the MPO Board to help fill out the CAC membership. The members expressed interest in a couple of items. There was a request to get further data on roundabouts and traffic patterns in and throughout Hillsborough County. Mr. Fernandez asked for an update on the status of the Boulevard study. Finally, Rick Richmond, our Hillsborough CAC representative to TBARTA’s CAC, gave a brief report of the status on the ongoing Regional Rapid Transit (RRT) Study project. The RRT project has scaled down to 12 or 13 stations along the proposed route.

Wanda West, MPO Staff, reported on behalf of the other committees. She said that last month the committees held their annual elections of officers and member attendance. The TAC re-elected Jeff Sims as Chair, Mike Williams as Vice Chair and Tony Garcia as Officer at Large. The BPAC re-elected Jonathan Forbes as Chair and Jim Shirk as Vice Chair. LRC re-elected David Hey as Vice-Chair and Cathy Coyle as Officer at Large. The ITS Committee elected Brandon Campbell as Chair, Brian Gentry as Vice Chair and Jeff Sims as Officer at Large. HART is seeking a replacement for Shannon Haney who previously served as the primary appointee to the ITS Committee. Until a replacement is found Chris Cochran will serve as primary and Justin Willits will serve as alternate.

The committees reviewed and recommended approval of the 2020 Safety Performance Targets and the Environmentally Friendly Noise Walls White Paper which are action items on your agenda today. The LRC approved the White Paper, supported transmittal, and strongly encouraged forming a noise wall working group; the LRC volunteered to participate with this working group. They also received a refresher on Roberts Rules of Order and received a status report on FY 21 & 22 Unified Planning Work Program Call for Projects; the LRC will revisit this item at their next meeting. The ITS Committee dedicated its meeting to host a workshop discussing the recently launched Clear Guide Data and Analytics Platform.

There were no questions following the committee reports and online comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the Committee Appointments. Commissioner Overman moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and adopted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. Environmentally Friendly Noise Walls White Paper

Michele Ogilvie presented the research paper on Environmentally Friendly Noise Walls. There was research showing that noise affects public health. Noise walls are used to buffer homes and other sensitive land uses. Noise walls can reduce traffic noise as much as half, are most effective within 200 feet of a highway, and reduce noise levels for people living next to the highway. Noise sensitive land uses include homes, schools, parks and churches. Noise does affect human health with things like sleep disorders, heart disease, hypertension, cognitive impairment and hearing loss. The Health In All Policies resolution that this MPO has adopted asks us to consider air quality. The white paper has a great deal of discussion on air quality including traffic emission impacts and health risks. Walls can do more than just reduce noise; they do provide some health benefits and reduce pollution concentration. In our data, there is a prevalence of asthma that appears higher in the general vicinity of I-4 and I-275. There are other technologies that the white paper suggests. One of them is a SMOGSTOP Barrier which are used in Canada and United

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Kingdom. Some of the mitigation suggestions in the white paper are trees that mature to a height taller than the height of the barrier and thereby act as a vertical extension, improving the capability to reduce air pollutants. Other opportunities are solar panels and living barriers.

There were a few comments from the committees. The Citizens Advisory Committee asked for three things: to consider mitigation of noise and speed at their origins; look at a benefit and cost analysis of solar panels; and consider impacts to the natural environments. In addition, the Livable Roadways Committee supports the formation of a Noise Wall Working Group to follow up on the paper’s recommendations.

The recommendation is to accept the report and transmit it to potential implementing agencies for consideration in future projects, particularly in high density population areas and communities of concern. Additionally, establish an MPO Noise Wall Working group as a subcommittee of the Livable Roadways Committee, and address the other MPO committee’s requests with this LRC subcommittee.

Commissioner Overman questioned if FDOT would pay for the noise walls and if these noise walls have been deemed reasonably priced. As part of the SEIS it would be a recommendation that these be implemented to protect our citizens. Commissioner Kemp noted the importance of walls absorbing the pollution on neighborhoods and questioned the use of solar panels on the walls. She is supportive of the noise walls but opposed to neighborhoods funding the noise walls.

Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the Environmentally Friendly Noise Walls White Paper along with the committee recommendations. Commissioner Smith so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Kemp and adopted.

B. 2020 Safety Performance Targets

Johnny Wong, MPO Staff, stated he will recap the 2019 crash performance and present the 2020 safety performance targets. The target setting process is required every year. This is the third year we are doing it. There are four things that have occurred since the 2019 safety target adoption. There was a comprehensive speed management study; there have been some high-impact safety improvements put on our high crash corridors; transportation sales surtax project plans were approved; and the It’s Time Hillsborough 2045 LRTP was adopted. There is a process and schedule for Safety Target-setting. On September 5, 2019, the FDOT submitted to the FHWA a calendar-year 2020 target of ZERO for all five safety performance measures. No later than February 27, 2020 the MPO must establish safety targets for calendar-year 2020, i.e. within 180 days after the state establishes targets. FHWA will assess whether the state met or made significant progress toward meeting the targets and will report findings by March 31, 2021. Toward the end of 2019, we hosted a workshop in our office and there were a number of MPO’s in attendance, FHWA staff, DOT staff as well nationally recognized vision zero experts, and we shared what our target-setting methodology has been over the past three years. Following that workshop, FHWA informed us that they are going to nominate us for our target-setting methodology to be a best practice.

To calculate the expected safety performance for 2020, we look at ten years of performance crash data and compose a linear projection to forecast what our performance will be in future years. Once we have the number, we apply a crash reduction factor that we generated from our 2045 Plan needs assessment work, and that gives us what the expected performance will be at the end of the year based on a certain level of safety funding. We calculated that if a certain level of safety funding holds through the year 2045, the impact that we can expect to have will be to reduce crashes by 35 percent, by putting down safety features on our high crash corridors. This is an annual crash reduction of 2.1 percent. The Fletcher Avenue and 50th Street safety improvement projects proved to be highly effective according to our crash performance data. The annual fatalities target projected thru 2020 is less than 209. The fatalities target on a 5-year rolling average is fewer than 204. The motorcycle fatalities target on a 5-year rolling average is 44.50. This is a new, optional target we’re proposing due to the fact that motorcycle fatalities have
increased. The serious injuries target is required by FHWA, and the 5-year rolling average is 1255. The nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries target is required also, and the 5-year rolling average is 222. Another required target is the fatality rate per 100MVMT and the 5-year rolling average is 1.41. The last required target is the serious injury rate per 100MVMT and the 5-year rolling average is 8.70. Dr. Wong provided a report card on performance measure. The recommended action based on the adopted methodology is to approve the calendar-year 2020 safety targets.

Commissioner Smith commented on how to make these targets more ambitious, and asked if we could bring this back next month for consideration with a more ambitious target. Gena Torres commented on vision zero and then pointed out that they will share some effective projects that you can see the reduction on serious fatalities in the status report presentations. Commissioner Kemp inquired if the MPO can continue to work on these targets. Beth Alden agreed Commissioner Smith brought up very important points that don’t require a lot of capital investment; they will however need cooperation from other groups. Ms. Alden suggested a summit to talk to leadership who could make a difference with these kinds of policies. Commissioner Kemp commented that to bring down the vision zero rate you need to increase transit. Mayor Lott stated we need to do everything we can and to add in all categories to get to zero. Mayor Lott does not see great improvements in the Tampa Bay Area as he does in the areas of the state. Commissioner Miller commented that the improvements in other areas are from the political leadership in Tallahassee. He questioned the motorcycle fatalities. Commissioner Smith stated she is fine with accepting the report for a 5-year average but we should not accept a target to expect the same results.

**Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve 2020 Safety Performance Targets. Mayor Lott so moved; it was seconded by Mr. Waggoner and the Motion carried nine to two. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Kemp voted no.**

**C. New Legislative Positions**

Beth Alden, MPO Director, pointed out in the packet a copy of a letter that was transmitted last year to our legislative delegation. Since that time two potential legislative positions for consideration have recently come forward. They in the form of two other letters from MPOs. One is from Forward Pinellas and it is about Senate Bill 1000 and House Bill 1371 on Traffic and Pedestrian Safety, which would tie the hands of our traffic safety engineers, who would no longer be able to use rapid flashing beacons as a safety treatment to improve the safety of pedestrian crosswalks. Ms. Alden would like to bring to consideration that we would take a position similar to Forward Pinellas in asking the legislature to not tie the hands of our safety engineers to continue to allow us to use rapid flashing beacons where they are deemed appropriate to our engineers. The second position is from the Miami Dade TPO. They are proposing that the language be broadened a little to transit in general, not just limited to express bus service operating on that highway. Ms. Alden seeks direction on whether Hillsborough MPO should take either or both positions. Commissioner Kemp questioned broadening the use of toll revenues beyond express buses.

**Chairman Miller sought a motion to approve the new Legislative Positions. Commissioner Smith so moved; it was seconded by Commissioner Hagan and the Motion carried ten to one. Commissioner Kemp voted no.**

**STATUS REPORT**

**A. Making Progress on Safety**
Gena Torres, MPO Staff, introduced the series of presentations about how to make more progress towards the vision of zero deaths.

Bob Campbell, Transportation Engineer for Hillsborough County, introduced the history of Fletcher Ave. The MPO in 2010 recognized this as the highest severe-crash corridor in Hillsborough County. Based on that study Hillsborough County decided to do a study on Fletcher from Nebraska Avenue to Bruce B Downs. As a result of this they also developed a project with three critical components in roadway safety: engineering, enforcement and education. The Hillsborough County sheriff’s department was actively involved because they wanted to improve the safety problem on one of the roads, so they were involved in the inception of this project, and implementation after the project was completed, including the education and enforcement component. The University of South Florida through CUTR also helped with education. District 7 was involved in the inception of this project and helped get the funding. Also, at their request, this project incorporated a number of innovative and creative ideas on how to do safety. These ideas are now incorporated in various manuals statewide as well as Federal Highway Administration publications. Wade Reynolds will now present the result of this particular project.

Wade Reynolds, MPO Staff, explained Fletcher Avenue Complete Street Before and After Study. The research objectives on Fletcher Avenue were how individuals use crosswalks along Fletcher Avenue, the willingness of individuals to properly use the crosswalks, opinions about crosswalks, including motivators and barriers to using crosswalks as designed, and barriers individuals experience related to not properly using the crosswalks. This study was done in November and December 2018, and a number of observations came out of this study. The December 2018 observation showed 83.4 percent of people use the crosswalk to cross the street and almost 90 percent push the crosswalk signal button. The observation also showed very few bicyclists wore a helmet and most are biking on the sidewalk. While looking at the mode of transportation, almost 78 percent were pedestrians and only 9 percent of the pedestrians and bicyclists were distracted. Almost 98 percent of motorists yielded at the mid block crossings. The intercept surveys showed the top reasons for traveling along Fletcher Avenue were retail, and to and from work. 66 percent of the people were within one mile of their destination. Mr. Reynolds went over the barriers to using crosswalks and perceptions of crossing Fletcher Avenue, trustworthy people, knowledge of Florida Traffic Laws, reasons for not using crosswalks, safe and unsafe feelings and reasons associated with crosswalks. In conclusion, more pedestrians and bicyclists were observed using the crosswalks and pushing the crosswalk button compared to previous years, less distraction, felt safer yet there are still people that cross outside crosswalk. The interviews indicated more crosswalks, police intervention, and education would make people more likely to use the crosswalks.

The complete streets improvements were as follows: five mid-block pedestrian crossings added with overhead and ground-mounted RRFBs, one mid-block pedestrian crossing with a traffic control signal, LED lighting added at pedestrian crossings, raised pedestrian islands and raised traffic separators installed, landscaping features incorporated into median, bicycle lanes added to both sides of road, speed limit reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph, media outreach and education of the public and high visibility enforcement. On average, the daily traffic volumes on Fletcher Avenue have increased since the completion of the project, the average speeds of vehicles decreased within the study segment and the average travel time increased, pedestrian and bicyclist volumes along the corridor also increased after the project was completed, a majority of the pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles utilize the installed facilities properly, overall total number of vehicle crashes were reduced as well as crash severity. There was an increase in pedestrian and bicycle crashes. However, taking into account the additional volume of pedestrian and bicycle activity, the pedestrian and bicycle crash rate decreased. The severity of the pedestrian and bicycle crashes was also reduced within the project area.

Commissioner Kemp commented on the am and pm travel and increased speed.

Peter Hsu, FDOT Traffic Safety Engineer, announced on March 16th at 9am DOT and county will welcome a high-level USDOT official. They are going to use Fletcher Avenue to talk to the nation about to address
Mr. Hsu followed up on Johnny Wong’s presentation on the 2020 Safety Performance Targets and said the numbers of fatalities this January has reduced more than 15 percent in Hillsborough county and 30 percent total in District 7 compared to last January.

Mr. Hsu presented the safety improvements on Busch Boulevard from Dale Mabry Hwy to N 56th St. Busch Blvd is a principal arterial and it has mix of context classifications like suburban residential and commercial and urban general. There needs to be a balance between safety and operations. The multi approach to safety is engineering, education and enforcement. The Bike Walk Tampa Bay launched a marketing and education campaign along Busch Boulevard in 2019. There was a speed enforcement grant from FDOT on Busch Blvd and recently completed resurfacing project on West Busch Blvd and also included corridor wide safety enhancements. FDOT is exploring the feasibility of incorporating context classification corridor timing along Busch Boulevard. There is upcoming project on East Busch Blvd where they are adding a raised median and pedestrian-hybrid beacons (PHB) for pedestrian crossings. PHBs has yielded positive results showing crashes went down significantly after construction was completed. Upcoming corridor improvements will include speed management strategies for target speed of 35 mph on West Busch Blvd, access management and fill in sidewalk gaps. Additional actions will include exploring potential PHB installation at W. Busch Blvd and North Rome Circle and reducing curb radii at North Nebraska Avenue. Studies found that the addition of raised medians, speed feedback sign and increased enforcement resulted in an average speed reduction of 4.5 MPH on West Busch Blvd. Anticipated benefits to East Busch Blvd are that speeds will be reduced by at least 5 MPH which will eliminate approximately 13 crashes annually.

Michael Maurino inquired about the contact classifications and where on the corridors is 3C, 3R and C4. Commissioner Kemp commented on the lack of funding and what can we do to get more funding. Beth Alden responded this is what will be covered in the MPO Board Workshop next month.

Paula Flores, MPO Consultant, presented an update on the Speed Management Study. The first goal is to update policies, standard and procedures to foster a culture of safety in planning and design of the transportation system. The second goal is to create a safe multimodal transportation system through good design, lighting and connected facilities. This is important because Florida is the most dangerous state for pedestrians and bicyclists in recent history. The data tells us that 75 percent of fatal crashes occur on roads with posted speeds of 40mph, 75 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes occur on one-third of our roads, 33 percent of fatal crashes involve aggressive driving and one-third of pedestrian crashes result in death or incapacitation. Speeding kills more than 10,000 a year. The goal of this study is to improve public health and safety by reducing road fatalities and serious injuries. The desired outcomes are to improve safety experience, increase awareness, institutionalize good practices, identify supportive policies, programs and infrastructure improvements to meet safety goal and to obtain cooperation and support of stakeholders. The speed management action plan is stakeholder involvement, speed management practices, corridor prioritization, next 30 high injury corridors and speed management action plan. Ms. Flores reviewed the crash statistics and communities of concern. They started with the top 20 crash corridors and prioritized according to the performance level. They were able to identify the next 30 and prioritize the next 30 high injury corridors and priority matrix. The next step will be to establish a speed management action plan.

Commissioner Kemp noted other cities have reduced their speed. Commissioner Smith thanked MPO Staff and consultants for the surprise take-aways from today’s reports, which can help with policy decisions. Gena Torres stated they will bring the next steps to the Policy Committee for action.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Beth Alden noted the next MPO Board meeting is on March 3rd at 9am, followed by the HART/MPO Joint Board Meeting: Tour of Sun Rail on March 5 at 8am. The Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting is on March 6 at 9:30am. The MPO has found some great speakers to attend the upcoming Managed Lanes
Workshop including Stantec, Todd Littman with Victoria Transport Policy Institute, and Kate Mattice with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. The workshop will have to be postponed from May 29 and a new date will be proposed soon. On March 24, there is a TIP Priority board workshop in the Plan Hillsborough Room.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Roger Roscoe, FDOT Staff, pointed out the public notice on the Tampa Interstate Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. There are two public hearings in February. Session one is February 25 5-7pm at HCC Dale Mabry Campus and Session 2 is on February 27 at Port Tampa Bay Cruise Terminal #6 5-7pm.

Cameron Clark, MPO Attorney, will be presenting the Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director in the April meeting.

Mr. Maurino commented on TDM strategies for the I-275 interchange and Ms. Alden responded that the TIP manager will be in touch to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.
**Committee Reports**

**Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on February 19**

Under Action items, the CAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- Garden Steps Action Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Roadway Improvements to I-75 Northbound on-ramp from US 301 Northbound
- Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project

The CAC heard status reports on Induced Demand and Transit Major Projects: Next Steps.

**Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on February 17**

Under Action items, the TAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Roadway Improvements to I-75 Northbound on-ramp from US 301 Northbound
- Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project – After some discussion, the TAC recommended approval with slight modifications to the wording of the action. The revised language was to ACCEPT the report and to request that implementing entities STRONGLY CONSIDER mitigation strategies.

The TAC heard status reports on Transit Major Projects Next Steps, and on the Tampa Interstate Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Study. The Committee had some discussion of the new proposed exit ramps at 14th and 15th Streets.

**Meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on February 12**

Under Action items, BPAC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:

- Garden Steps Action Plan

The BPAC heard a status reports on Induced Traffic, the HART Arterial BRT Corridor Study, the Tampa Streetcar Modernization and Extension, the Vision Zero Speed Management Study, and on the Bicycle Friendly Business program.
**Meeting of the Livable Roadways Advisory Committee (LRC) on February 26**

The LRC approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
- Garden Steps Action Plan
- Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project

The LRC heard status reports on Induced Demand, the HART Arterial BRT Corridor Study, and their upcoming Painted intersections/Crosswalks to Classrooms Field Trip.

**Meeting of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board on February 21**

The TDCB reviewed and approved the **Annual Evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator**. The Coordinator met all standards of the evaluation. The most notable accomplishment is Road Calls- the standard has been met for the first time since 2013! This is a positive result of the Board of County Commissioners’ investment in replacement buses. The service also received an overall satisfaction rating of 98% from its clients!

The TDCB also approved and forwarded to the MPO Board:
- Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project
- Garden Steps Action Plan

The TDCB also learned that use of Saturday service is growing rapidly; it now averages 60 trips a day. The TDCB noted that this is a “million percent increase” from zero trips. They thanked the MPO for their support and the BOCC for their funding of the new service.

The TDCB also heard status reports on the HART Arterial BRT Corridor Study, and the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program FY 21 & 22 UPWP Call for Projects.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Committee Appointment

Presenter
None – Consent Agenda

Summary

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) shall be responsible for providing information and overall community values and needs into the transportation planning program of the MPO; evaluating and proposing solutions from a citizen’s perspective concerning alternative transportation proposals and critical issues; providing knowledge gained through the CAC into local citizen group discussions and meetings; and establishing comprehension and promoting credibility for the MPO Program. CAC members serve two-year terms, and the following current members have been nominated:

Representing the African American Representative is Terrance Trott

Recommended Action
That the MPO confirm the above appointments

Prepared By
Cheryl Wilkening

Attachments
None
Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Roadway improvements for I-75 northbound on-ramp from northbound US 301

Presenter
Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff

Summary
The following item is an amendment to the Fiscal Year FY2019/20 – 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment will add $4,946,815.00 in construction funds for roadway improvements. This project includes the design and construction of new concrete pavement, rehabilitation of existing pavement, milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt, paving, signing and pavement markings, lighting, signalization, utility coordination, permitting, drainage structures, sidewalk, walls, earthwork, grading, sodding, maintenance of traffic and other services, materials and activities necessary to complete the project.

This project acts as a goes-with project for FPIDs 437639-1-52-01, 437639-1-52-02 and 441388-1-52-01. These projects are all part of the roadway improvements to US 301 from north of Lake St. Charles Blvd to north of Progress Blvd and I-75 northbound on ramp from northbound US 301 to I-75 northbound in Hillsborough County.

Recommended Action
Recommend approval of the Amendment 11 to the FY2019/20 TIP.

Prepared By
Vishaka Shiva Raman, MPO Staff

Attachments
Comparative Report for TIP Amendment 11
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**FDOT 5 Year TIP**

**Hillsborough County, District 7**

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US 301/SR 676A from south of Bloomingdale Ave. to Bloomingdale Ave. and US 301/SR 43 from north of Lake St. Charles Blvd to north of Progress Blvd and I-75 northbound on ramp from northbound US 301 to I-75 northbound in Hillsborough County

Project Overview:
The project consists of the design and construction of roadway improvements to US 301 from north of Lake St. Charles Blvd to north of Progress Blvd and I-75 northbound on ramp from northbound US 301 to I-75 northbound in Hillsborough County. These improvements include new concrete pavement, rehabilitation of existing concrete pavement, milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt, paving, signing and pavement markings, lighting, signalization, utility coordination, permitting, drainage structures, sidewalk, walls, earthwork, grading, sodding, maintenance of traffic and other services, materials and activities necessary to complete the project.
Hillsborough MPO
Metropolitan Planning for Transportation

Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Garden Steps Action Plan

**Presenter**
Michele Ogilvie, MPO Staff

**Summary**
The Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) launched the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge (the Challenge) in 2016. The purpose of the Challenge is to support cities and counties to build multi-sectoral collaborations and develop evidence-based strategies promoting health, equity and social interaction.

The MPO’s Garden Steps projects was selected as one of 50 cities and counties from across the country to compete for a grand prize recognizing achievements in improving community health. In 2019, the Challenge named Garden Steps as a first runner up in the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge, with an award of $50,000.

Garden Steps created the Hillsborough Health Atlas, a web-based publicly available tool to help communities evaluate the interconnectivity of health, environment, transportation, food access and emergency preparedness. The Atlas shows high rates of diabetes, obesity, asthma, lack of leisure time activity, and poor physical and mental health, in “food desert” areas in Tampa. The Atlas also provides transportation data such as sidewalk coverage, bus routes and crashes of bicyclists and pedestrians. Neighborhood socioeconomic data can also be displayed and overlaid with information on heat indices and other risk factors.

The next steps for Garden Steps are outlined in the attached, proposed Garden Steps Action Plan. The MPO has been supported greatly by the Coalition of Community Gardens, City of Tampa Economic Development Department, City of Tampa Transportation Department, City of Tampa Parks Department, Florida Department of Health-Hillsborough, HART, and residents of City of Tampa. Further, the Garden Steps Action Plan is based on the community values, data and goals identified through the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge.

**Recommended Action**
Support the Garden Steps Action Plan

**Prepared By**
Michele Ogilvie, MPO staff

**Attachments**
DRAFT Garden Steps Plan
GARDEN STEPS ACTION PLAN: 2020 - 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) launched the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge (the Challenge) in 2016. The purpose of the Challenge is to support U.S. cities and counties in their efforts to build multi-sectoral collaborations and develop evidence-based strategies promoting health, equity and social interaction. Garden Steps was selected as one of 50 proposals from across the country to compete for a grand prize recognizing achievements in improving community health. In 2019, the Challenge named Garden Steps as a first runner up in the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge with an award of $50,000.

BACKGROUND

Garden Steps Initiative seeks to create community gardens with easy pedestrian and bicycle access in identified food deserts. The goal is to improve health equity and population health by increasing easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Garden Steps is accomplishing this goal:

- To encourage the sustainability and formation of Community Garden, the Garden Steps team sponsored the first annual Grow Community Gardens – Tampa Bay Conference with 120 attendees participating.
- Garden Steps installed 2 Pop up Gardens with the strong capacity of community volunteers.
- Working with the City of Tampa Transportation Department, a Pedestrian Wayfinding pilot project to a Community Garden was completed.
- Addressing population health, Garden Steps has hosted two Vegetable Cooking & Tasting Sessions for seniors who are learning to manage Diabetes. A new partnership with Senior Connections offered an opportunity to assist in the support of better outcomes in the health and wellness of older adults.
- Garden Steps has collected data on food deserts, chronic health conditions, transportation facilities and related indicators creating the Hillsborough County Health Atlas, a public tool which currently features over 65 health indicators.
- The Garden Steps Health Initiative proposed a model approach to improving health equity through presentations at events such as the Community Indicators Consortium 2017 Impact Summit, the Florida Brownfields Conference and the 2018 National Conference on Equitable Development.
• A Health in All Policies resolution demonstrating the relationship between the MPO’s regional, short- and long-term transportation plans with the Department of Health’s priorities in addressing health equity has been created.
• Garden Steps has used annual community events such as the Neighborhoods Conference and Clean Air Fair to encourage and educate on the benefits of community gardens.
• Partnering with our transit partner, Garden Steps created an education poster on the value of community gardening that is on display at all transfer stations and at stops along our bus transit way.
• Garden Steps has established a web page sharing information on how to begin a garden at: http://www.planhillsborough.org/gardens/
• Attended 15 neighborhood and community group meetings to consult and collaborate.

PARTNERS

The MPO was supported greatly by the Coalition of Community Gardens, City of Tampa Economic Development Department, City of Tampa Transportation Department, City of Tampa Parks Department, Florida Department of Health, Hillsborough, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART), residents of city of Tampa.

VALUES

The values that reflect the principles of Garden Steps are:

1. **Health Equity**: GARDEN STEPS is committed to the reduction of health disparities; particularly those populations who do not have safe and equal access to nutritional food; including all residents with all levels of ability, from all backgrounds.

2. **Sustainability**: GARDEN STEPS is committed to a lasting impact.

3. **Education**: GARDEN STEPS is committed to educating people on how they can support, encourage and engage in healthy behavior.

4. **Community Engagement**: GARDEN STEPS recognizes that community engagement is empowering and increases the likelihood of cooperation, ownership and success.

5. **Data Driven**: GARDEN STEPS is committed to using data collection and analysis to guide decision making and improve health outcomes.
DATA DRIVEN

A. Early on, the Steering Committee for Garden Steps asked that we understand what the health of our community is. This led to the creation of the Hillsborough Health Atlas, a web based public tool to help communities evaluate the interconnectivity of Health, Environment, Transportation, Food Access, and Emergency Preparedness. We have learned that many residents in food deserts face high rates of Diabetes, Obesity, Asthma, lack of leisure time activity and poor physical and mental health. The Atlas also provides inclusive transportation data such as sidewalk coverage, bus routes and crashes of bicyclists and pedestrians; neighborhood socioeconomic data can also be displayed and overlaid with information on heat index and other risk factors.

B. Working with community partner Senior Connections, Garden Steps provided cooking demonstrations and taste-tests of fresh vegetables at 2 senior centers where 35 participants are learning Diabetes Self-Management. The Project Manager shared the participants comments- "Beets can be tasty prepared as we were shown. Cauliflower also." "Helpful to learn the manner that vegetables were prepared." We were encouraged by the Project Manager’s comment to us as well: “Continue to share your love of gardening and growing fresh vegetables in our community. You are making a difference!”

GOALS

Goal 1: Expand access to Community Gardens in an identified Food Desert
- Design, build, and maintain new gardens
- Build New Partnerships (Network to End Hunger, Office of Sustainability, IFAS, Hillsborough County)

Responsible Partner(s): Coalition of Community Gardens, City of Tampa, MPO

Goal 2: Engage and Educate
- Preparing and holding educational and outreach events to include veggie tasting and cooking opportunities
- Develop and engage programming for seniors, teens and children

Responsible Partner(s): Coalition of Community Gardens, City of Tampa and Middleton High School

Goal 3: Update Data
- Continue to update the Health Atlas
- Expand the Health Atlas to include all of Hillsborough County
Responsible Partner(s): Plan Hillsborough

Goal 4: Support People Focused Infrastructure
- Support the development of the Green ARTery trail system
- Continue to coordinate and partner with HART

Responsible Partner(s): MPO and City of Tampa

BUDGET FOR THREE YEAR PILOT PROJECT

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**Year 1**

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| Task 2: Create Community Education  
Veggie tasting  
Community Programming for children, teens and seniors |
| Task 3: Create Front Yard Veggie Gardens for the intention of addressing food desert |
| Task 4: Continue Health Atlas update  
Plan Hillsborough |
| Task 5: Human transportation Infrastructure for the intention of safe access and healthy activity  
Tampa |
| Task 6: Create Record of accomplishments |

**TOTAL**  
$15,000

**Year 2**

| Task 1: Continue to Maintain gardens |
| Task 2: Continue Community Education |
| Task 3: Continue Front Yard Veggie Gardens |
| Task 4: Continue Health Atlas update  
Plan Hillsborough |
| Task 5: Human transportation Infrastructure for the intention of safe access and healthy activity  
Tampa |
| Task 6: Record accomplishments |

**TOTAL**  
$10,000

**Year 3**

| Task 1: Continue to maintain gardens |
| Task 2: Continue Community Education |
| Task 3: Continue Front Yard Veggie Gardens |
| Task 4: Continue Health Atlas update  
Plan Hillsborough |
| Task 5: Human transportation Infrastructure for the intention of safe access and healthy activity |

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Task 6: Complete recording of accomplishments and report back to Aetna

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**KEY MESSAGE:**

The interconnectedness of transportation's impact on economic development is huge. It is anticipated that the future successful economy is one that leverages active, safe transportation systems to attract and retain a skillful labor force. the Community Garden can connect generations, neighbors and families; reduce transportation costs for food; provide a space and tool for people to share work and build new social and economic capital.
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Pilot Project

**Presenters**
Karen Kiselewski, Cambridge Systematics Inc.
Allison Yeh, MPO Staff

**Summary**
The Tampa Bay region is an important state hub for the tourism, higher education, commercial shipping, medical services, business/financial services, defense/national security, and agricultural sectors. The region is also one of the most vulnerable areas in the country, experiencing frequent storm events and persistent flooding. While it has not been directly impacted by a major hurricane in nearly 100 years, the region has experienced a series of close calls, most recently during the 2017 hurricane season. Due to climate change, the region faces additional threats from sea level rise and increasing frequency of severe inland flooding from heavy precipitation events.

As the Tampa Bay region continues to face these climate challenges, understanding individual asset and overall system vulnerability to key climate hazards will allow state and local agencies to integrate appropriate measure and strategies into their planning process, project development, asset management, and day-to-day operation. New federal requirements state that future Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) updates must address "improving the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reducing or mitigating the stormwater impacts of surface transportation ..."

To assist in meeting the new federal mandate as well as inform the LRTP updates, the Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation pilot project, which includes the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization, Forward Pinellas, Pasco MPO, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Florida Department of Transportation District 7, conducted a climate vulnerability study utilizing a FHWA Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather grant.

The study assessed the potential climate vulnerability and risks on transportation network due to storm surge, flooding, and sea level rise; screened and prioritized critical transportation facilities; identified adaptation strategies and candidate projects;
compared potential economic impact and adaptation costs, and provide recommendations for inclusion of resiliency strategies in the decision making process of transportation planning.

The study focused on roadway infrastructure in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties. The Tampa Bay regional travel demand model served as the base. An indicator-based desk review approach was used in the quantitative analysis part of the study, stakeholder input was obtained and incorporated regarding important (critical) roads. It should be noted that the study is a scenario-based evaluation and should not be viewed as a prediction of occurrence.

The report identifies recommendations for incorporating adaptation strategies into the LRTPs for all three MPOs. For Hillsborough County, staff recommends prioritizing transportation mitigation investments for facilities that are highly vulnerable to weather stressors and highly critical to the community. A list of the highly critical and highly vulnerable segments is attached for your review. The full draft report is available at http://www.planhillsborough.org/resilient-tampa-bay-transportation/

This project is part of the FHWA’s Office of Planning, Environment, & Realty (HEP) research program on Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/resilience/pilots/index.cfm

**Recommended Action**

Accept the Resilient Tampa Bay: Transportation Pilot Project Report

Request that implementing entities strongly consider mitigation strategies for the highly critical, highly vulnerable road segments when doing maintenance or other work on those roads.

**Prepared By**

Allison Yeh, AICP, LEED GA

**Attachment**

Informational Flyer

List of Highly Critical and Highly Vulnerable Segments
Strengthening the Resilience of Our Regional Transportation Network

The Tampa Bay region is an important state economic hub and is also one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to extreme weather events. Many roads and bridges in the Tampa Bay region are susceptible to flooding because they are in areas of low elevation, cross flood zones, and run near to the coast.

However, with advanced planning and innovative engineering, there are many steps we can take to enhance the resilience of our roads and support the safety and prosperity of our communities.

What's the Concern?
Weather patterns and climate projections indicate that flood risks are increasing:

- **Storm Surge**
  - Mexico Beach, Pier, FL, recorded a 14-foot storm surge during Hurricane Michael in 2018.

- **Sea Level Rise**
  - Since 1946, the Tampa Bay area has seen over 7 inches of sea level rise, and that rate is expected to increase.

- **Inland Flooding**
  - Flooding has increased in the Southeast. For example, four major inland flood events occurred in 2014 – 2016 alone, causing billions of dollars in damages and loss of life.

The Tampa Bay Area Has:
- 1,000+ miles of shoreline
- Nearly 3 million residents
- 58% of population in flood zones

Within the Three Counties, It Is Projected That:
- 9 inches of rain over 24 hours would potentially impact 12% of roads
- A category 3 hurricane with high sea level rise would potentially impact 28% of roads

Over 14 Days of Network Disruption:
- Economic losses are more than the cost of high priority road upgrades.

FDOT · Forward Pinellas · Hillsborough MPO · Pasco County MPO
Federal Highway Administration · Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Learn more about the Resilient Tampa Bay Transportation Pilot and its recommendations:

www.resilienttampabay.org
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*Further Evaluation and Prioritization*
Board & Committee Agenda Item

**Agenda Item**
Cost of Doing Nothing: Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Area

**Presenter(s)**
Randy DeShazo, Director of Planning & Research, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

**Summary**
Rising sea levels may submerge many areas of the Tampa Bay region by 2060. While there are varying estimates, one worst case possibility suggests that sea levels may rise as much as 2.95 feet over the next forty years. Such an increase may cause thousands of properties to be flooded, thousands of jobs to be lost, lost taxes and lost income from tourism as well as the loss of much of the region’s barrier islands. Using Geographic Information Systems, economic impact software, county property records and geocoded employment data, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) prepared The Cost of Doing Nothing: Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Region to consider the potential impacts of year round flooding on the regional economy. Together these impacts bear cumulative costs of $162 billion to the region’s Gross Regional Product.

**Recommended Action**
For information only

**Prepared By**
Allison Yeh, AICP, LEED GA

**Attachment**
Board & Committee Agenda Item

Agenda Item
Plan Hillsborough Annual Report

Presenter
Melissa Zornitta, AICP, Executive Director, Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission

Summary
The Planning Commission provides staff support to the Hillsborough MPO, under an interlocal agreement between the MPO Board and the Planning Commission. This arrangement allows consolidated, streamlined and coordinated service provision in the arenas of long-range planning for transportation, land use, and the environment. The consolidated professional services team conducts business under the logo of Plan Hillsborough.

The Strategic Plan for Plan Hillsborough was adopted in August 2018 by all three governing boards which receive staff support: the MPO, Planning Commission, and the Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board. The Strategic Plan provides direction and guidance for the agency’s near-term priorities, which were developed through input and direction from board members.

Today’s presentation will describe progress over the past year to implement the Strategic Plan. Using the framework of the Plan’s seven Strategic Priorities, staff will provide an update on projects, partnerships and programs from 2019, as well as outline data and accomplishments. The attached consolidated report enables the agency to provide detailed information regarding performance and progress from a strategic perspective.

Recommended Action
None; for information only

Prepared By
Katrina Corcoran, Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission staff

Attachments
Strategic Plan Implementation and Measures of Effectiveness Report
Happy Valentine’s Day a day late! February 14th is a significant day for many people and especially for Florida. I would be remiss if I did not ask for each of us to take time to reflect on the tragedy of two years ago when 17 persons were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Florida has been forever changed by this and we will honor those lost by remembering each February 14th.

We have reached the halfway point of this legislative session, but of course calling it halfwy depends on the legislature departing on time. For the 2020 legislative session, adjournment is scheduled for March 13th. Up to this point the session has been pretty smooth which makes life easier for legislators and those of us watching the legislative process. Budgets were released by both chambers and happily the two chambers are relatively close, they are about $1.5B apart which is a lot of money when taken by itself. When put in the context of an overall budget in the low $90B range, it is percentagewise a close match of numbers. A priority of the Speaker has been health-care reform and he has not gotten this yet. This is also his last session as Speaker so the pressure is on to accomplish this legislative priority. Watch for health care reform to factor into the actual date of session adjournment.

An indication of how smoothly things are going is to look at how many bills are moving along. Don’t misread this to say that all bills are wine and roses. There have been some difficult bills and some debate on these bills has made for difficult meetings. As in any session, not all bills are moving forward. Given where we are in the session, it is safe to say if a bill has not yet been heard in Committee, then the bill is for all intents and purposes dead. Which leads to the next item……

Subcommittees are no longer meeting and in about two and a half weeks the Committees themselves will have concluded their business (the last scheduled day of Committee meetings is set for March 3rd). As we wind down Committees and Subcommittees we will begin the process of conferencing the two chambers where differences in budget and legislation will be worked out. Senators and Representatives will be eager to wrap up and get back home so that they can begin campaigning for re-election. There are a few members who will go home and not have a re-election due to term limits. Seven of our Senators are term-limited and on the House side eighteen of our Representatives are term-limited.

Going back to the budget, a few details for you to watch and these are details that are likely to be at the center of debate between the two chambers. Spending for affordable housing from, the Sadowski Housing Fund is proposed at the full amount of $387M in the Senate version of the budget. The House proposes sweeping funds for other purposes and providing $147M for affordable housing. Both the Senate and House are looking to put
more money in education which the Governor also advocates. The Senate proposal includes increasing starting teacher salaries to $47,500 which is what the Governor requested, the House proposes raising starting teacher pay to $46,000. Both chambers propose doing away with the “Best and Brightest” teacher bonus program. Putting numbers to this, the Senate proposes $500M for teachers and $100M would go to veteran teacher’s salaries, the House proposes $650M and $150M would go to veteran teachers. Both chambers and the Governor seem to be in general agreement on education funding priorities, for the environment there are some differences. The Senate is proposing spending $125M for Florida Forever while the House proposes $20M. The Senate also dedicates another $644 for the Everglades restoration and associated water projects, the House comes in slightly higher at $647M. The Governor had asked for $625M, both chambers propose exceeding that number for water quality and Everglades restoration. Again, it is good to see budgets in general alignment which is an indication that the session is advancing well. The last budget topic we will bring up is what seems to have become the perennial punching bag named VISIT Florida. The Senate proposes funding of $52.5M which is about the same as the current year, but down from the $75M of a couple years ago. The House proposes zero. This was a tough issue last year and VISIT Florida fought for their existence, the House agreed last year for a one-year extension with a plan to revisit the issue this year. This year has arrived. How this comes out will be seen.

As an overall issue in the budget are the member initiatives. You have heard them called earmarks or in other circles budget turkeys. Each earmark is required to have a bill filed so that everyone knows which legislator is requesting the money. This is part of the transparency changes made a few years ago. Several times a day during the session, the legislature produces a report that lists every bill filed for the session by topic area. The report for the 2020 legislative session is 38 pages long and in small print that probably belongs in a document that you find painful to read, but must, such as a car lease agreement. Pages 1 -20 of this report contain the listing of earmarks for this session, that my friends is a lot of earmarks. To be fair, I have heard in many places from around Florida that earmarks are commonly the only way communities can afford expensive projects. Earmarks can cause many problems and not everyone understands the impacts of earmarks on the budget. In the House budget 650 projects totaling $210M are recommended for funding, in the Senate budget 600 projects are proposed and they total $360M. The original list of submitted projects totaled $2.5B (1,500 projects) in Senate and 1,600 projects totaling about $2.3 B in the House. Last year Governor DeSantis was tough with his veto pen and if he follows this approach this year it could be another thin year for earmarks. When earmarks come from transportation things start at bad and can only go to worse. Transportation projects that are earmarked in the budget are funded with existing transportation dollars which is a kind way of saying that another project has to give up it’s funding to let the earmark have money. To be very clear, if you have a project that is proposed to be funded, it can be “bumped” by an earmark. Then if the Governor vetoes the earmarked project, the money is completely gone and so is the earmark project. The money does not come back, it is permanently erased, and the project is prohibited from receiving assistance from the state for the budget year. Think of this as a budgetary version of Russian Roulette. To add insult to injury, the original project that had to give up funding for the earmark is also gone since there is no funding available for either the earmark or the original “donor” project.

For other surprises recently there was the proposed merger of two smaller universities with larger ones. One lobbyist described this as a shotgun wedding, neither party asked for this union. Under the proposal the University of Florida would absorb Florida Polytechnic University and Florida State University would take in New College of Florida. We are not sure if this is going to actually happen, but we can easily say that this surprise made a lot of press.

In previous newsletters we mentioned the mid-block crossing bills (SB 1000 and HB 1371). On Monday the House bill was up in committee and an amendment was filed that radically changed the bill. The new version in the House now states that the use of the flashing yellow lights on posts would be kept and the Florida DOT would request USDOT to allow the lights to be swapped out for red ones. If USDOT says no, then the lights would have to be replaced with a legally acceptable substitute. Facilities that are two lane or posted at 35MPH or less would be exempt. This amendment dramatically changes the financial impact of this bill. The Senate
version was up in committee a couple of weeks ago and the bill sponsor seemed open to changes which would reduce the financial impact. The Senate version is up in committee Tuesday, we are awaiting an amendment to this bill before the committee meeting to see where it goes.

Several transportation related bills are up in committee this week, details are shown with each bill on the following pages, look for the text in RED. The regular session began on January 14th, ends (hopefully) on March 13th and for these times in between these dates our capitol is a busy place once again. Bills appearing before a committee are shown in the bill details in RED. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and changes to existing bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

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**Important Dates for the 2020 Legislative Session**

- August 01, 2019 – Deadline for filing claim bills.
- November 22, 2019 - Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills.
- January 10, 2020 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills.
- January 14, 2020 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction.
- February 29, 2020 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day.
- March 03, 2020 – 50th day of Session. Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings.
- March 13, 2020 – 60th day - Last day of Regular Session.
Legislation of interest to the membership

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of February 15, 2020. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

**HB 37: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco)** – Identical Bill SB 290 by Hooper. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee, YEAS 23 NAYS 0, next stop House Floor for a full vote.

**SB 76: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book)** – Similar to HB 551 by Jenne. Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0

**SB 126: Sales and Use Tax – (Gruters; Co-Introducers: Hooper; Gainer; Baxley; Perry; Harrell; Albriton)** – Similar to HB 159 by Clemons. Revising the definition of the term “retail sale”; renaming the term “mail order sale” to “remote sale” and revising the definition; revising conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax levies and collection; providing that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, and remittance requirements for sales taxes, etc. This bill will require a sales tax to be collected on online purchases that are delivered to a Florida address and the bill requires that both a state sales tax and the local option surtaxes to be collected by online retailers. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Finance and Tax. Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**HB 133: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (McClain)** – Similar to SB 1332 by Hooper. Authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances that impose costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified form of payment; authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels &
liability for attorney fees; authorizes court to award damages, attorney fees, & court costs in certain cases. Filed in the House. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 10/23/19, 9:00 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Business and Professions Subcommittee. Favorable by Business and Professions Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 16 NAYS 7. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Floor vote on 02/19/2020.

SB 158: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical Bill HB 533 by Beltran. Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6, NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

HB 159: Sales and Use Tax – (Clemons) – Similar to SB 126 by Gruters. Revises conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax; deletes exemption for certain dealers from collecting local option surtaxes; provides that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, & remittance requirements for sales taxes; requires marketplace providers to provide certification to marketplace sellers; specifies requirements for marketplace sellers; requires marketplace providers to allow DOR to audit books & records; provides that marketplace seller is liable for sales tax collection & remittance; authorizes marketplace providers & marketplace sellers to enter into agreements to recover certain taxes, interest, & penalties; grants DOR settlement & compromise authority for marketplace sales; deletes authority of DOR to negotiate collection allowance with certain dealers. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee; Appropriations Committee.

SB 178: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 579 by Aloupis. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. Favorable CS by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1.

HB 179: Safety Belt Usage – (Slosberg) – Requires each passenger in a motor vehicle or autocycle to be restrained by a safety belt or child restraint device. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 216: Assistance for Micro Businesses – (Rodriguez) – Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation’s highway project business
development program, etc. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations.

**HB 249: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Slosberg)** - Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises circumstances under which certain information may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**HB 279: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Smith, D.; Co-Introducers: Sabatini)** - Similar to SB 504 by Perry. Requires local governing board to consider estimated costs of certain projects when making specified determination; requires local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of routine audits of local governments. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Business and Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Business and Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 3. On Committee agenda-- Business and Professions Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Webster Hall.

**SB 290: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco)** – Identical Bill HB 37 by Zika. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/12/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules; YEAS 16 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote

**SB 308: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley)** – Similar to HB 455 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**SB 368: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson)** - Similar to HB 503 by Diamond. Authorizing certain mayors who are members of the governing board of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority to appoint a designee to attend a board meeting to act in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues; requiring the designee to be an elected official of the governing body of the mayor’s municipality, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.
HB 377: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Latvala) - Identical to SB 478 by Perry. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 2. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 02/11/20, 9:30 am, Morris Hall. Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 6. Committee stop at State Affairs removed, sent to Commerce Committee.

SB 378: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Lee) – Similar to HB 771 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators, etc. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Banking and Insurance. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

HB 395: Transportation – (Andrade) - Similar to SB 1172 by Albritton. Revises requirements for determining salaries of secretary of DOT & assistant secretaries; revises time period during which sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by DOT are exempt from public records requirements; authorizes certain vehicles to show or display certain lights; requires certain contractors to be certified by DOT as qualified; revises financial statements required to accompany an application for certification; specifies conditions under which limitation on liability of DOT for personal injury, property damage, or death applies; authorizes Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation & override automatic reinstatement of tolls. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 452: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Rodriguez) - Identical to HB 943 by Daley. Similar to SB 7018 – Committee Bill. Requiring the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop and adopt by a specified date a master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on the state highway system, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations’
HB 455: Traffic Offenses – (McClain) – Similar to SB 308 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requires person to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requires court to revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period; defines “vulnerable road user.” Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 465: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Sirois) – Identical to SB 676 by Mayfield. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State.

SB 478: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) - Identical to HB 377 by Latvala. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 01/27/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology; YEAS 9 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 412 Knott Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Temporarily postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 412 Knott Building.

HB 503: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Governing Board – (Diamond) – Similar to SB 368 by Rouson. Authorizes mayor's designated alternate to serve as member of board; provides membership requirements; specifies designated alternate's right to vote; authorizes members to attend meeting physically, telephonically, or electronically in order to constitute quorum; provides requirements for telephonic or electronic attendance. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 504: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Perry) – Similar to HB 279 by Smith. Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules. Favorable by Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability. Passed Governmental Oversight and
HB 533: Child Restraint Requirements – (Beltran) – Identical to SB 158 by Perry. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda - Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee.

HB 551: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Jenne; Co-Introducer Eskamani) – Similar to SB 76 by Book. Requires increase & support of programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires evaluation of multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs; requires Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged to develop disability sensitivity training program & A Ride Away Program; provides program requirements; requires possession of certain identification issued by commission; requires motor vehicles used to provide transportation disadvantaged services to be equipped with cameras & GPS. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Removed reference to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Referred to State Affairs Committee. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 22 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0.

HB 579: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Aloupis) – Identical to SB 178 by Rodriguez. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, 12 HOB. Passed Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee, 02/18/20, 11:30 am, Webster Hall

HB 585: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Ausley) – Identical to SB 1182 by Montford. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 657: Transportation Network Companies – (Plasencia) – Authorizes person to establish TNC account & add authorized users to such account; provides requirements; requires TNC & TNC driver to send certain notifications to person requesting prearranged ride on behalf of authorized user; allows authorized user to view notifications; prohibits authorized user from changing certain information; requires TNC to provide human trafficking awareness training & education to employees; provides training & education requirements; limits liability of TNC in
cases of human trafficking; authorizes DFS to seek court order to require TNC to comply with certain provisions; provides legislative intent & construction. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Withdrawn.

**SB 676: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Mayfield)** – Identical to HB 465 by Sirois. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

**HB 717: Space Florida Financing – (Sirois)** – Similar to SB 1070 by Wright. Specifies bonding provisions to which Space Florida is subject; revises powers of Space Florida regarding bond issuance; removes provisions regarding presentation of bond proposals to, & approval of bond issuance by, Governor & Cabinet; revises provisions relating to securing issuance of revenue bonds; repeals provisions relating to pledging assessments & other revenues & properties as additional security on bonds, issuance of bond anticipation notes, & short-term borrowing; revises provisions relating to lien of pledges; revises bond maturity date requirements; authorizes Space Florida to validate bonds pursuant to certain provisions. Referred to Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Ways and Means Committee. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 01/27/20, 3:30 pm, Morris Hall. Favorable by Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

**HB 771: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall)** – Similar to SB 378 by Lee. Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network company drivers. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 8:00 am, Sumner Hall. Passed Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 1. On Committee agenda-- Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Mashburn Hall. Passed Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 8 NAYS 4. Now in Commerce Committee.

**HB 829: Express Lanes – (Avila)** – Similar to SB 1090 by Diaz. Prohibits S.R. 826 from having any express lane or toll; requires express lanes that exist on such road to be immediately opened to public; requires tolls that exist on such road to be immediately removed; prohibits charges from being imposed for use of such road. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.
**HB 915: Commercial Service Airports – (Avila)** – Similar to SB 1258 by Diaz. Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/22/20, 12:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 19 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

**HB 943: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Daley)** – Identical to SB 452 by Rodriguez. Comparable to SB 7012 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Defines "master plan for electric vehicle charging stations" or "master plan"; requires DOT, in coordination with Office of Energy within DACS & Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop & adopt by specified date master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on state highway system; specifies goals & objectives of master plan; requires master plan to be updated annually by specified date. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. Passed Appropriations Committee; YEAS 25 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

**HB 951: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Beltran)** – Similar to SB 1416 by Perry. Requires public transit providers to post specified sign concerning assaulting transit operators; requires public transit providers to create & implement risk reduction program; revises reclassification of offense of assault on specified persons. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

**HB 969: Broadband Internet Service – (Drake – Co-Introducers: Ausley)** – Similar to SB 1166 by Albritton. Designates DEO as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; requires department to work collaboratively with certain entities; creates Florida Office of Broadband within DEO; provides purpose & duties of office. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee.
HB 971: Electric Bicycles – (Grant, M) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Provides for rights & privileges of electric bicycles & operators; provides that electric bicycles are vehicles to same extent as bicycles; exempts electric bicycles & operators from specified provisions; requires certain labeling of electric bicycles; prohibits tampering with or modifying electric bicycles for certain purposes; requires electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions & operate in certain manner; authorizes operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed; authorizes municipalities, counties, & agencies to regulate operation of electric bicycles under certain conditions. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda--Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda--Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 1000: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry) – Similar to HB 1371 by Fine. Requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; requiring, by a specified date, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway, street, or road with a certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that the crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building

SB 1070: Space Florida – (Wright) – Similar to HB 717 by Sirois. Clarifying that Space Florida is subject to a specified provision of law; revising Space Florida’s authorization to issue bonds; revising the revenue sources by which revenue bonds may be secured or repaid; reducing the term of years for which Space Florida may issue bonds, etc. Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs and Space, 01/22/20, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0

SB 1090: Express Lanes – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 829 by Avila. Prohibiting express lanes and tolls on a specified state road; requiring the Department of Transportation to remove all existing express lanes and the imposition of tolls, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.
SB 1148: Electric Bicycles – (Brandes) – Identical to HB 971 by Grant. Revising definitions relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; requiring the driver of a vehicle overtaking an electric bicycle to pass the electric bicycle at a certain distance; expanding exceptions to a prohibition on persons driving certain vehicles on sidewalks and bicycle paths; providing electric bicycle regulations; requiring electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions of law; authorizing operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/03/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

SB 1166: Broadband Internet Service – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 969 (Drake). Authorizing certain funds within the State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors; designating the Department of Economic Opportunity, and not the Department of Management Services, as the lead state entity to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Division of Community Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

SB 1172: Transportation – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 395 by Andrade. Revising requirements for determining the salaries of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and assistant secretaries; requiring certain contractors to be certified by the department as qualified; specifying conditions under which the limitation on liability of the department applies for personal injury, property damage, or death; authorizing the Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations

SB 1182: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Montford) – Identical to HB 585 by Ausley. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

SB 1192: Tax on Aviation Fuel – (Gruters) – Comparable to HB 6061 by Roach, McClure. Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 4 NAYS 1. Now in Finance and Tax.
HB 1219: Electric Vehicles – (Toledo; Slosberg) – Similar to SB 1230 by Brandes. Requires DOT to establish Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; provides for distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; provides grant requirements; provides requirements for equipment installed; requires DOT to review emerging research, policies, & standards; authorizes DOT to develop model plan for local governments; requires DOT to develop master plan for charging stations; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1230: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt rules; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in specified years; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

HB 1239: Electric Vehicle Charging State Infrastructure – (Diamond; Daley) – Requires PSC, in consultation with other agencies, to recommend to Governor and Legislature a plan for development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along State Highway System; provides goals & objectives of plan; requires PSC to file status report with Governor & Legislature by specified date. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1258: Commercial Service Airports – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 915 by Avila. Requiring the Auditor General to conduct specified audits of certain airports; requiring members of the governing body of a large-hub commercial service airport to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requiring the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district that operates a commercial service airport to establish and maintain a website; requiring commercial service airports to comply with certain contracting requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 1. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/17/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building.

HB 1315: Transportation – (Fetterhoff) – Related Bill SB 7054 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Please see the 01/18/2020 edition of the MPOAC Legislative Newsletter for a write-up on this bill. Revises DOT organization & responsibilities; revises provisions relating to distribution of certain moneys; revises time period within which disclosure of beneficial interests must be submitted to state or certain local governmental units; revises provisions relating to notice delivery; removes scheduled repeal of certain provisions; requires vehicle operator to take certain actions when road & bridge maintenance or construction vehicle is on roadside; requires airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit final valid determination from FAA; revises date by which M.P.O. must submit list of project priorities to DOT district. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.
SB 1332: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (Hooper) – Similar to HB 133 by Business and Professions Subcommittee. Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstances; prohibiting counties from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; authorizing certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges; deleting requirements regarding notices and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles or vessels, etc. Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee agenda--Community Affairs, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 301 Senate Building. Community Affairs; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/19/20, 10:00 am, 110 Senate Building

HB 1371: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine) – Identical to SB 1000 by Perry. Requires pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; provides coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over public highway, street, or road with such pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals; authorizes such entity to alternatively remove any such crosswalk. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Amendment filed which appears to lessen the financial impact, On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 1416: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Perry) – Similar to HB 951 by Beltran. Requiring public transit providers to post a specified sign concerning assaulting a transit operator; requiring public transit providers to create and implement a risk reduction program; revising the recategorization of the offense of assault on specified persons, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 02/04/20, 9:00 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Criminal Justice; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building

HB 6061: Aviation Fuel Tax – (Roach; McClure) – Comparable to SB 1192 by Gruters. Deletes aviation fuel tax & provisions related to administration of the tax program. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Appropriations Committee.

HB 6083: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Rodriguez, A.) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Appropriations Committee.
SB 7018: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Comparable to SB 452 by Rodriguez and Comparable to HB 943 by Daley. Requiring the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop and recommend, by a specified date, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System; requiring the plan to include recommendations for legislation; authorizing the plan to include other recommendations as determined by the commission, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1

SB 7020: Emergency Staging Areas – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to select sites for such areas; requiring the department to give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in specified counties, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/29/20, 11:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 -SJ 216. Now in Appropriations.

SB 7054: Transportation – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Related Bill HB 1315 by Fetterhoff. Revising the organization of the Department of Transportation; revising uses for distributions made under the State Transportation Trust Fund in specified fiscal years; deleting the scheduled expiration of funding for the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; requiring airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit a final valid determination from the Federal Aviation Administration, etc. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
Good morning everyone! This has been another busy week and many issues have come before our legislature and our leaders here in Florida. On the national scene pardons, prison sentences and a Democrat debate in Las Vegas dominated the political news. Here in Florida there may be some sore necks in Tallahassee as heads turned quickly upon hearing that the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence had paid its Executive Director $7.5M over the past three years. There are demands that an investigation of the organization occur. That and many other things headlined the legislative news here in Tallahassee. Transportation was thankfully quiet and not in the headlines. Some of those other things that did grab the attention of blogs, newsletters and our leaders included legislation for a ballot measure limiting school board members to serving 8 years, a court case that decided a group of 17 felons can vote in elections without having to prove payment of financial restitution, deregulation of certain occupations so that licensure is not required, regulating short term rentals (such as AirBNB) at the state level or in other words pre-empting local units of governments, and the legislature advanced a bill requiring parental consent for a minor seeking an abortion. That bill has passed both chambers and will be presented to the Governor for a signature or a veto.

We are a transportation focused entity and so this newsletter should take you to the transportation arena. A couple of transportation related bills that require a little more explanation here include the bill affecting Peer-to-Peer car rental tax. This bill was temporarily postponed again in the Senate Committee stop and hearing the comments of the chair, this may have been the last meeting of that committee. It does not appear to be due to issues with the bill, the bill seemed to be advancing well. Debate and public comment on the bill at each stop took a lot of time and each time the Senate bill was temporarily postponed it was because the committee was running up against their posted end time for meeting. If the committee meets again, or if the bills is reassigned to another committee, or if the subject of the bill is attached to another bill, then the intent is to charge the same state fee on the peer-to-peer rentals that is charged for more traditional car rental companies such as Enterprise, Alamo or National. One of the peer-to-peer companies is Turo, you may have seen one of their commercials on TV. This is one of the companies that would be impacted by the bill.

In last week’s newsletter and in previous newsletters we mentioned the mid-block crossing bills (SB 1000 and HB 1371). The House version has passed the final committee stop and the next step is a full floor vote. Last week we reported that the bill was amended in a way that radically changed the bill. The new version in the House now states that the use of the flashing yellow lights on posts would be kept and the Florida DOT would request USDOT to allow the lights to be swapped out for red ones. If USDOT says no, then the lights would have to be replaced with a legally acceptable substitute. Facilities that are two lane and posted at 35MPH or less would be exempt (last week’s newsletter erroneously stated “or”, we apologize for the error). This
amendment changes the financial impact of this bill. Implementing this bill will still be expensive, but not as expensive as the original version. The Senate version was up in committee this week and an amendment changed the bill by exempting mid-block crossings on facilities with a posted speed limit of 20 MPH or less. Sadly, that will not greatly affect the financial impact of the Senate version of this bill. We are going to need everyone to weigh in on the financial costs of this bill. We do not know the total number of mid-block crossings in the state and members of the legislature through their questions on the bill do not give the impression that they have calculated the full cost of compliance with this set of bills. We will need to provide financial impacts for each MPO area as best we can to demonstrate the severe costs. Before we leave this topic, we must pause and remember that these bills are intending to improve traffic safety which we must thank the bill sponsors for their willingness to tackle this difficult topic. Their desire to make Florida a safer place is admirable and hopefully during the time between this session and next session we can work collectively with these members to craft a bill that improves safety and is financially attainable. For the Florida MPOs, watch your inbox this week, I will be sending out an email asking for your assistance. I will coordinate with my partners at both the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties. Together we can steer these bills into a better financial place.

Several transportation related bills are up in committee this week, details are shown with each bill on the following pages, look for the text in RED. The regular session began on January 14th, ends (hopefully) on March 13th and for these times in between these dates our capitol is a busy place. Bills appearing before a committee are shown in the bill details in RED. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills and changes to existing bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

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This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature’s website as of February 22, 2020. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session progresses and the number of bills tracked in this newsletter grows, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any bill you are tracking. All new bills and any updates to bills shown below will be shown in RED so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news.

**HB 37: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco)** – Identical Bill SB 290 by Hooper. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee, YEAS 23 NAYS 0, next stop House Floor for a full vote. Passed on a House Floor vote; YEAS 118 NAYS 0. The Senate Version is set for a Senate Floor vote.

**SB 76: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book)** – Similar to HB 551 by Jenne. Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**SB 126: Sales and Use Tax – (Gruters; Co-Introducers: Hooper; Gainer; Baxley; Perry; Harrell; Albriton)** – Similar to HB 159 by Clemons. Revising the definition of the term “retail sale”; renaming the term “mail order sale” to “remote sale” and revising the definition; revising conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax levies and collection; providing that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, and remittance requirements for sales taxes, etc. This bill will require a sales tax to be collected on online purchases that are delivered to a Florida address and the bill requires that both a state sales tax and the local option surtaxes to be collected by online retailers. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Finance and Tax. Passed Finance and Tax; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**HB 133: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (McClain)** – Similar to SB 1332 by Hooper. Authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances that impose costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified form of payment;
authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels & liability for attorney fees; authorizes court to award damages, attorney fees, & court costs in certain cases. Filed in the House. On Committee agenda-- Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 10/23/19, 9:00 am, 12 HOB. Favorable by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Business and Professions Subcommittee. Favorable by Business and Professions Subcommittee; YEAS 10 NAYS 2. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 16 NAYS 7. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Floor vote on 02/19/2020. CS passed as amended; YEAS 76 NAYS 41. The Senate version is on 2nd reading on the Senate Floor, preparing for a full floor vote in the Senate.

SB 158: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) – Identical Bill HB 533 by Beltran. Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6, NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Rules.

HB 159: Sales and Use Tax – (Clemons) – Similar to SB 126 by Gruters. Revises conditions under which certain dealers are subject to sales tax; deletes exemption for certain dealers from collecting local option surtaxes; provides that certain marketplace providers are subject to registration, collection, & remittance requirements for sales taxes; requires marketplace providers to provide certification to marketplace sellers; specifies requirements for marketplace sellers; requires marketplace providers to allow DOR to audit books & records; provides that marketplace seller is liable for sales tax collection & remittance; authorizes marketplace providers & marketplace sellers to enter into agreements to recover certain taxes, interest, & penalties; grants DOR settlement & compromise authority for marketplace sales; deletes authority of DOR to negotiate collection allowance with certain dealers. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee; Appropriations Committee.

SB 178: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez) – Identical to HB 579 by Aloupis. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security. Favorable CS by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations.

HB 179: Safety Belt Usage – (Slosberg) – Requires each passenger in a motor vehicle or autocycle to be restrained by a safety belt or child restraint device. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.
SB 216: Assistance for Micro Businesses – (Rodriguez) – Authorizing certain local governments to set aside up to a specified percentage of funds for procuring personal property and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with micro businesses; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Microfinance Loan Program; providing eligibility for micro businesses under the Department of Transportation’s highway project business development program, etc. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations.

HB 249: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving – (Slosberg) - Revises short title & legislative intent; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while holding or touching wireless communications device; provides exceptions; revises circumstances under which certain information may be admissible as evidence in proceeding to determine whether violation has been committed; revises procedures for collection & reporting by DHSMV of information recorded on citation; conforms provisions relating to use of wireless communications devices in school & work zones. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 279: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Smith, D.; Co-Introducers: Sabatini) - Similar to SB 504 by Perry. Requires local governing board to consider estimated costs of certain projects when making specified determination; requires local government that performs project using its own services, employees, & equipment to disclose costs of project after completion to Auditor General; requires Auditor General to review such disclosures as part of routine audits of local governments. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Business and Professions Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 3. On Committee agenda-- Business and Professions Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Webster Hall.

SB 290: School Bus Safety – (Zika; Co-Introducers: DiDeglie; Grieco) – Identical Bill HB 37 by Zika. Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Judiciary. On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/12/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Rules; YEAS 16 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote. This bill is on Second Reading in the Senate, a full floor vote appears imminent. The House version passed a full floor vote 118 YEAS, Zero NAYS.

SB 308: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley) – Similar to HB 455 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

SB 368: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority – (Rouson) - Similar to HB 503 by Diamond. Authorizing certain mayors who are members of the governing board of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority to appoint a designee to attend a board meeting to act in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues; requiring the designee to be an elected official of the governing body of the mayor’s municipality, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security;
Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building

HB 377: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Latvala) - Identical to SB 478 by Perry. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 2. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 02/11/20, 9:30 am, Morris Hall. Passed Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 11 NAYS 6. Committee stop at State Affairs removed, sent to Commerce Committee.

SB 378: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Lee) – Similar to HB 771 by Grall. Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising garage liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle dealer applicants; revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators, etc. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Banking and Insurance. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

HB 395: Transportation – (Andrade) - Similar to SB 1172 by Albritton. Revises requirements for determining salaries of secretary of DOT & assistant secretaries; revises time period during which sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by DOT are exempt from public records requirements; authorizes certain vehicles to show or display certain lights; requires certain contractors to be certified by DOT as qualified; revises financial statements required to accompany an application for certification; specifies conditions under which limitation on liability of DOT for personal injury, property damage, or death applies; authorizes Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation & override automatic reinstatement of tolls. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

SB 452: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Rodriguez) - Identical to HB 943 by Daley. Similar to SB 7018 – Committee Bill. Requiring the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop and adopt by a specified date a master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on the state highway
HB 455: Traffic Offenses – (McClain) – Similar to SB 308 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requires person to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requires court to revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period; defines “vulnerable road user.” Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

HB 465: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Sirois) – Identical to SB 676 by Mayfield. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State.

SB 478: Motor Vehicle Rentals – (Perry) - Identical to HB 377 by Latvala. Motor Vehicle Rentals; Requires specified surcharges to be imposed upon lease or rental of certain motor vehicle if facilitated by car-sharing service, motor vehicle rental company, or peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing program under certain circumstances; provides financial responsibility & insurance requirements; requires notification of implications of lien; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides responsibility for equipment; provides requirements relating to automobile safety recalls; provides driver license verification and retention requirements. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Innovation, Industry, and Technology; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Innovation, Industry, and Technology, 01/27/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Innovation, Industry, and Technology; YEAS 9 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/04/20, 12:30 pm, 412 Knott Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/11/20, 2:00 pm, 412 Knott Building. Temporarily postponed. On Committee agenda-- Banking and Insurance, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 412 Knott Building. Temporarily Postponed.

HB 503: Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Governing Board – (Diamond) – Similar to SB 368 by Rouson. Authorizes mayor's designated alternate to serve as member of board; provides membership requirements; specifies designated alternate's right to vote; authorizes members to attend meeting physically, telephonically, or electronically in order to constitute quorum; provides requirements for telephonic or electronic attendance. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by- State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote.

SB 504: Local Government Public Construction Works – (Perry) – Similar to HB 279 by Smith. Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures,
HB 533: Child Restraint Requirements – (Beltran) – Identical to SB 158 by Perry. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee.

HB 551: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Jenne; Co-Introducer Eskamani) – Similar to SB 76 by Book. Requires increase & support of programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires evaluation of multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs; requires Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged to develop disability sensitivity training program & A Ride Away Program; provides program requirements; requires possession of certain identification issued by commission; requires motor vehicles used to provide transportation disadvantaged services to be equipped with cameras & GPS. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Removed reference to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Referred to State Affairs Committee. Now in State Affairs Committee. Favorable by State Affairs Committee; YEAS 22 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote. Passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0. Sent over to the Senate, Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations Committee.

HB 579: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Aloupis) – Identical to SB 178 by Rodriguez. Requires sea level impact projection study of state-financed coastal structures before construction begins; requires DEP to develop study standards, publish studies on its website, enforce requirements, & adopt rules. Filed in the House. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, 12 HOB. Passed Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. On Committee agenda -- Appropriations Committee, 02/18/20, 11:30 am, Webster Hall. Favorable by Appropriations Committee; YEAS 26 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 585: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Ausley) – Identical to SB 1182 by Montford. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Referred to Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.
HB 657: Transportation Network Companies – (Plasencia) – Authorizes person to establish TNC account & add authorized users to such account; provides requirements; requires TNC & TNC driver to send certain notifications to person requesting prearranged ride on behalf of authorized user; allows authorized user to view notifications; prohibits authorized user from changing certain information; requires TNC to provide human trafficking awareness training & education to employees; provides training & education requirements; limits liability of TNC in cases of human trafficking; authorizes DFS to seek court order to require TNC to comply with certain provisions; provides legislative intent & construction. Filed in the House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Withdrawn.

SB 676: High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety – (Mayfield) – Identical to HB 465 by Sirois. Provides for regulation of railroad companies; requires training for local emergency services under certain circumstances; provides requirements for railroad company reporting & DOT website publication; provides minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; designates responsibility for maintenance of certain safety improvements; provides safety inspection requirements; requires certain fencing; provides liability for failure to construct or maintain fencing; provides for enforcement. Filed in the Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

HB 717: Space Florida Financing – (Sirois) – Similar to SB 1070 by Wright. Specifies bonding provisions to which Space Florida is subject; revises powers of Space Florida regarding bond issuance; removes provisions regarding presentation of bond proposals to, & approval of bond issuance by, Governor & Cabinet; revises provisions relating to securing issuance of revenue bonds; repeals provisions relating to pledging assessments & other revenues & properties as additional security on bonds, issuance of bond anticipation notes, & short-term borrowing; revises provisions relating to lien of pledges; revises bond maturity date requirements; authorizes Space Florida to validate bonds pursuant to certain provisions. Referred to Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Ways and Means Committee. On Committee agenda-- Ways and Means Committee, 01/27/20, 3:30 pm, Morris Hall. Favorable by Ways and Means Committee; YEAS 15 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Passed Commerce Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

HB 771: Motor Vehicle Insurance – (Grall) – Similar to SB 378 by Lee. Repeals provisions relating Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; revises garage liability insurance requirements; revises minimum coverage requirements for proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles; revises amount of certificate of deposit required to elect certain method of proof of financial responsibility; revises excess liability coverage requirements; revises financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revises coverages of motor vehicle policy which are subject to stacking prohibition; revises insurance requirements for transportation network company drivers. APPROPRIATION: $83,651. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 8:00 am, Sumner Hall. Passed Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 1. On Committee agenda-- Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Mashburn Hall. Passed Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 8 NAYS 4. Now in Commerce Committee.
HB 829: Express Lanes – (Avila) – Similar to SB 1090 by Diaz. Prohibits S.R. 826 from having any express lane or toll; requires express lanes that exist on such road to be immediately opened to public; requires tolls that exist on such road to be immediately removed; prohibits charges from being imposed for use of such road. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

HB 915: Commercial Service Airports – (Avila) – Similar to SB 1258 by Diaz. Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Filed in House. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 14 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/22/20, 12:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 19 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

HB 943: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Daley) – Identical to SB 452 by Rodriguez. Comparable to SB 7012 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Defines "master plan for electric vehicle charging stations" or "master plan"; requires DOT, in coordination with Office of Energy within DACS & Florida Clean Cities Coalitions, or other appropriate entities, to develop & adopt by specified date master plan for electric vehicle charging stations on state highway system; specifies goals & objectives of master plan; requires master plan to be updated annually by specified date. Filed in House. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Committee. Passed Appropriations Committee; YEAS 25 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee.

HB 951: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Beltran) – Similar to SB 1416 by Perry. Requires public transit providers to post specified sign concerning assaulting transit operators; requires public transit providers to create & implement risk reduction program; revises reclassification of offense of assault on specified persons. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/11/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee

HB 969: Broadband Internet Service – (Drake – Co-Introducers: Ausley) – Similar to SB 1166 by Albritton. Designates DEO as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; requires department to work collaboratively with certain entities; creates Florida Office of Broadband within DEO; provides purpose & duties of office. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee. Favorable by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; YEAS
14 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Commerce Committee. Favorable by- Commerce Committee; YEAS 18 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor vote.

**HB 971: Electric Bicycles – (Grant, M)** – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Provides for rights & privileges of electric bicycles & operators; provides that electric bicycles are vehicles to same extent as bicycles; exempts electric bicycles & operators from specified provisions; requires certain labeling of electric bicycles; prohibits tampering with or modifying electric bicycles for certain purposes; requires electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions & operate in certain manner; authorizes operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed; authorizes municipalities, counties, & agencies to regulate operation of electric bicycles under certain conditions. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 21 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House Floor Vote.

**SB 1000: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Perry)** – Similar to HB 1371 by Fine. Requiring a pedestrian crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than at an intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; requiring, by a specified date, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway, street, or road with a certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that the crosswalk is controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices and pedestrian control signals, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 6 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**SB 1070: Space Florida – (Wright)** – Similar to HB 717 by Sirois. Clarifying that Space Florida is subject to a specified provision of law; revising Space Florida’s authorization to issue bonds; revising the revenue sources by which revenue bonds may be secured or repaid; reducing the term of years for which Space Florida may issue bonds, etc. Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs and Space, 01/22/20, 8:30 am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations.

**SB 1090: Express Lanes – (Diaz)** – Similar to HB 829 by Avila. Prohibiting express lanes and tolls on a specified state road; requiring the Department of Transportation to remove all existing express lanes and the imposition of tolls, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development;
SB 1148: Electric Bicycles – (Brandes) – Identical to HB 971 by Grant. Revising definitions relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; requiring the driver of a vehicle overtaking an electric bicycle to pass the electric bicycle at a certain distance; expanding exceptions to a prohibition on persons driving certain vehicles on sidewalks and bicycle paths; providing electric bicycle regulations; requiring electric bicycles to comply with specified provisions of law; authorizing operators to ride electric bicycles where bicycles are allowed, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/03/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. Now in Rules. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building

SB 1166: Broadband Internet Service – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 969 (Drake). Authorizing certain funds within the State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors; designating the Department of Economic Opportunity, and not the Department of Management Services, as the lead state entity to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in this state; creating the Florida Office of Broadband within the Division of Community Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 3 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations; YEAS 21 NAYS 0

SB 1172: Transportation – (Albritton) – Similar to HB 395 by Andrade. Revising requirements for determining the salaries of the secretary of the Department of Transportation and assistant secretaries; requiring certain contractors to be certified by the department as qualified; specifying conditions under which the limitation on liability of the department applies for personal injury, property damage, or death; authorizing the Governor to suspend payment of tolls when necessary to assist emergency evacuation, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Appropriations.

SB 1182: Pay-for-success Contracts – (Montford) – Identical to HB 585 by Ausley. Authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations.
SB 1192: Tax on Aviation Fuel – (Gruters) – Comparable to HB 6061 by Roach, McClure. Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Filed in Senate. Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations. Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; YEAS 4 NAYS 1. Now in Finance and Tax.

HB 1219: Electric Vehicles – (Toledo; Slosberg) – Similar to SB 1230 by Brandes. Requires DOT to establish Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; provides for distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; provides grant requirements; provides requirements for equipment installed; requires DOT to review emerging research, policies, & standards; authorizes DOT to develop model plan for local governments; requires DOT to develop master plan for charging stations; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

SB 1230: Electric Vehicles – (Brandes) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt rules; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in specified years; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: $5,000,000. Filed in Senate. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

HB 1239: Electric Vehicle Charging State Infrastructure – (Diamond; Daley) – Requires PSC, in consultation with other agencies, to recommend to Governor and Legislature a plan for development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along State Highway System; provides goals & objectives of plan; requires PSC to file status report with Governor & Legislature by specified date. Referred to Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

SB 1258: Commercial Service Airports – (Diaz) – Similar to HB 915 by Avila. Requiring the Auditor General to conduct specified audits of certain airports; requiring members of the governing body of a large-hub commercial service airport to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requiring the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district that operates a commercial service airport to establish and maintain a website; requiring commercial service airports to comply with certain contracting requirements, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Community Affairs; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 01/27/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 1. Now in Community Affairs. On Committee agenda-- Community Affairs, 02/17/20, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building. Passed Community Affairs; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/26/20, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building

HB 1315: Transportation – (Fetterhoff) – Related Bill SB 7054 by Infrastructure and Security Committee. Please see the 01/18/2020 edition of the MPOAC Legislative Newsletter for a write-up on this bill. Revises DOT organization & responsibilities; revises provisions relating to distribution of certain moneys; revises time period within which disclosure of beneficial interests must be submitted to state or certain local governmental units; revises provisions relating to notice delivery; removes scheduled repeal of certain provisions; requires vehicle operator to take certain actions when road & bridge maintenance or construction vehicle is on roadside; requires
airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit final valid
determination from FAA; revises date by which M.P.O. must submit list of project priorities to
DOT district. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and
Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda--
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 12 NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and
Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

SB 1332: Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels – (Hooper) – Similar to HB 133 by
Business and Professions Subcommittee. Authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or
immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified
circumstances; prohibiting counties from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or
charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; authorizing certain persons to
place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges; deleting requirements
regarding notices and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles or vessels, etc.
Referred to Community Affairs; Infrastructure and Security; Rules. On Committee agenda--
Community Affairs, 01/21/20, 4:30 pm, 301 Senate Building. Community Affairs; YEAS 3
NAYS 0. Now in Infrastructure and Security.  On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and
Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8
NAYS 0. On Committee agenda-- Rules, 02/19/20, 10:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable
by Rules; YEAS 15, NAYS 0. Bill is on 2nd reading in Senate, preparing for a full floor vote.
The House version has passed the House 76 YEAS, 41 NAYS.

HB 1371: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – (Fine) – Identical to SB 1000 by Perry. Requires
pedestrian crosswalk on public highway, street, or road which is located at any point other than
at intersection with another public highway, street, or road to be controlled by traffic control
signal devices & pedestrian control signals that conform to specified requirements; provides
coordination requirements for such devices & signals; requires entity with jurisdiction over
public highway, street, or road with certain pedestrian crosswalk to ensure that crosswalk is
controlled by coordinated traffic control signal devices & pedestrian control signals; authorizes
such entity to alternatively remove any such crosswalk. Referred to Transportation and
Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State
Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee,
01/28/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 13
NAYS 0. Now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. Amendment
filed which appears to lessen the financial impact, On Committee agenda-- Transportation and
Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, Sumner Hall. Passed Transportation
and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; YEAS 11 NAYS 0. Now in State Affairs
Committee. Passed State Affairs Committee; YEAS 20 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full House
Floor vote.

SB 1416: Assaults on Specified Persons – (Perry) – Similar to HB 951 by Beltran. Requiring
public transit providers to post a specified sign concerning assaulting a transit operator; requiring
public transit providers to create and implement a risk reduction program; revising the
reclassification of the offense of assault on specified persons, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice;
Judiciary; Rules. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 01/28/20, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate
Building – Temporarily Postponed. On Committee agenda-- Criminal Justice, 02/04/20, 9:00
am, 37 Senate Building. Passed Criminal Justice; YEAS 5 NAYS 0. On Committee agenda--
Judiciary, 02/19/20, 1:30 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Judiciary; YEAS 6 NAYS 0. Now in
Rules.
HB 6061: Aviation Fuel Tax – (Roach; McClure) – Comparable to SB 1192 by Gruters. Deletes aviation fuel tax & provisions related to administration of the tax program. Referred to Ways and Means Committee; Appropriations Committee.

HB 6083: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Rodriguez, A.) – Identical to SB 1148 by Brandes. Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. On Committee agenda-- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, 02/04/20, 12:00 pm, Reed Hall. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; YEAS 9 NAYS 5. Now in Appropriations Committee.

SB 7018: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Comparable to SB 452 by Rodriguez and Comparable to HB 943 by Daley. Requiring the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to develop and recommend, by a specified date, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System; requiring the plan to include recommendations for legislation; authorizing the plan to include other recommendations as determined by the commission, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations. Passed Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; YEAS 9 NAYS 1. Now in Appropriations.

SB 7020: Emergency Staging Areas – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Authorizing the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to select sites for such areas; requiring the department to give priority consideration to placement of such staging areas in specified counties, etc. Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 7 NAYS 0. Filed in Senate. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 01/29/20, 11:00 am, 110 Senate Building. Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Now in Appropriations. Passed Appropriations; YEAS 18 NAYS 0. Next stop is a full Senate Floor vote, on 2nd reading.
SB 7054: Transportation – (Infrastructure and Security Committee) – Related Bill HB 1315 by Fetterhoff. Revising the organization of the Department of Transportation; revising uses for distributions made under the State Transportation Trust Fund in specified fiscal years; deleting the scheduled expiration of funding for the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; requiring airport protection zoning regulations to require certain permit applicants to submit a final valid determination from the Federal Aviation Administration, etc. On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building. Passed Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0. Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations. On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/25/20, 1:00 pm, 110 Senate Building
February 12, 2020

The Honorable Senate President Bill Galvano
305 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Speaker of the House José R. Oliva
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Subject: Use of Toll Revenue from High Occupancy Toll or Express LANES

Dear Senate President Galvano and Speaker Oliva:

We are writing to seek your help regarding a change to state law that could enhance transportation mobility in urban areas by allowing flexibility in the use of toll revenue remaining after bond debt payments, operations and maintenance for transit projects within counties where revenues were collected.

Currently, section 338.166, Florida Statutes, allows for the toll revenues to be used for roads on the State Highway System and for express bus service on the facility where the toll revenues have been collected. A comprehensive approach to addressing the mobility needs in our communities and throughout the state should include not only roads and bus service, but also other modes of transportation, including public transit systems. Allowing for toll revenues to be used for transit would provide regional decisionmakers greater flexibility in addressing the problems of congestion and the need for transportation options.

As such, we seek to amend section 338.166(3) to allow toll revenues to be used not only for roads and express bus service, but also for public transit priorities as defined through the metropolitan planning process.

Thank you for your consideration, please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Oliver G. Gilbert III
Chairman
Miami-Dade TPO

Dave Eggers
Chairman
Forward Pinellas MPO

Shirley Groover Bryant
Chairwoman
Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Lesley “Les” Miller
Chairman
Hillsborough MPO
February 17, 2020

Mr. David Gwynn, P.E., Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation District Seven
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33607


Dear Secretary Gwynn:

At its February 2020 meeting, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board supported the transmittal of the “Potential Best Practices for Environmentally Friendly Noise Walls White Paper” the Board requested last summer.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the District 7 staff for their support in the development of this research. We greatly appreciate their time and input.

The White Paper essentially summarizes the benefits of noise walls including their primary purpose as noise attenuators, as well as providing healthier air which is an important factor in public health outcomes.

The MPO Board also established a Noise Wall Working Group as a subcommittee of the Livable Roadways Committee to follow up on the paper’s recommendations as well as requests received by the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

A copy of the White Paper and memo outlining the comments of District 7 staff and how these comments were addressed is attached.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Michele Ogilvie (Ogilviem@plancom.org).

We look forward to continued coordination with District 7 and other stakeholders, your regular updates to and discussion with the MPO board.

Sincerely,

Beth Alden, AICP
Executive Director, Hillsborough MPO
February 21, 2020

Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Chao:

On behalf of Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the FY 2020 INFRA grant application for the Container Berth 214 & Cargo Yard at Port Tampa Bay in Hillsborough County, Florida. Port Tampa Bay is completing an application to support funding for a new container berth and expanded terminal development on Hooker’s Point. This project is a worthy investment because it will enhance the port’s container capacity and the efficiency of Florida’s container supply chain system as well as bring to life unused waterfront on a deepwater channel. The project will leverage non-federal funds while enhancing truck safety and reducing truck miles across Florida by supporting the delivery of cargo directly into the heart of Florida’s fastest growing area.

The port is now served by three of the top global shipping lines and is poised for continued growth. They chose Port Tampa Bay to better serve Florida’s Interstate-4 corridor region’s residents and visitors. The proposed infrastructure development will broadly support population and business growth along the rapidly expanding Interstate-4 corridor. With the largest concentration of distribution centers in the State, it will enhance the port’s container capacity to help address consumption, production and distribution needs in Florida and beyond. It will give regional exporters and importers greater choice and create supply chain efficiencies and spur port growth in global and especially regional services.

The new container berth and expanded terminal development on Hooker’s Point (Container Berth 214 & Cargo Yard) is consistent with the MPO’s Freight Logistics Zone Strategic Plan (Plan) developed in partnership with Polk Transportation Planning Organization. The intent of the Strategic Plan is to assist in the prioritization of potential funding for investments within designated Freight Logistics Zones (FLZs). The FLZ consists of freight facilities and infrastructure and an interconnected network of logistics-related businesses with ties to the Winter Haven Intermodal Logistics Center (ILC), Port Tampa Bay, and CSX Intermodal facility in east Tampa.

We are proud to support this important initiative. Thank you for your favorable consideration of the Container Berth 214 & Cargo Yard INFRA grant application.

Sincerely,

Beth Alden
Executive Director
February 24, 2020

Representative Randy Fine
222 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

RE: SB 1000 and HB 1371 – Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

Dear Representative Fine,

The Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), serving the City of Tampa, City of Plant City, City of Temple Terrace and unincorporated Hillsborough County, has reviewed the proposed House Bill “HB 1371” referred as the “Turn the Flashing Yellow Crosswalks to Red” bill, and the associated Senate Bill “SB 1000”, and want to convey our strong opposition.

Hillsborough MPO is committed to safety for all roadway users, in a state notorious for being the deadilest in the nation for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is a highly effective and affordable tool that should remain in our safety toolbox.

Section 316.130(7)(b) of the Florida Statutes requires motorists to come to a complete stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Marked crosswalks at mid-block locations are accompanied by signs, both in advance of and at the crosswalk location, to further emphasize the presence of the crosswalk to the driver. Unfortunately, too many drivers ignore both the markings and the signs, endangering the pedestrians attempting to use the crosswalk. The RRFB, developed approximately fifteen years ago in St. Petersburg, was intended to increase the conspicuity of these crosswalk markings and signs. Pedestrians activating the RRFBs alert the driver to their presence in the crosswalk.

RRFBs increase pedestrian safety at these uncontrolled marked crosswalks by 98 percent. The RRFB concept went through extensive testing in the field and was found to have a higher rate of driver stopping compliance than markings and signs by themselves (in St Petersburg -2% prior to installation and over 90% after).

Its simple design, capability for being solar powered, and minimal structural mounting requirements keep the cost low. In these days of limited resources, the lower cost allows these proven devices to be used at many more locations to enhance pedestrian safety.

A local RRFB success story is Fletcher Ave, which serves the University of South Florida area. Prior to installation, Fletcher Ave was the highest fatality corridor in Hillsborough County. In 2014, RRFBs and other safety measures were installed. The
post construction study competed in 2019 demonstrated a **46% reduction in serious injuries** and **60% reduction in fatalities** right here in Hillsborough County.

We urge you to consider the negative impacts, both direct and indirect, of this proposed bill. With no state funding for cities and counties to change their traffic devices, it would end up costing millions of dollars that many local governments don't have. If signed into law, **this bill could cause many crosswalks to be removed**, including at **170 crosswalks in Hillsborough County**, thus having an additional negative effect on pedestrian/bicycle safety.

Our concern is that proposed legislation removes the use of a **scientifically proven safety device** for reducing serious injuries and fatalities for our most vulnerable road users. Please reconsider your support for this bill and allow the Florida Department of Transportation and the many local jurisdictions that use RRFBs to continue to educate the public about their appropriate use.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr.
Chair

cc: Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Members
In the past two weeks there have been fifteen fatalities on our roadways - 4 involved vulnerable road users to include: 1 pedestrian and 3 motorcyclists. We had two crashes that involved double fatalities, one of which was an impaired “Wrong Way Driver (WWD)” at Tampa International Airport and the other involved two individuals that were fleeing law enforcement. In addition, we unfortunately had a mother that lost her life from a “hit and run driver” in a stolen vehicle and a young man that had his life cut short due to speeding.

As a reminder, please realize that if you take your eyes of the road for 5 seconds while traveling at 55mph – it is like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

February is Hit and Run Awareness Month - “Safety for all road users is our priority at the Florida Department of Transportation,” said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. “In the event of a crash, it is imperative to stay at the scene and contact the proper authorities. Leaving the scene of a crash before authorities arrive has serious implications for everyone involved. It is up to each of us to make the commitment to practice safe habits behind the wheel, look out for other travelers and make sound decisions.”

Stay at The Scene – You Could Save a Life (Statewide News Release) - https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLHSMV/bulletins/2799e59

Tip Card:
District Seven’s Bi-Weekly Crash Report Update - A Summary of Traffic Fatalities that has occurred on public highways in the Tampa Bay Region. For more information, please note names of victims highlighted in blue are hyperlinked to news stories as published by the media and text highlighted in green are hyperlinked to obituaries as available. “Safety Doesn’t Happen by Accident.” Suggestions and/or ideas to enhance safety are welcomed here or by contacting Edith Wong at 813-975-6256 or Edith.Wong@dot.state.fl.us. Please note the word “here” is hyperlinked to District Seven's Innovation Share Point Site.

January 18, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: A motorist was driving westbound on US 92 approaching Kennedy Hills Road when for unknown reasons they collided with several traffic barriers and some construction barrels. The motorcycle overturned, ejecting the motorist from the vehicle. The motorcyclist died at the scene of the crash. The motorcyclist is survived by their family and friends.

Lucas M. Scholing, 72, Safety Harbor: Lucas was driving southbound on 49h Street, turning left onto Ulmerton Road, when he was struck by a vehicle that ran a red light. Lucas was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, where he later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Lucas is survived by his family and friends.

January 19, 2020

Saniya Daxon, 27, St. Pete: Saniya was a passenger in a vehicle traveling westbound on 40th Street, when her vehicle was struck by a driver in a stolen vehicle, who fled the scene following the crash. St. Pete Police are still searching for the Hit and Run driver. Saniya was transported to a local hospital, where she later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Saniya is survived by her son, parents, grandparents, siblings, family, and friends.

January 20, 2020

Latoya Roundtree, 38, Lakeland: Latoya was driving southbound on 22nd Street when she was struck by a vehicle running a red light at 18th Avenue South. Latoya was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, where she later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Latoya is survived by her family and friends.

Jessica Manning, 27, Dade City: Jessica was turning left off US 98 southbound onto Old Lakeland Highway when she failed to yield right of way for an oncoming vehicle and entered its path. Jessica died at the scene of the crash. Jessica is survived by her family and friends.

Names Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: Two motorists were driving on George J. Bean Parkway near the entrance to Tampa International Airport when their vehicle was struck by a vehicle driving the wrong way. The motorists died at the scene of the crash. The motorists are survived by their family and friends.
Carlos A. Medina III, 16, Tampa: Carlos was attempting to pass another vehicle in a no-pass zone while driving southbound on Davis Blvd. when he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle spun out, hit a curb, and then struck a light pole. Carlos was transported to Tampa General Hospital, where he later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Carlos was a loving son and brother known for his beaming smile, respectful attitude, and funny jokes. Carlos was a well-adored member of the Tampa Bay swimming community as he participated with both the Greater Tampa Swim Association and the Plant High School Swim Team. Carlos was honored for his organ donation by Tampa General Hospital. Carlos is survived by his mother, grandmother, sister, brother, step siblings, family, and friends.

January 21, 2020

Andreis Lamont Hayward, 28, Safety Harbor; Lorenzo Alexander Hayward, 33, Clearwater: Andreis and Lorenzo were driving on I-275 when they were stopped by law enforcement at a traffic stop near the I-275 NB entrance ramp at 5th Avenue and 4th Street. When the officer requested documentation, the two sped off onto I-275 and eventually failed to negotiate a curve at a high speed near 22nd Avenue. The vehicle left the roadway and went into the median, hitting a tree and then overturning multiple times. Lorenzo was thrown from the vehicle, and the car burst into flames after coming to a final rest. Andreis and Lorenzo both died at the scene of the crash. Andreis and Lorenzo are survived by their family and friends.

January 23, 2020

Name Withheld: "Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)": A motorist was traveling northbound on Trophy Blvd. when they failed to negotiate a curve and collided with a palm tree. The motorist was transported to a local hospital, where they later died from injuries sustained in the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

January 27, 2020

Daniel Lee McCullough, 29, Tampa: Daniel was walking across US 41 North of Old US 41 when he struck by an oncoming vehicle. Daniel died at the scene of the crash. Daniel is survived by his family and friends.

January 30, 2020

Names Withheld: "Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)": A motorist was traveling westbound on Wallace Branch Road when they failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway and struck a tree. The motorist and a passenger died at the scene of the crash. The motorists are survived by their friends and family.
January 31, 2020

Names Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: A motorist was traveling westbound on the I-375 ramp to I-275 when for unknown reasons they lost control of their vehicle and overturned. This caused a collision with another vehicle. The motorist died at the scene of the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.
In the past two weeks there have been seventeen fatalities on our roadways, 5 involving vulnerable road users - 2 pedestrian, 2 bicyclists and 1 motorcyclist. Unfortunately, there was a double fatality crash that took two young women’s lives at once and one triple fatality crash that took an entire family (a mother, father and son) all at once. Further, we had **FOUR** Hit and Run crashes during this two week period, three of these crashes involved vulnerable road users, of which only one has been resolved by law enforcement. In the last summary, we included this information, but since the information is relevant, it bears repeating - **February is Hit and Run Awareness Month.** Please take a moment to read the news release and look at the statistics, because unfortunately our Hit and Run numbers are on the rise.

"Under Florida law, a driver must stop immediately at the scene of a crash on public or private property that results in property damage, injury or death. In 2019, preliminarily, there were more than 105,000 hit and run crashes in Florida. Leaving the scene of a crash is a felony and a driver, when convicted, will have their license revoked for at least three years and can be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of four years in prison. "Additionally, while bicyclists and pedestrians are involved in a small percentage of hit and run crashes overall, bicyclists and pedestrians made up 21 percent of all hit and run fatalities."

Stay at The Scene – You Could Save a Life (Statewide News Release) -
[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLHSMV/bulletins/2799e59](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLHSMV/bulletins/2799e59)
February 1, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: A pedestrian was walking across 6th Avenue, near the intersection of Armstrong Street, when they were struck by an oncoming vehicle. The pedestrian died at the scene of the crash. The driver that stuck the pedestrian fled the scene of the crash and FHP are still looking for this Hit and Run driver. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.

Bruce E. Johnson, 65, Clearwater; Lisa M. Johnson, 49, Clearwater; Glenworth M. Johnson, 18, Clearwater: Bruce, Lisa, and Glenworth were passengers in a vehicle traveling westbound on Tampa Road preparing to turn onto US 19 when a southbound vehicle on US 19 ran a red light and collided with the vehicle they were riding in. The impact ejected the driver, a passenger, as well as, causing a third passenger to be partially ejected from the vehicle. All three passengers died at the scene of the crash. The driver that ran the light fled the scene of the crash, however, FHP was eventually able to apprehend the suspect. Bruce, Lisa and Glenworth are survived by their family and friends.

February 2, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: A motorist was traveling eastbound on Embassy Boulevard when they suddenly lost control of their vehicle, struck a metal sign and then reentered the roadway the wrong way, before colliding with another vehicle. The motorist died at the scene of the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

John E. Hampton, 50, Riverview: John was traveling southbound on the I-75 offramp leading to Gibsonton Drive when traffic suddenly slowed in front of him. John attempted an evasive maneuver to avoid a collision and lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle entered the inside shoulder and collided with a concrete traffic barrier, overturning and ejecting John from the vehicle. John died at the scene of the crash. John proudly served eight years in the United States Marines, as well as serving in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. John is survived by his parents, daughter, seven sisters, family, and friends.
Safety in Seven

February 3, 2020

Eric Easter, 57, Dade City: Eric was traveling westbound on SR 50 when the driver in front of him lost control of their vehicle and crossed into the eastbound lanes striking the side of a tractor trailer. The collision caused the tractor trailer to collide with the left side of Eric’s vehicle, which then overturned. Eric was taken to Advent Health Dade City, where he later died due to injuries sustained during the crash. Eric proudly served in the U.S. Army in the 1st Battalion (Airborne) 509th Infantry Parachute Team, serving in Germany and Italy. Eric worked for the telephone company for 37 years and ran his own telecom business (Orion Telecom). Eric is survived by his wife, son, daughter, family, and friends.

February 8, 2020

Jiana Minaya, 16, Clearwater; Keeshia A. Edwards, 17, St. Pete: Jiana and Keeshia were passengers in a vehicle traveling northbound on I-275 near 22nd Avenue North when the driver attempted to change lanes and entered the path of another vehicle. The collision caused their vehicle to rotate across the interstate lanes, onto the shoulder, off the exit ramp and then it collided with two trees. Jiana and Keeshia were transported to Bayfront Hospital, where they later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Jiana is survived by her parents, one-year old daughter, family, and friends. Keeshia is survived by her parents, grandparents, five brothers, thirteen sisters, family and friends.

February 9, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statue 316.066 (2)(d)*: A motorist was traveling eastbound on SR 574 near the intersection of Orient Road. The motorist failed to yield for a red light and collided with another vehicle. The motorist was transported to a local hospital, where they later died from injuries sustained in the crash. The motorist is survived by their family and friends.

Shawna G. Smith, 37, Wimauma: Shawna was traveling north on I-75 near Big Bend Road, when another vehicle attempted to overtake her, causing them to collide. The impact caused Shawna’s vehicle to travel off the road, overturn and Shawna was ejected. Shawna died at the scene of the crash. Shawna is survived by her family and friends.

Michael Todd Gilkerson, 37, Dunellon: Michael was traveling westbound on Dunellon Road, west of US 41, when a vehicle struck him from behind, ejecting him from his bicycle. Michael died at the scene of the crash. The driver fled the scene of the crash and FHP are still looking for this Hit and Run driver. Michael is survived by his family and friends.
Brendan Markeith Hawkins, 24, St Pete: Brendan was traveling west on 5th Avenue South at a high rate of speed when a vehicle turned in front of him near the intersection of 5th Avenue South and 37th Street. Brendan was transported to Bayfront Health Hospital, where he later died from injuries sustained in the crash. The Hit and Run driver fled the scene, however, law enforcement eventually apprehended him. Brendan is survived by his family and friends.

February 10, 2020

Edward Joel Perez Valentin, 18 New Port Richey: Edward was traveling southbound on US 19 near Sea Ranch Drive when for unknown reasons he lost control of his vehicle, crossed over the center median and entered the path of another vehicle. Edward died at the scene of the crash. Edward was a vibrant young man who loved football and even an occasional game of basketball with his pastor. Edward is survived by his mother, brother, sisters, family and friends.

February 10, 2020

Name Withheld: *Due to Florida Statute 316.066 (2)(d)*: A pedestrian was crossing Little Road just north of SR 52 in Bayonet Point when they were struck by several vehicles. The pedestrian died at the scene of the crash. The pedestrian is survived by their family and friends.

February 11, 2020

Brian M. Bentz, 57, Valrico: Brian was traveling southbound on St. Cloud Avenue near the intersection of SR 60 when he was struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound on SR 60 when he entered the intersection. Brian was transported to Brandon Regional Hospital, where he later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Brian is survived by his family and friends.

February 11, 2020

Anthony D. Moccio, 60, Brooksville: Anthony was traveling eastbound on Trenton Avenue, east of US 19, when for unknown reasons he lost control of his vehicle and left the roadway. Anthony’s vehicle went onto the grass shoulder, then collided with a pedestrian sign and a concrete wall. Anthony was transported to Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point, where he later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Anthony is survived by his family and friends.