

**Florida MPO Advisory Council
Meeting of the Governing Board
August 2, 2018
Orlando, Florida
Draft Meeting Minutes**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair, Commissioner Nick Maddox, Capital Region TPA
Vice Chair, Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO
Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Friend, Bay County TPO
Commissioner James Herston, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
Councilmember Reg Buxton, Collier MPO
Commissioner Terry Burroughs, Heartland TPO
Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Hernando/Citrus MPO
Commissioner Vinny Barile, Martin MPO
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, MetroPlan Orlando
Mayor Dick Rynearson, Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA
Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councilmember Rocky Randels, Space Coast TPO
Carl Mikyska, MPOAC
Brigitte Messina, MPOAC
Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel
Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research, USF
Stacie Blizzard, Florida Division, Federal Highway Administration
Karen Brunelle, Florida Division, Federal Highway Administration
Alex Gramovot, Florida Department of Transportation, Office of Policy Planning
Mark Reichert, Florida Department of Transportation, Office of Policy Planning
Mary Beth Washnock, Bay County TPO
Greg Slay, Capital Region TPA
Gary Harrell, Charlotte County - Punta Gorda MPO
Anne McLaughlin, Collier County MPO
Pat Steed, Heartland TPO
Steve Diez, Hernando/Citrus County MPO
Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Dawn Schwartz, Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Tom Deardorff, Polk TPO
Dave Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO

Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Stephen Lawe, RSG
Steven Gayle, RSG
Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn
William Roll, Kimley-Horn

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Vice-Chair, Broward MPO, called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. The Vice-Chair welcomed those in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 07, 2018 MEETING**

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Hernando/Citrus MPO, moved to approve the minutes of the June 07, 2018, Governing Board meeting, as amended. Mayor Dick Ryneerson, Okaloosa-Walton TPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. **UPWP REPORT**

Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Report showing expenditures and budget for the full state fiscal year 2018, as well as a list of activities of the MPOAC from May through June of 2018. Mr. Mikyska stated that the MPOAC finished the state fiscal year 2018 under budget.

- B. **MPOAC WEEKEND INSTITUTE OVERVIEW**

Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, presented an overview and the results of the participant survey from the two 2018 sessions of the MPOAC Weekend Institute. He stated that this year, there were a total of 32 attendees. Mr. Mikyska noted that participant surveys scored this year's Institute very well. He added that since the inception of the Institute, 54% of participants still serve on MPO Boards. He complimented the MPOAC

Institute training staff for a job well done, and provided staff contact information for questions or concerns that may arise later.

• AGENCY REPORTS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Mark Reichert, Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Office of Policy Planning, updated the members on the activities of FDOT as follows:

- He announced that Jim Wood, Chief Planner, is no longer with FDOT's Office of Policy Planning, and his position has not yet been filled.
- Mr. Reichert stated that Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Revenue estimates were released at the Policy and Technical Committee Meeting. He addressed some questions that came about as a result of that meeting. Mr. Reichert addressed some outstanding issues that came up at the most recent Policy and Technical Committee meeting. The first was a question concerning long range estimates and transit funding, and how much of the transit funds were designated for capacity improvements. He stated that an explanation has been received from the transit office which states that approximately 55% of transit funds go towards capacity improvements. Mr. Reichert noted that a more formal explanation is being prepared and will be emailed when complete. The second was a question regarding the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) cost feasible plan and the five year gap in the adopted work program. Mr. Reichert distributed a document detailing the stages of the SIS funding strategy.
- Mr. Reichert stated that there are internal FDOT discussions to discontinue funding for the TRAC-N-Ride program due to lack of interest. He noted that the program funding is currently only being utilized by the Broward MPO.
- He announced the following upcoming meetings:
 - Annual Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership Meeting, December 11-12, 2019 in Orlando, FL
 - Focus on Community Conference, December 12-13, 2019 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando FL
 - Florida Automated Vehicle Summit, November 27-28, 2018, Tampa, FL
 - TransPlex Conference , May 7-9, 2019, in Jacksonville, FL
- Mr. Reichert stated that the Statewide Safety Targets are set annually and the submission deadline date is August 31, 2018. He informed the membership that FDOT will be adhering to Vision Zero for its five safety performance measures. Mr. Reichert noted that eight of the State's 27 TPO/MPOs chose to set their own quantifiable targets the previous year while the rest supported the FDOT targets. He pointed out that February 27, 2019 was the deadline date for MPOs to set safety targets.

- Mr. Reichert stated that FDOT prepared for the Statewide Annual Assessment and Planning Findings conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The annual review has been completed with one outstanding issue, the implementation of the transportation performance measures.

B. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Stacie Blizzard, Transportation Planning Specialist, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Division, Office of Project Development, updated the members on activities of FHWA as follows:

- Ms. Blizzard reminded members of the funding opportunity for the Measuring Multi-Modal Network Connectivity Pilot Program. The application deadline for the pilot program is August 2, 2018.
- Ms. Blizzard announced that FHWA is implementing the fifth round of the Every Day Counts Innovation program. She explained that ten innovations were advanced this year under the name of On-Ramp to Innovation. Ms. Blizzard noted the innovations that would be the most interest to MPO/TPOs: 1) Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP program); 2) Use of Crowd Sourcing to Advance Operations; 3) Value Capture – capitalizing on the value created by transportation; and 4) Virtual Public Involvement. She indicated that staff of the MPOAC sent this out to the TPOs/MPOs, including the website information.
- Ms. Blizzard announced that the nomination period for the 2019 Environmental Excellence Awards is open from August 1 through September 14, 2018. She explained that this program recognizes outstanding transportation projects, processes, and partners that use FHWA funding sources to achieve environmental excellence.
- Ms. Blizzard encouraged those present to submit any comments, observations, and feedback concerning the Statewide Annual Assessment and Planning Findings to FHWA staff by the deadline date of August 17th.

Ms. Karen Brunelle, Director, Office of Project Development, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Division, continued the update as follows:

- Ms. Brunelle stated that the Planning Team Leader has retired and the position is now advertised. They hope to have the position filled by the next MPOAC meeting (November 1, 2018).
- Ms. Brunelle said that the Federal Planning Rule became effective on May 27, 2018, and that all LRTP & S/TIP Amendments must now address safety performance measures.

- Ms. Brunelle noted that FDOT Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) met the June 15, 2018 submittal deadline for the new system performance measurement (PM3) travel time metrics.
- Ms. Brunelle stated that FHWA is currently reviewing the following: TIP transportation performance measures documentation when new S/TIP amendments are received; the MPO Consensus Document that was adopted in May 2018; the draft TIP Templates for infrastructure condition performance measures (PM2) and PM3; and the draft System Performance Report Framework.
- Ms. Brunelle stated that the implementation of National Highway System (NHS) Bridge Penalty went into effect June 2018. She noted that there is a financial penalty tied to the condition of NHS Bridges if they fall below a certain standard.
- Ms. Brunelle stated that a new guidebook for transportation performance management (TPM) Truck Freight Bottleneck Reporting went became available in July 2018. The guidebook can be accessed at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/guidance/>
- Ms. Brunelle stated that on August 31, 2018 FDOT will set the 2019 safety targets.
- Ms. Brunelle stated that October 1, 2018 is the deadline for S/TIP with safety targets addressed; FDOT request for using FDOT/MPO equivalent data sources (PM3); FDOT to report to bridge/pavement/System Performance Targets to FHWA; and baseline reports for bridge/pavement/system performance (Interstate only).
- Ms. Brunelle noted that November 14, 2018, is the deadline for MPOs to set bridge, pavement, and system performance targets.

• BUSINESS ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

A. LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS AND OUTREACH

Mr. Mikyska provided an overview of the 2019 proposed legislative priorities and policy positions. He explained that the 2019 Florida legislative session will start on March 5, 2019. He pointed out that the session starts late due to the November elections, and Legislative committees begin meeting in January 2019. Mr. Mikyska explained that in order for the MPOAC to have adopted policy positions available for distribution prior to the start of legislative committee meetings, the MPOAC Governing Board must formally adopt a platform of positions at today’s meeting. Mr. Mikyska explained that the positions had been vetted and modified by the MPOAC Policy and Technical Committee at its July meeting. He noted that the underlined bullets are newly proposed language.

1. Implements key recommendations from the revenue study with two added suggestions:
 - Expand the Charter County and Regional Transportation System surtax to allow municipalities over 150,000 in population (or the largest municipality in

a county) and all counties located in MPO areas to enact up to a one cent local option surtax by referendum.

- Index local option fuel taxes to the consumer price index in a manner similar to the current indexing of state fuel taxes.
- Identify potential revenue sources for the current motor fuels tax which is no longer able to fully support the current or future needs of the transportation system.
- Charge alternatively fueled vehicles a fee equal to the fuel tax paid by gasoline or diesel fueled vehicles.
- Ban legislative appropriations for individual transportation projects (commonly referred to as earmarks). As an alternative, create a competitive grant program that benefits local transportation projects.

A considerable amount of discussion ensued regarding the newly added fourth bullet under policy position #1, "Charge alternatively fueled vehicles a fee equal to the fuel tax paid by gasoline or diesel fueled vehicles." He explained that this proposed policy position relates to electric and other vehicles that do not pay a motor fuel tax and are using the roadway network for no cost, subsidized by vehicles that operate on diesel and gasoline fuels. Mr. Mikyska stated that this is an attempt to put alternatively fueled vehicles on equal footing with vehicles that contribute to the highway trust fund both at the state and national levels. Mr. Mikyska added that the word "alternatively" was carefully chosen to capture all vehicles that do not contribute to the highway trust fund through a motor fuel tax.

Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA, disagreed with this proposed position. He said that the percentage of hybrid or electric vehicles on the road as compared to vehicles using other forms of fuel is unknown. He added that he would still like to incentivize alternatively fueled vehicles. Additionally, until it is known how much money is being generated by hybrid and electric vehicles, this position is premature. The gas tax is based on equity per vehicle size, and currently more money is being generated from the gas tax because of annual population increases. Mayor Grant, moved to table the proposed fourth bullet under policy position #1 until next year to allow for evaluation of the impact of hybrid and electric vehicles on revenue. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was then made by Mayor Dick Rynearson, Okaloosa/Walton TPO, to accept position policy #1, as written. Commissioner James Herston, Charlotte County Punta Gorda MPO, seconded. Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO, offered an amendment to exclude personal electric vehicles from the proposed recommendation. Councilmember Caletka explained the reason being the emergence of commercial electric vehicles, specifically 18-wheelers that will create wear and tear on the road. He said that if those vehicles are not properly taxed, everyone else will be paying for the damage they cause. There was no second to the proposed amendment, and Councilmember Caletka withdrew his proposal.

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, MetroPlan Orlando, requested an explanation of how information on the vehicles is collected. Mr. Mikyska explained that collection methods were purposely not addressed in order to give decision makers more latitude. He provided an overview of some of the mechanisms used to collect data (i.e. vehicle registrations, vehicle parts, and technologies that track how many miles are traveled per year). He added that some of these mechanisms can be politically problematic due to personal rights concerns. Mr. Mikyska said that the impact of both hybrid and electric vehicles may not be known for another five to 10 years depending on how quickly they are adopted into the marketplace. He said that the percentage is currently under 1.5% for hybrid and electric vehicles based on vehicle registrations in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, MetroPlan Orlando, said that she feels that this a bigger issue. She stated that overall, the gas mileage for vehicles is getting better and that we may need to look at something other than the gas tax for all vehicles in the future. Commissioner Grieb stated that she does not feel that this policy position properly addresses the issue. She agreed with Mayor Grant in that this language could potentially de-incentivize hybrid and electric vehicle ownership. She stated that she understands that its purpose is to send a message to the legislature, but that it needs to be packaged better so as not to rule out more viable options for all vehicles in the future. Mr. Jeff Kramer, CUTR/USF, noted that bullet #3 is a part of previous years policy positions and that the language does attempt to address the issue of potential future revenue replacement sources. Commissioner Friend, Bay County TPO, disagreed with tabling the item. His position was that this issue has been discussed for several years, and moving it forward alerts the legislature that this body is aware and continues to pay attention to this issue.

Mr. Mikyska discussed the proposed fifth bullet under policy position #1 relating to a ban on transportation earmarks. He explained that this position is intended to remove the harmful fiscal impacts that earmarked projects have on the FDOT and MPOs. He explained that it is important for the Legislature to understand the potential ramifications of earmarks. Mr. Mikyska stated that when an earmark is approved in law, the money going to the earmarked project is taken out of the FDOT District budget and creates two potential problems. Problem one is that the earmark still has to go to the Governor for approval, and that if the line item is vetoed the money for that earmark does not come back to the District and that all phases of the vetoed project cannot be advanced in the FDOT Work Program. Problem two is that commonly earmarks do not fully fund transportation projects and that requires additional money to be found elsewhere, often by deferring or eliminating other projects that are MPO priorities. There was no opposition to the addition of this proposed recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, MetroPlan Orlando, to adopt policy position #1, without bullet #4. Mayor Stephen Grant, Palm Beach TPA, seconded. Motion failed with a 3-7 vote.

Commissioner Maddox restated the motion made by Mayor Dick Rynearson, Okaloosa/Walton TPO, to accept the recommendation to approve position policy #1, as written. Commissioner James Herston, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed policy position #2 which “Regulates distracted driving as a primary offense by prohibiting the use of handheld electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting devices while operating a moving motor vehicle.” He explained that this policy position relates to distracted driving, specifically texting while driving. He explained that this policy position came very close to passing in the last legislative session, but that there were two issues of concern that contributed to its failure. The first was that the proposed legislation only addressed texting while driving, and did not address other uses of a mobile device. He said that there was a concern that if a driver is pulled over, they would have to hand over their phone to the officer in order to prove their innocence thereby violating their Fourth Amendment rights. This concern prevented the legislation from moving forward in the Senate committee process. Mr. Mikyska said that there was also concern brought up by members of the legislature that the use of a mobile device is sometimes used for more than texting (i.e.: navigation). He explained the burden that could be placed on those drivers that do not have newer model vehicles with built-in navigation technology. This policy position, as proposed, would alleviate that concern. Councilmember Caletka, Broward MPO, expressed his opposition to this proposed policy position due to hands-free technology built-into his vehicle, and Fourth Amendment protections that do not require you to hand over your personal phone.

Commissioner Terry Burroughs, Heartland TPO, moved to approve policy position #2. Mayor Rodney Friend, Bay County TPO, seconded. The motion passed with Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO, dissenting.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed policy position #3: “Restores funding to 2007 levels for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). The TRIP leverages state documentary stamp tax proceeds to promote regional planning and project development by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners. This proposal seeks to restore trip funding by reducing diversions of documentary stamp proceeds for non-transportation purposes”.

Mr. Mikyska explained that TRIP funding is used by MPO/TPOs to fund projects, and the funding fluctuates due to the funding source of documentary stamp tax. He said that revenue

from that tax fluctuates from year to year because of real estate activity. Mr. Mikyska stated that the idea is to restore TRIP funding to the 2007 level of around \$150 million per year. The logic for selecting 2007 was that it represented a moderate historical funding level for the program, while remaining high enough to achieve significant benefit for the state. He noted that the Staff Directors recommended having the first sentence as the explanation statement, and to not worry about the remaining explanatory language as the first statement contains sufficient explanation for the request.

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, MetroPlan Orlando, moved to approve policy position #3, with the staff director's recommendation, and to add 2017 data to the graph when received. Mayor Rodney Friend, Bay County TPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed policy position #4: "Allows Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS."

Mr. Mikyska noted that the Staff Directors voted to remove the words "roads and other" from the sentence so that it is not viewed to be at the detriment of transit and that it does not favor one mode over another.

Commissioner Rodney Friend, Bay County TPO, moved to approve policy position #4 as amended by the Staff Directors. Mayor Dick Ryneerson, Okaloosa/Walton TPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed policy position #5: "Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF)." Mr. Mikyska explained that this policy position would put transit and highway funding on a more equal footing by removing artificial barriers to spending state transportation funding on transit projects. He added that there are no changes to this position from the previous year.

Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA, moved to approve policy position #5. Mayor Rodney Friend, Bay County TPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed policy position #6: "Recognizes that federal metropolitan planning funds shall not be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure." Mr. Mikyska explained that this was a policy position from last year that is intended to prevent the state from limiting the allowed uses of federal transportation planning funds by MPOs, and that it is recommended again this year unchanged.

Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA, moved to approve policy position #6. Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mikyska reviewed proposed new policy position #7: “Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies (including autonomous vehicle and Hyperloop technologies) that make Florida the national leader in creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, while simultaneously protecting the health and welfare of Florida’s citizens and visitors by making all forms of tampering with such technologies a punishable offense.”

Mr. Mikyska explained that the MPOAC Policy and Technical Committee recommended that this new policy position be added this year. He stated that this proposed policy position is supportive of policies that have been brought forward as pieces of legislation by the members of the legislature who are enthusiastic advocates of transportation innovations and who support the idea of the rapid changes happening in transportation (i.e. automated and electric vehicles). Mr. Mikyska noted that another intended purpose of this position is to advocate that Florida be the leader in the field of transportation technology and innovation.

He said that this policy position was reviewed by the Staff Directors at their meeting and a change was recommended to the first sentence of the explanation statement as follows: “It is clear that transportation technologies will undergo, and have under gone, a revolutionary leap forward over the next past several years.”

Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA, moved to approve policy position #7 with the Staff Directors recommendation. Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Hernando/Citrus MPO, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Mikyska explained that at the February 01, 2018 MPOAC Governing Board Meeting direction was given to MPOAC staff to conduct a survey of the 27 MPOs and to determine which days of the month the MPOAC could meet without conflicting with individual MPO Board meeting dates, with the understanding that the day before an MPO Board meeting should also be avoided. Mr. Mikyska noted that the results of the survey were presented at the June 07, 2018 meetings of the MPOAC. He said that direction given at that time was to revisit the calendar and to remove from consideration any MPO whose representative had not attended the previous four MPOAC Governing Board meetings. Mr. Mikyska reviewed the results of the survey which was conducted by MPOAC staff and presented calendars for the next two years showing dates available for MPOAC meetings. He said that the objective was to set a standard meeting schedule, and have MPOAC staff set meeting dates at least two

years in advance as this is helpful for MPOs that do not have a set methodology for setting their own meeting dates. Mr. Mikyska said that this will allow those MPOs to be able to see the future MPOAC meeting dates, and avoid them when setting their calendars for the coming year. He noted that MPOAC staff also considered the availability of legal counsel to attend and guide both the Staff Directors and Governing Board through the nuances of both federal and state laws affecting the business of the MPOAC, the member MPOs and the Florida DOT.

Consensus of the Governing Board was to accept the Staff Director's recommendation for the 2019 meeting dates: Wednesday, January 30, 2019; Tuesday, April 30, 2019; Tuesday, July 30, 2019 and Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Consensus of the Governing Board was to also accept the Staff Director's recommendation for the 2020 meeting dates: Thursday, January 30, 2020; Thursday, April 30, 2020; Thursday, July 30, 2020; and Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Mayor Steven Grant, Palm Beach TPA, moved to approve these days for the meeting calendar. Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast MPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT

Mr. Mikyska and Mr. Reichert brought this forward as an information item, and noted that no action on this item is requested. Mr. Mikyska explained that at the MPOAC Leadership meeting which was held in Tallahassee on April 23 and 24, 2018, the topic of a Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) was discussed by FDOT and MPOAC leadership. The leadership expressed an interest in pursuing the CPG because it would offer an easing of administrative burdens on both the MPO and FDOT staff. Mr. Reichert stated that it is anticipated that the CPG would not increase the burden on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and would ease the administrative burden on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He noted that there would be no financial impact to Florida's MPOs. He added that if Florida chooses to pursue the CPG, it would be effective with the next round of MPO UPWPs (State Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022).

Mr. Reichert stated that the prospect of implementing the CPG is planned to be discussed in detail at the Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership (FMPP) meeting on December 11 and 12, 2018 in Orlando at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. He said that the purpose of presenting this information at this meeting is to give some background information on the program to MPOs so that the implications of a CPG can be considered thoroughly by the membership before being discussed at the FMPP meeting later this year.

D. FUTURE MOBILITY RESEARCH SYNTHESIS

Mr. Mark Reichert stated that this item is brought forward for informational purposes and no action is requested. He introduced Stephen Lawe and Steven Gayle, RSG, and they presented the results of the Future Mobility Research Synthesis Report. Mr. Lawe explained that the purpose of this research, funded by FDOT, focused on assembling in one document an overview of recent research on, and practices around, rapidly evolving transportation technology and trends. Mr. Gayle stated that this research will support State Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) staff, prevent duplicative research among the State's 27 MPOs, and provide valuable input as MPOs update their long-range transportation plans (LRTPs). This reflects the growing interest in both the technology and societal impacts of future mobility through Automated/ Connected/ Electrified/Shared (ACES) mobility options. MPOs preparing their next LRTPs, which will have a horizon year of 2045 or beyond, are concerned with how to address these issues and can look to this report for guidance in these areas.

E. FDOT CAV (CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLE) STATUS REPORT

Raj Ponnaluri, FDOT, Traffic Engineering and Operations Office, gave a brief presentation about the Florida DOT Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Initiative. Mr. Ponnaluri provided an overview the efforts that are currently underway around the State of Florida in these technology areas. He also discussed the opportunities, challenges and roles that can result in FDOT organizational alignment to expedite the deployment of CAV technology in a manner consistent with the FDOT Mission and Vision. Mr. Mikyska noted that the presentation will be available on the MPOAC website. Mr. Ponnaluri provided the website address to stay abreast of FDOT CAV efforts:

<http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/ITS/projectsdeploy/cv/connectedvehicles>

• COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were provided in agenda packets for informational purposes:

- Letters sent to tolling agencies requesting free tolls for Florida's Disabled Veterans
- MPOAC Resolution 2018-02 requesting free tolls for Florida's Disabled Veterans

• MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next meeting of the MPOAC Governing Board will be held on November 01, 2018, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. MPOAC has reserved a block of rooms for \$129 per night. The Rosen's phone number is (800) 627-8258. A meeting notice will be sent out at least one month prior to the meeting date.