

TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

June 11, 2010 – The first meeting of the Transportation Task Force. Commissioner Seel handed out a copy of the Hillsborough County Task Force's Guiding Principles for their review before the next meeting and briefed the group on the Alternatives Analysis. Dennis Long, County Attorney's Office, briefed the Task Force on the Sunshine Law and explained that Government Sunshine Laws were applicable to the committee. Presentations were given by Don Skelton, FDOT Secretary, District 7, on the Florida High Speed Rail project and by Ronnie Duncan on TBARTA.

June 21, 2010 – This was another educational meeting for the task force, with presentations by Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO, on the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan and by Tim Garling, PSTA, on Transit Modes and Alternatives Analysis. The Guiding Principles for the Task Force were also discussed.

July 1, 2010 – A Transit Oriented Development Seminar was put on by the Pinellas Realtor Association. All Task Force members were informed and invited to attend.

July 19, 2010 – A Public Workshop was held at Bayside High School to invite citizen comments/suggestions on transportation in Pinellas County. Attendees were given a brief overview of the Transportation Task Force members and mission by Commissioner Seel and then the floor was opened for citizen comments.

August 30, 2010 – A Regional Subcommittee Collaborative Engagement Workshop held at the EpiCenter. Commissioner Seel provided opening remarks, followed by Andrea Henning, Director of the Collaborative Labs, providing an overview of what the group was going to be doing that day. After the attendees were asked to provide any comments or questions they may have had, Commissioner Seel gave a presentation on the Alternatives Analysis and transportation in Pinellas County. Attendees were divided into groups and prioritized projects in their respective areas of the County and on a countywide basis. Attendees also allocated points across the 5 transportation types (light rail, transit bus, roads, trails and sidewalks) to determine what the transportation priorities were.

September 20, 2010 – At this regular Transportation Task Force meeting, the Guiding Principles were approved by the group and an update was given on the results of the Collaborative Labs and presentations to cities and chambers. Presentations were given by Mike Meidel, Pinellas County Economic Development, on Pinellas By Design and by James Moore, HDR Engineering, Inc. on Transit Oriented Design. Unfunded transportation needs were presented to members by Tim Garling, PSTA, Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO, and Bob Clifford, TBARTA.

October 18, 2010 – At this regular meeting of the Transportation Task Force, the group was given an update on the status of Task Force presentations to the local cities and chambers. John Woodruff, Office of Management and Budget, gave an overview of general revenue funding sources that may be available to help fund transportation initiatives, followed by a presentation by Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO, on Tax

Increment Financing. Unfunded transportation priorities were presented by Brian Smith, and by Denise Skinner, PSTA.

November 15, 2010 – The Transportation Task Force met at the EpiCenter Collaborative Labs to review revenue sources and prioritize projects. Commissioner Seel welcomed the Task Force members. Andrea Henning, Director of the Collaborative Labs, provided an overview of what was to take place that day. Brian Smith, Pinellas County MPO, gave a presentation on revenue projections, potential revenue allocation alternatives, and potential project priorities. Andrea Henning then explained the process for what was to take place and directed the Task Force members to break out into smaller groups to begin working. Once in smaller groups, the Force Members came up with vision, transit, non-transit, and funding strategies. Each member voted on which strategies they thought would best guide the decision-making of the Task Force. After the prioritization of strategies, Task Force members prioritized revenue sources, allocation alternatives, and potential projects, again voting to decide which ones were most favored amongst the group. A final report was developed by the staff of the Collaborative Labs and made available for group members and on the Task Force website.