



PASCO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMENDMENT TO ADD FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDS & APPROVE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$ 154,195 IN THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2021-22

The Pasco County MPO, the Countywide transportation planning agency responsible for maintaining a countywide transportation planning program is seeking public comments and input on proposed amendment to the adopted Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Pursuant to Federal Regulations and Florida Statutes, the UPWP presents a two-year (biennial) work program that identifies the transportation planning budget which allocates Federal, State and local funding to specific multimodal transportation planning activities, products and related programs. The current biennial UPWP covers Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-21 through FY 2021-22.

The MPO is proposing an amendment to year two (FY 2021-22) of the UPWP. The amendment adds the FY 2021-22 allocation of transit funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTA funds are administered through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and are obtained by entering into a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA), with the FDOT. The Section 5305 (d) funds are \$154,195, currently there is no state and local allocation. Grant funds have been reduced by the state and local match for the current fiscal year. Subsequently, due to the incoming funding identified above in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) amendment has been initiated in order to reflect the funds and associated tasks in the UPWP.

In accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan and in compliance with Federal law and applicable Florida Statutes, a public notice is being provided to provide input on the amended UPWP that ends on October 1, 2021. The final amendment to the UPWP for FY 2021-22 is scheduled for approval by the MPO Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the West Pasco Government Center, First Floor - Board Room, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida, 34654. The UPWP amendments may be viewed on the MPO's website at www.pascompo.net under "Public meetings/Notices" beginning on September 13, 2021.

Persons wishing further information or needing a copy of the proposed FY 2021-22 UPWP amendments may call the MPO at (727) 847-8140. Written comments regarding the UPWP amendments may be addressed to Pasco County MPO, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 320, New Port Richey, Florida 34654, or e-mail

comments to mpocomments@pascocountyfl.net.

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public comment during the regularly scheduled meeting to review In accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan and in compliance with Federal law - 23 CFR 450.316(b)(1)(i) and 339.175 (b) and (8) Florida Statutes, this Public meeting provides for the last public opportunity to comment before approval by the MPO Board. Your feedback can directly affect transportation improvements and projects in Pasco County.

If you are a person who needs translation services, Pasco County MPO will take reasonable steps at no cost to you to allow participation in this proceeding. At least seven days prior to the meeting, please contact the MPO, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598. The MPO Board Room in Dade City is served by Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) Routes 30 and 31. To obtain bus schedules or further information, contact PCPT at (727) 834-3322 (West Pasco), (352) 521-4587 (East Pasco), or go online to the PCPT website at www.RIDEPCPT.com Individuals unable to access a PCPT bus to attend the meeting may contact PCPT at least five days prior to the public meeting to find out if they qualify for alternative transportation service.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within five working days of receipt of this notice, please contact the Personnel Department, West Pasco Government Center, 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598; (727) 847-8030 (V) in New Port Richey; (352) 523-2411, Extension 8030 (V), in Dade City; (813) 996-2411, Extension 8030 (V), in Land O' Lakes; or via (727) 847-8949 if you are hearing impaired.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination laws, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, familial, or income status. It is a priority of the MPO that all citizens of Pasco County are given the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process including low-income individuals, the elderly persons with disabilities, and persons with limited English proficiency. You may contact the MPO's Title VI Specialist at (727) 847-8140 if you have any discrimination complaints.