



**Stakeholder Public Workshop on  
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE AND THE  
COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Jurisdictional  
Representatives of the  
HERNANDO-CITRUS METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**MINUTES**

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a public workshop meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was publicly noticed on the Hernando County, Citrus County, and Hernando-Citrus MPO websites.

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Walt Eastmond, County Engineer/Technical Services Director, Citrus County Public Works Dept.  
Scott Herring, County Engineer/Public Works Director, Hernando County Dept. of Public Works  
Lashaundra Ellison, Hernando County Planning Department  
James Lipsey, Hernando County School District  
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County School District  
David Peters, City of Brooksville  
Carly Hanson, City of Crystal River  
Darlene Lollie, Hernando County Transit  
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit  
Elisa Joyner, Non-Voting Advisor, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Landon, Citrus County Planning Department  
Chris Shoemaker, City of Inverness  
John Walsh, Non-Voting Member, Hernando County Airport  
Todd Regan, Non-Voting Member, Citrus County Aviation Section

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bob Esposito, MPO Executive Director  
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator  
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant  
Audra Curts, City of Crystal River City Manager  
Loren Hughes, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Rob Cursey, AICP, Transit and Transportation Group Manager, Benesch & Associates  
Chris Keller, AICP, Senior Project Manager, Benesch & Associates  
William Roll, AICP, Project Manager, Kimley-Horn & Associates

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- Mr. Herring called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and led the Moment of Silence.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Presentation by the MPO's General Planning Consultant, Rob Cursey with Benesch & Associates on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update  
Rob Cursey presented the preliminary results from the November 20, 2025, workshop. He clarified that the purpose of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) is to identify short-term strategies and projects to address current issues on the road network, while the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) focuses on longer-term needs over a 6- to 20- or 25-year horizon.

He reviewed the methodology and primary data sources used to identify 26 potential congestion “hot spots” during the Tier 1 screening. That list was then narrowed to 9 Priority Locations through the Tier 2 screening process, which will undergo more detailed analysis. Vice Chair Eastmond noted that Location C-5 (Lecanto Highway from Novell Bryant Highway to Fennessy Lane) was completed on December 2, 2025.

Mr. Cursey explained that federal guidance for developing a CMP identifies three major categories of strategies for addressing congestion: Demand Management, Traffic Operations, and Roadway Capacity. For Hernando and Citrus counties, he noted that the primary focus will be on Traffic Operations strategies.

He asked committee members to review the CMP hot spot maps and lists and to provide any updates or additional areas of concern to MPO staff by the end of March. A final presentation on the CMP will be given to the committees on April 23, 2026, and then presented to the MPO Board for final approval on May 7, 2026.

2. Presentation by the MPO’s General Planning Consultant, Chris Keller with Benesch & Associates on the Complete Streets (CS) Update

Chris Keller explained that although there is no single, formal definition of a Complete Streets project, the term generally refers to roadway designs that safely and efficiently accommodate all users. He outlined how Complete Streets policies have evolved at both the state and federal levels, noting that while Florida is moving away from the term, federal guidance continues to use it and requires that 2.5% of PL funds be allocated to Complete Streets planning activities.

He also reviewed the methodology and primary data sources being used for the update, along with potential performance measures for tracking the implementation of Complete Streets elements. Mr. Keller emphasized that the purpose of this update is to establish baseline metrics tied to context-based Complete Streets solutions, identify future activities that could satisfy federal requirements, and provide tools to help prioritize non-motorized facilities such as sidewalk and bicycle network gaps.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** - There were no further committee member comments.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** - There were no citizen comments.

Chair Herring adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.