



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
October 10, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dave Eggers called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Welch conducted the services for the MPO.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the September 12, 2012 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates; and appointments of R. Lee Allen as a St. Petersburg representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee and Vivian Peters as an Over 60 Citizen representative on the Local Coordinating Board.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendment to fund the environmental cost of the design phase for the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail project.

B. Pinellas Trailways Plan Amendments – Bicycle Advisory Committee Recommendation

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the amendments to the Pinellas Trailways Plan as recommended by the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Regional Transportation Priority List

The MPO approved the Regional Transportation Priority List with the following changes:

- #2 – include the description for I-275
- #3 – specifically reference the Howard Frankland Bridge in the description
- #4 – change to U.S. 19/118th Avenue Connector and change description to include Manatee County
- #9 – include the cities of Safety Harbor, Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg and add a note recognizing the need for additional planning study
- #10 – add Pinellas County as a connection and add a note recognizing the need for additional planning study

The MPO will receive an updated report regarding the other agencies' actions on the November agenda.

B. 2013 – 2017 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

The MPO approved the 2013 – 2017 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan as recommended by the Local Coordinating Board. MPO staff will provide information regarding how long the vacancies have been on the Local Coordinating Board.

C. Annual Operating Report and Annual Expenditure Report

The MPO approved the Annual Operating Report and Annual Expenditure Report as recommended by the Local Coordinating Board.

D. Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendation (PTAC) – Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week Resolution

The MPO approved the MPO resolution declaring October 29 thru November 2, 2012 as Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week as recommended by the PTAC.

VII. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Bus Rapid Transit Presentation – Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)

The MPO received a presentation from the Center for Urban Transportation research on Bus Rapid Transit. It was indicated that the MPO will receive a presentation at their January meeting regarding the Cleveland Bus Rapid Transit project. The MPO requested they receive the PowerPoint presentation.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Legislative Report

MPO staff indicated they would continue to provide updates on MAP-21 as new information becomes available.

B. PSTA Activities Report

Brad Miller, PSTA, provided a report on PSTA activities.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. JARC and New Freedom Program – 2012 Application Process Update

The MPO received a status of the application process. It was indicated the MPO would take action on the applications once the Pasco and Hillsborough MPOs have taken action.

B. Joint Chairs coordinating Committee Meeting of September 14, 2012

A summary of the last Chairs Coordinating Committee was included in the agenda packet.

C. Correspondence

D. Other

The MPO took action to send a letter to the Governor supporting the reappointment of Ronnie Duncan to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Brickfield requested the Bicycle Advisory Committee look at the issue of bicyclists crossing 66th Street and Ulmerton Road counter to how they should.

Commissioner Brickfield requested that the right lane on U.S. 19 as it approaches Tampa Road be evaluated since there seems to be some confusion to the motorists thinking they need to merge to the other lanes.