



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
November 14, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dave Eggers called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Bujalski conducted the services for the MPO.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Several citizens spoke to support FDOT reevaluating the need to install a traffic signal at the entrance to Eckerd College in light of the recent tragedy that occurred over the weekend. The MPO took action to request FDOT reevaluate the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance to Eckerd College. FDOT indicated they were in the process of evaluating the intersection and they will bring the study to the MPO as soon as possible.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the October 10, 2012 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates; funds to MPOAC for advocacy activities; funds to TBARTA for regional work and a Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT for administering the regional staff services funds; contract amendments with Hillsborough; appointments of Barbara Hoffman as North County and Dr. Lynn Bosco, and Steve Lasky as At Large representatives on the Bicycle Advisory Committee; traffic counter repairs; and an Interlocal Agreement with PSTA.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendment for \$50,000 from Section 5312 Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative grant that will be used by TBARTA for marketing, outreach efforts, and monitoring the effectiveness of the One-Call/One-Click Transportation Information Service.

B. Fall Update to the Transportation Improvement Program

Following a presentation, in depth discussion, and public hearing, the MPO approved the fall update to the Transportation Improvement Program omitting the two projects associated with the Dunedin Causeway Bridge. Additional information regarding the Dunedin Causeway Bridge replacement project will be provided at the next MPO meeting, including the original date for the project.

C. Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)/New Freedom Program of Projects

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Program of Projects.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of New Freedom Contract Amendment With Quality of Life – Extension of End Date (Including Financial Management Oversight Update)

The MPO approved the contract amendment with Quality of Life.

B. Committee Recommendations

1. Bicycle Advisory Committee – Motions

a. Motion Supporting Dunedin Bicycle Trail Plans

The MPO approved the BAC motion supporting Dunedin's bicycle trail plans.

b. Motion Supporting Conceptual Amenities Plan for Courtney Campbell Causeway

The MPO approved the BAC motion supporting the conceptual amenities plan for Courtney Campbell Causeway. (A note of concern regarding costs was expressed.)

2. Madonna Boulevard/Pinellas Bayway – Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee Recommendations

The MPO approved the TCC recommendation to request FDOT perform an overall assessment of the intersection.

C. Establishment of Nominating Committee for 2013 Election of Officers

The MPO established a Nominating Committee for the 2013 election of officers. The Nominating Committee included: Jim Kennedy, Ken Welch, and Harriet Crozier. The Nominating Committee announced they would meet immediately after the MPO meeting was adjourned.

VII. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Beckett Bridge Project Presentation

The MPO received a presentation from EC Driver, the project consultant, on the study for Beckett Bridge.

VIII. REPORTS

A. FTA Section 5307 Program Funding Allocation

MPO staff reported the agencies need to develop a new fund-sharing agreement based on the 2010 Census information and that staff will be working with the agencies in the upcoming weeks to develop an agreement for approval by each agency.

B. Upcoming Changes to the FTA 5316 (JARC), 5317 (New Freedom), and 5310 (Elderly & Disabled) Programs

MPO staff reported on the upcoming changes to the FTA 5316 (JARC), 5317 (New Freedom), and 5310 (Elderly & Disabled) programs as a result of MAP-21.

C. Legislative Matters

MPO staff noted there were no legislative matters to report on at this time.

D. PSTA Activities Report

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

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Update on Regional Transportation Priority List

The MPO received an update on the Regional Transportation Priority List, noting some of the MPOs will not be reviewing the list until after the December Chairs Coordinating Committee meeting.

B. MPOAC Meeting of October 25, 2012

MPO staff noted there was a workshop on regional governance that was held the day before the MPOAC meeting.

MPO staff reported that FDOT indicated their intent to send a letter regarding MPO redesignations by the end of this year and that the Reapportionment Plan would occur in 2013.

C. Joint Chairs coordinating Committee Meeting of December 14, 2012

The Chairs Coordinating Committee will meet on December 14, 2012. The TBARTA meeting is on that same day and those schedules are being coordinated to allow members to attend both meetings.

D. Correspondence

E. Other

There was no other business brought forward.