



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
December 12, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dave Eggers called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Ronecker conducted the services for the MPO.

III. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO OUTGOING MPO MEMBERS JIM RONECKER AND NEIL BRICKFIELD AND OUTGOING AC MEMBER WILFRED SERGEANT

The MPO recognized outgoing MPO member Mayor Jim Ronecker and outgoing CAC member Wilfred Sergeant. Neil Brickfield, outgoing MPO member, could not be in attendance to receive his plaque.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the November 14, 2012 MPO meeting minutes; the slate of officers for 2013, which included Karen Seel as Chairman, Jeff Danner as Vice Chairman, and Harriet Crozier as Secretary/Treasurer; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates; Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom 2012 subgrantee agreements; FDOT as Section 5310 designated recipient; Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan amendment; and appointments of Jeff Danner as the representative and Karen Seel as the alternate for MPOAC and Brian Smith as an At Large representative on the Bicycle Advisory Committee and reappointment of Dave Carson and Cathy Lasky to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendment for \$325,163, for the design phase of the Treasure Island Causeway/Pinellas Trail Connection from Sunset Drive South to the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail, with the funding from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Transportation Alternatives Program.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Five Year Draft Tentative Work Program

The MPO received a presentation from FDOT on the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Five Year Draft Tentative Work Program. The MPO approved the Work Program and requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation; that the final adoption include a map; and a future update on the Roosevelt Boulevard/C.R. 296 Connector project.

B. Safety Improvements Along Gandy Boulevard – Bicycle and Technical Committees

The MPO approved the BAC and TCC recommendation for safety improvements along Gandy Boulevard. The recommendation will be forwarded to FDOT for its consideration.

C. Dunedin Causeway Bridge Replacement Project – Follow-Up From November Meeting

The MPO approved inclusion of the Dunedin Causeway Bridge Replacement Project in the fall update of the Transportation Improvement Program.

VIII. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Update – Crash Report

The MPO received a presentation from Sprinkle Engineering, the project consultant, and then approved the report.

B. Public Involvement Plan for the Long Range Transportation Plan

The MPO received a presentation on the Public Involvement Plan and then approved the plan.

C. Urban Area Boundary Adjustment

The MPO staff identified minor adjustments to the urban area boundary, indicating that the Chairman will sign a map with the adjustment at a later date.

D. Citizens Advisory Committee Motion #12-6 Reiterating Their Concern to Ban Texting While Driving

The MPO approved the CAC motion to send a letter to the Legislature referring to the previous letter the MPO sent regarding banning texting while driving and other distractions.

E. Authorization for Additional Cost for Pinellas/Pasco Trail Study

The MPO approved the additional cost for the study at \$60,956.47, with the Pinellas MPO and Pasco MPO each paying half.

IX. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. FDOT Re-Evaluation of Warrants for Traffic Signal at Eckerd College Entrance – Follow-Up From November Meeting

MPO staff reported FDOT is in the process of re-evaluating the entrance at Eckerd College for a proposed signal and will provide a report to the MPO when completed.

B. FDOT Response on Madonna Pedestrian Improvements – Follow-Up From November Meeting

MPO staff reported FDOT is in the process of assessing the issues raised and will provide a report to the MPO when completed.

C. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT) Report

MPO staff indicated that the agencies involved in the Alternative Analysis (AA) have received an award from the state chapter of the American Planning Association for their collaboration and partnership. Commissioner Crozier, ACPT Chairman, provided a brief summary of the recent ACPT meeting. She noted that the Sierra Club also recognized the AA as a best practice.

D. Legislative Report

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

E. PSTA Activities Report

Cassandra Borchers, PSTA, provided a report on PSTA activities.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Correspondence

The upcoming certification process will begin next year.

B. Other

The MPO thanked Mayor Ronecker again for his service on the MPO. The MPO was invited to an informal reception hosted by the Pinellas Planning Council.