



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**February 13, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Bujalski conducted the services for the MPO.

**III. WELCOME NEW MPO MEMBER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHARLIE JUSTICE**

The MPO welcomed County Commissioner Charlie Justice.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Julia Lewis, representing the Eckerd College Community, thanked the MPO for their support regarding the re-evaluation of a proposed traffic signal at the entrance to Eckerd College and the Bayway Bridge.

\*\*FDOT updated the MPO regarding the re-evaluation of the traffic signal and reported that they have approved the installation of a traffic signal at this location. The MPO requested signage at the intersection and Trail crossing to warn motorists about the Trail crossing.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the January 9, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and URS, and revisions to the MPO Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP).

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the appointments of Robby Thompson as a St. Petersburg representative and Christian Haas, Chris Latvala, Jack Nazario, and Jim Bubser as At Large representatives on the Citizens Advisory Committee. The MPO approved the appointment of Lauren Matzke as Clearwater's Planning Department alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee. The MPO reviewed the other committee vacancies and indicated discussions are still underway regarding meeting options for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees.

**B. Committee Recommendation**

**1. Citizens Advisory Committee**

The MPO approved CAC Motion #13-1 to ask the Legislature to require insurance (\$10,000 PIP, liability and education on uninsured motorists insurance) for motorcyclists.

**VII. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**A. Presentation and Acceptance of FY 2011/12 MPO Audit Report**

The MPO received a presentation from CliftonLarsonAllen, MPO auditors, on the FY 2011/12 MPO Audit Report. The auditors indicated the report is in the process of being amended. Following the presentation, the MPO accepted the report and approved reimbursement to the Board of County Commissioners.

**B. MPO Redesignation**

The MPO received a presentation regarding the MPO designation and apportionment process. The MPO discussed the concept of a regional entity. Staff reported that the next steps will include a meeting of the policy boards of the Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas MPOs.

**C. Update on Major State Road Projects**

The MPO received several presentations from FDOT regarding major road projects (Gateway area, U.S. 19 construction projects, and Gandy Boulevard). The MPO requested details on projects that are funded and unfunded in the Gateway area. FDOT indicated they would bring back additional information. Following discussion, the MPO approved a motion that the concept of transit lanes should be considered in the major road projects discussions. The MPO directed that an agenda item regarding the transit concept as it relates to the PSTA Bus Study and the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan be included on the Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation, PSTA, and MPO agendas.

Regarding the bike lane keyhole, FDOT indicated they would provide a picture to the MPO.

**VIII. REPORTS/UPDATE**

**A. Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification**

The Federal Highway Administration provided information regarding the federal certification taking place, noting the public meeting was being held at 4:00 p.m. today at the MPO offices. A final report will be provided and a close-out presentation to the MPO will be conducted after that time.

**B. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Status**

Information was included in the agenda packet.

**C. Legislative Report**

1. House Bill Summaries Regarding Growth Management
2. MPOAC Policy Positions for 2013

Information was included in the agenda packet.

**D. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT) Update**

It was indicated the ACPT would take the lead on the transit surtax referendum discussion and projects to be included in collaboration with other agencies.

\*\*Due to the lateness of the hour, it was indicated information was included in the agenda packet\*\*

**E. PSTA Activities Report**

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Follow-Up on Re-Evaluation of Warrants for Traffic Signal at Eckerd College Entrance**

**B. MPOAC Meeting of January 24, 2013**

**C. Correspondence**

**D. Other**