



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Eggers performed the invocation and Commissioner Crozier led the Pledge.

Everyone on the dais introduced themselves. Chairman Seel welcomed the new FDOT District 7 Secretary, Paul Steinman.

**III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Smith Howard, Oldsmar resident, stated he still had concerns with the Gateway area roadway projects (e.g., 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard) and the lack of transit provisions. He feels that express bus system should be looked at before implementing a train system. Chairman Seel requested that Brad Miller of PSTA meet with Mr. Howard regarding transit.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the February 13, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and an invoice from Laughlin & Associates (invoice in folders), and the Countywide Crash Data System Scope.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the appointments of Samantha Fenger representing Largo on the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Patricia Johnson as the PSTA representative on the Local Coordinating Board. The MPO reviewed the Dunedin opening on the Citizens Advisory Committee and several vacancies on the Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee.

**B. Committee Recommendation**

• **BAC – National Bicycle Month Resolution**

The MPO approved MPO Resolution #13-1 declaring May as Florida Bicycle Month.

• **BAC – 2013 Recreational Trails Program Application Support**

The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-1 to support the 2013 Recreational Trails Application for rehabilitation of the Pinellas Trail in areas where there is erosion and noted the need to coordinate with FDOT on program requirements.

• **BAC – Honeymoon Island State Park Bike Paths Support (Future Park Development)**

The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-2 to encourage the State to incorporate separate non-motorized trails and paths in the future plans for the park.

• **BAC – Tarpon Avenue/Pinellas Trail Crossing Treatment**

The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-3 commending Tarpon Springs for their safety enhancements at Tarpon Avenue and the Pinellas Trail crossing. The MPO thanked FDOT for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the locations in Dunedin but noted motorists are still confused as to what the yellow light means. The MPO, therefore, directed that an educational aspect regarding the flashing yellow lights at pedestrian crossings be developed and implemented.

- **BAC – Klosterman Road/Pinellas Trail – Crossing Safety**  
The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-4 to support the request for additional law enforcement presence at this location and to further study possible safety enhancements in coordination with Pinellas County and FDOT. The MPO also requested additional signage be placed in the easement to warn motorists of the Trail crossing ahead.
- **PTAC and TCC – Chestnut and Palm**  
The MPO approved the TCC and PTAC recommendation to support the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the midblock crossing of Chestnut Street and Palm Avenue in downtown Clearwater.

## **VI. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **A. Baseline Financial Assumptions for 2014 Ballot Initiative**

The MPO received a presentation from PSTA regarding the baseline financial assumptions from the Alternatives Analysis (AA) Report. Staff was asked to ensure all MPO members receive a copy of the final AA Report. To ensure all Board members are informed on the issues, it was requested that the PSTA and MPO members receive a copy of the agenda for the Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT). It was also requested that a meeting be provided to interested MPO members for more detailed information on the baseline financial assumptions. Following discussion, the MPO directed this item be placed on next month's agenda as an action item on the baseline financial assumptions.

The MPO members were invited to see a model of a Bus Rapid Transit type bus that will be at Coachman Park in Clearwater on Friday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m.

## **VII. REPORTS/UPDATE**

### **A. Update on MPO Redesignation**

MPO staff provided additional information regarding the MPO redesignation. FDOT indicated that the regional meeting was set for April 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the FDOT District Office auditorium and all MPO members were encouraged to attend. This regional meeting will include the Board members for Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas MPOs. FDOT and MPO staffs are working on the agenda for the meeting.

### **B. Legislative Report**

MPO staff provided a brief update on MPO-related legislation.

### **C. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT) Update**

The agenda was included in the MPO packet.

### **D. PSTA Activities Report**

PSTA provided a brief report under Agenda Item VI A.

## **VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting of March 15, 2013**

Chairman Seel indicated the Chairs Coordinating Committee will meet Friday in Sarasota and will be taking action on the regional transportation priority list. Staff will email the list to the MPO.

### **B. Correspondence**

### **C. Other**