



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
April 10, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Archie performed the invocation and Mayor Eggers led the Pledge.

Everyone on the dais introduced themselves.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the March 13, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver (including two invoices for the Mobility Plan in folders), and the Title VI Program.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2012/13 – FY 2016/17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In response to concerns raised by the Technical Coordinating Committee and questions by Board members concerning the justification for the cost increase, the MPO initially deferred action on the TIP amendment until the end of the meeting to allow FDOT to obtain additional information. Following receipt of some of the information requested, the MPO conducted a public hearing and approved the TIP amendment subject to Board members receiving detailed information documenting the cost increase in its entirety following the meeting. Once the information is provided, Board members are given 48 hours to raise any concerns. The amendment will be held in abeyance until that time. This action was approved by roll call vote.

The MPO directed that they be provided adequate information on all cost increases going forward. The MPO also requested a list of the funded and unfunded projects on the old Transportation Enhancement Priority Project Lists, noting that the unfunded projects would now fall under the Transportation Alternatives funding category as part of MAP-21.

B. Proposed Amendment to the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Priority List

Upon call for public hearing, Bob Bray (City of Pinellas Park) noted the City's concern regarding the Gandy Boulevard (Priority Number 6) project and that they are in discussions with the MPO and FDOT staffs. Following the public hearing, the MPO approved combining Priorities 2 and 3 into a single priority and moving it to Priority Number 1, which moved the Ulmerton Road projects to Priority Number 2, by roll call vote.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **MPO Redesignation**

Based on the fact that the regional meeting was still in the process of being scheduled, the MPO delayed action on MPO redesignation to their May meeting.

B. **MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – Socioeconomic Data Report-Trend Scenario**

Noting Largo's concern with the methodology and other concerns, the MPO tabled this item until their May meeting. The MPO requested additional information regarding the previous socioeconomic data forecasts (e.g., 1980 to 2010) to provide perspective for the current forecast. MPO staff will bring back additional information.

C. **Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the appointments of Christine McLachlan as the Largo Community Development alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee and Julie Bond (CUTR) as a technical representative on the Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee.

D. **Committee Recommendation**

1. **Bicycle Advisory Committee Motion #13-5 Regarding Safety Improvements Along Memorial Causeway Bridge to Accommodate Bicyclists and Pedestrians**

The MPO referred the BAC recommendation to the Technical Coordinating Committee for their input and recommendation.

2. **Bicycle Advisory Committee Motion #13-6 Regarding Installation of Traffic Signal at Alternate U.S. 19 and Nebraska Avenue**

The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-6 to support the installation of a traffic signal at Alternate U.S. 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

3. **Technical Coordinating Committee – Follow-up on Uniform Trail Signage Request**

The MPO provided additional guidance to the Technical Coordinating Committee to look at consistency at Trail intersections as it relates to markings, signage, lighting, etc.

During this agenda item, the concern with the Trail crossing at Klosterman Road was discussed. MPO staff reiterated their commitment to coordinate with the County and FDOT and provide a report at the May MPO meeting.

The MPO requested a status on renaming 118th Avenue to Bryan Dairy Road, as well as historical background information on other multi-name roadways.

VII. **REPORTS/UPDATE**

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

This item will be on the May MPO agenda for action.

B. **Legislative Report**

The MPO is supportive of legislation that bans texting while driving.

C. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT) Update

The MPO received a brief report on the March 18 and April 8 meetings. The MPO approved the Memorandum of Understanding.

D. PSTA Activities Report

PSTA provided a brief report on recent PSTA activities.

The MPO directed that the update on the Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation be moved up on future agendas, following the public hearing items.

E. Joint MPO/PPC Executive Committee Update

The MPO received an update on the recent meeting, noting the next meeting will be May 8 at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

A summary was included in the agenda packet.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan Public Outreach Update

An updated list of activities was included in the agenda packet.

C. Correspondence

D. Other

It was announced that there was going to be a joint Pinellas/Pasco MPO public workshop for the Tri-County Trail Connection Study on April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center.