



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**May 8, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Welch performed the invocation and Mayor Archie 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 April 10, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver, URS, and PSTA; use of Facebook ad (MPO members were encouraged to “like” the MPO on Facebook and tell their friends); and printing the 2012 AADT Traffic Count Maps.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

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

FDOT reviewed the three proposed amendments, which included the I-275 Pavement Rehabilitation, Pinellas Trail Landscaping Project, and the Oldsmar Trail (additional background on the Oldsmar Trail amendment in members’ folders), noting the Gandy Boulevard amendment was withdrawn. Following the public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendments by roll call vote.

**B. Proposed Amendments to the MPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

MPO staff reviewed the proposed amendment to add the cost increase for the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to be in conformance with the TIP amendment approved last month. Following the public hearing, the MPO approved the LRTP amendment by roll call vote.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Greenlight Pinellas**

1. **Baseline Financial Assumptions for 2014 Ballot Initiative** and
2. **Bus Plan Optimal Scenario**

Brad Miller presented the baseline financial assumptions and the bus plan optimal scenario. Following discussion, the MPO accepted the baseline financial assumptions for the 2014 ballot initiative and approved the Bus Plan Optimal Scenario.

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

The MPO approved the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – Socioeconomic Data Report-Trend Scenario.

**C. 2013 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recover (TIGER) Discretionary Grants**

Following discussion, the MPO authorized staff to submit an application for the 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the remaining segments of the Pinellas Trail Loop (i.e., Closing the Loop).

**D. Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the reappointments of Becky Afonso (Tarpon Springs/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor) and Fran Briskman ((At Large) to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**E. Technical Recommendation – Alternate 19/Curlew Road – Honeymoon Island**

The MPO staff reported they received updated information from FDOT and that FDOT will be reviewing this intersection, working with the City of Dunedin.

**VII. REPORTS/UPDATE**

**A. Pinellas Trail Crossing at Klosterman Road in Tarpon Springs**

The MPO staff reported they received updated information from FDOT that they are looking at the northbound to eastbound turning movements off Alternate 19, working with the County.

**B. Multi-Named Roadways**

**1. Status on C.R. 296 Renaming**

The MPO asked staff to follow-up on the C.R. 296 renaming.

**2. Historical Background Information on Multi-Named Roadways**

Chairman Seel requested the MPO members to look over the list of multi-named roadways with the intent of a single name. This item will be on the June MPO agenda.

**C. Tri-County Connection Trail**

The project consultant, URS, presented information regarding the evaluation of potential trail alignments between the Pinellas Trail at Keystone Road and the Brooker Creeker Preserve in Pinellas County and the Starkey Wilderness Trail and Park in Pasco County.

**D. MPO Redesignation**

This item will be on the June MPO agenda after the regional MPO meeting on May 31, at 1:30 p.m., at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**E. Legislative Report**

The MPO received a brief report that the transportation bill was withdrawn, legislation to allow cities to implement a transit surtax was not approved, and legislation to ban texting while driving was approved with some changes.

**F. PSTA Activities Report**

The MPO approved a letter of support for the PSTA's TIGER V grant application.

**G. Joint MPO/PPC Executive Committee Update**

The MPO received an update on the recent meeting, noting the next meeting will be July 10 at 11:30 a.m.

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. MPOAC Meeting of April 25, 2013**

The MPO staff provided a brief report on the MPOAC meeting.

**B. Technical Recommendation – Memorial Causeway Bridge**

The MPO staff is working with the Technical Coordinating Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee on bicycle issues on the Memorial Causeway.

**C. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder and Public Outreach Report**

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

**D. Correspondence**

**E. Other**

There was no other business.