



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
June 12, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Jeff Danner called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hock-DiPolito performed the invocation and led the Pledge.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the May 8, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and TBARTA; Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with City of St. Petersburg; New Freedom Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with PSTA; PSTA planning funds Joint Participation Agreement; Joint Certification Statement; printing of TD program materials and LRTP outreach materials; TD Planning Grant; endorsement of Pasco County Section 5307 transit grant; and use of Facebook ad.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Amendment to the Transportation Alternatives Priority List to Add Safe Routes to School Projects

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the amendment to the Transportation Alternatives Priority List to add the two Safe Routes to School Projects, which included a sidewalk project along 19th Street for Sexton Elementary School and a sidewalk project along Oakhurst Road for Oakhurst Elementary School, by roll call vote.

B. TBARTA Program of Projects for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the Program of Projects for TBARTA for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds.

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

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved two TIP amendments, which included the purchase of two hybrid buses for PSTA and TBARTA's capital purchase of vehicles, hardware/software, and administrative costs associated with TBARTA's Commuter Vanpool Program, by roll call vote.

D. Adoption of the FY 2013/14 – FY 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program

MPO staff highlighted projects included in the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the public hearing, concerns were raised regarding planned improvements between I-275 and U.S. 19 to Gandy Boulevard. Concerns were raised about the partially-controlled access design concept and possible elimination of the at grade intersection at Grand Avenue. MPO staff indicated they were looking at this area in coordination with FDOT and the local governments and a final recommendation would come before the MPO. Following the public hearing and MPO discussion, the MPO approved the updated TIP, with a notation that MPO staff and FDOT, in coordination with interested parties and stakeholders, continue to explore options for Gandy Boulevard. The MPO further recommended that a holistic review of this entire area be conducted.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Advisory Committee for the Pinellas Transportation (ACPT)

MPO staff provided a summary of the May and June meetings of the Advisory Committee for the Pinellas Transportation.

B. MPO Redesignation

MPO staff provided a summary of the May 31 Regional MPO Workshop, noting the key points from the workshop were included in the agenda packet. The MPO Staff Directors, FDOT, and the facilitators held a phone conference after the meeting and the general consensus was that it was the MPOs' desire to remain single county MPOs but agreed to strengthen the regional coordination for the three MPOs. Following discussion, the MPO approved a motion that Pinellas should remain a single county MPO and authorized the Chairman to send a response letter to FDOT. The MPO also agreed to participate in a working group to evaluate ways to enhance the regional coordination process. MPO staff indicated the MPO's Reapportionment Plan would be on the July agenda for action.

C. 2012 State of the System (SOS) Report

MPO staff presented the 2012 State of the System Report. MPO staff agreed to provide additional information regarding the timeline for new ATMS software for sections of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard. In addition, staff agreed to provide bus ridership information for the Central Avenue corridor.

As part of the discussion, FDOT was asked to look at the possible closure of Enterprise Road and U.S. 19 as an interim safety measure until the improvements are completed for that portion of U.S. 19.

D. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation

The MPO approved the Community Transportation Coordinator Review Report and Evaluation Workbook.

E. 2014 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Update

The MPO approved the changes for the 2014 Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Update.

F. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan – Presentation

Following an MPO staff presentation on the Strategic Intermodal System Draft Cost Feasible Plan, the MPO approved a motion to request FDOT to show multi-modal improvements for the Howard Frankland Bridge.

G. Committee Recommendations

• **CAC Motion Recommending the Legislation to Ban Texting While Driving Be Strengthened**

The MPO approved the CAC motion to ask the Legislature to consider strengthening the legislation that bans texting while driving. In addition, MPO staff agreed to provide information to the MPO regarding exceptions to the texting ban.

• **PTAC Recommending Use of Accepted Statewide Crash Report Form Involving Bike Crashes**

The MPO approved the PTAC recommendation that all local agencies use the statewide crash report form for crashes involving bicyclists.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. Multi-Named Roadways

1. Status on C.R. 296 Renaming

The MPO approved the establishment of a working group to review options for the C.R. 296 renaming and bring back those options to the MPO. Those who volunteered to serve on the working group are: Mayor Bradbury, Councilmember Hock-DiPolito, and Councilman Danner. In addition, the City of Seminole will be asked to appoint a representative to serve on the working group.

2. Historical Background Information on Multi-Named Roadways

By consensus, the MPO directed that the working group for the C.R. 296 renaming also review the issue of multi-named roadways and that they forward their recommendations to the affected local governments for comment.

B. PSTA Activities Report

Brad Miller, PSTA, provided a brief report on PSTA activities.

C. Committee Appointments

The MPO reviewed the various vacancies for the Citizens Advisory Committee and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Cancellation of August MPO Meeting

It was announced that the August MPO meeting is cancelled.

B. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder and Public Outreach Report

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

C. Correspondence

D. Other

The MPO requested that a thank you letter be sent to TBRPC for hosting the May 31 Regional MPO Workshop.

The MPO emphasized that planning for all improvement projects include all modes of transportation, including transit.

The MPO acknowledged the initiative of its members and noted that it was excellent that the Pinellas MPO is attempting to look at things from a regional perspective.

MPO staff indicated they will forward the 2013 legislative summary received from the MPOAC.

The MPO asked that all members be apprised when the next dates are for the MPOAC Institute and that they try to attend. MPO staff will provide follow-up information regarding the abbreviated half-day offered by the MPOAC in association with the Florida Association of Counties' meeting and will determine whether it is also offered for the League of Cities.