



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**September 11, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Julie Bujalski performed the invocation and Mayor Eggers led the Pledge.

**III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens who came forward.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the July 10, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver, URS, TBARTA, CliftonLarsonAllen, and the MPO's share of the copier with PPC; printing of Pedestrian Safety Awareness Day Brochures and Transportation Disadvantaged Applications; amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program; 2013 Level of Service facilities tables and maps; Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Agreement with TBARTA; Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Agreement with Pasco County BCC; Amendment No. 4 with the City of St. Petersburg; extension of contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for FY 2012/13 MPO audit; and Federal Transit Administration grants invoice procedure. The proposed amendment to the Agreement with Quality of Life Community Services was withdrawn.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Priority Lists**

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP Priority Lists by roll call vote.

**VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**\*\* City of St. Petersburg Gandy Boulevard Resolution (Additional Item)**

St. Petersburg presented a resolution approved by their City Council asking for a resolution of the dispute between FDOT and Florida Gas Transmission, which is delaying the design and construction of the Gandy Boulevard limited access project from west of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/9<sup>th</sup> Street to east of S.R. 687/4<sup>th</sup> Street. FDOT indicated the negotiations with Florida Gas Transmission are complete and all remaining issues will be resolved to allow the project to move forward before the September 25 deadline for the contract extension. The MPO approved a motion to adopt and support the City's resolution regarding the Gandy Boulevard project, emphasizing that the notice to proceed should be issued before the deadline of September 25.

**A. Federal Certification Presentation**

Shakira Crandol, FHWA, provided highlights of the 2013 federal certification review that included noteworthy practices, recommendations, and findings. The Pinellas MPO's transportation planning process meets all the certification requirements. FHWA noted that the certification covers the Transportation Management Area that includes the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco MPOs. The Pasco MPO received one corrective action, which does not affect the certification status of the Pinellas MPO.

**B. Advisory Committee for the Pinellas Transportation**

MPO staff provided a summary of the July 22 and September 9 meetings.

**C. Greenlight Pinellas**

Brad Miller, presented the Greenlight Pinellas project and indicated he would provide an update to the MPO at their October meeting and request the MPO's support at their November meeting. One of PSTA's General Planning Consultants is performing a financial analysis of the cost and revenue information and will also provide input on the timeline for implementing various aspects of the plan.

**D. Mobility Plan**

Following the MPO staff presentation, the MPO approved the Mobility Plan.

**E. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Update Assistance – Regional Mobility Needs**

Following the MPO staff summary, the MPO approved the Scope of Services for the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Update regarding regional mobility needs.

**F. Committee Recommendations – Joint BAC/PTAC and Technical Committee**

• **Joint Bicycle Advisory Committee/Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee**

✓ **Motion #13-1 – Support Connection planned from the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail to the Courtney Campbell Trail**

The MPO approved the Joint BAC/PTAC recommendation (Motion #13-1) to include a connection from the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail to the Courtney Campbell Trail and that funding for the connection be prioritized by the City.

✓ **Motion #13-2 – Support Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Recommendations for the Memorial Causeway Bridge**

The MPO approved the Joint BAC/PTAC recommendation (Motion #13-2) to support FDOT's pedestrian and bicycle safety recommendations for the Memorial Causeway Bridge.

✓ **Motion #13-3 – Endorse the Pinellas Trail Electronic Counter Program**

The MPO approved the Joint BAC/PTAC recommendation (Motion #13-3) to endorse the use of the Pinellas Trail Electronic Counter Program as funding becomes available.

• **Technical Coordinating Committee**

✓ **Roosevelt Boulevard Resurfacing Project – Trail Accommodation Update**

The MPO approved the TCC recommendation that FDOT fund a multi-use trail on the north side of Roosevelt Boulevard as a part of the upcoming resurfacing project and that FDOT also maintain the trail.

**G. Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the appointment of Rachel Jacobs representing the Division of Blind Services on the Local Coordinating Board and Marie Etheridge representing Largo on the Citizens Advisory Committees.

VII. **REPORTS/UPDATE**

**A. PSTA Activities Report**

Brad Miller, PSTA, indicated that PSTA would ask that the MPO support PSTA's request to be a Designated Recipient at the October MPO meeting.

**B. Status of MPO Reapportionment Plan**

MPO staff reported that the Governor has not yet reviewed the Pinellas MPO Reapportionment Plan but that it should be in the next batch submitted by FDOT for his review. Commissioner Seel indicated she would postpone the MPO/PPC Executive Committee meeting if the Reapportionment Plan was not reviewed by the end of the month.

VIII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

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

**B. Transportation Management Area Meeting of September 13, 2013**

MPO staff encouraged the MPO Board members to attend the meeting on September 13 where the objective will be to determine what the Transportation Management Area Working Group wishes to accomplish going forward and get a consensus on the Working Group's composition.

**C. July 12, 2013 Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting With the Central Florida MPO Alliance**

A summary of the meetings is included in the agenda packet.

**D. MPOAC Meeting of July 25, 2013**

The agendas are included in the agenda packet.

**E. Correspondence**

**F. Other**

MPO staff indicated they will include dates for the MPOAC training on the October MPO agenda.