



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
October 9, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Welch performed the invocation and Councilman Danner 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 September 11, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver, URS, Laughlin and Associates, TBARTA (including invoices in the folders), and the MPO's share of the copier with PPC; Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal; agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for Intermodal Study; and TBARTA as FTA Section 5307 Direct Recipient.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Truck Route Plan Amendment – Sections of Keene Road and Sunset Point Road as Day-Time Only

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the Truck Route Plan amendment to designate Sunset Point Road from Hercules Avenue to Keene Road and Keene Road from Sunset Point Road to Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard as day-time only truck routes.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. PSTA Items

1. Greenlight Pinellas – Financial Analysis

Brad Miller, PSTA, provided an overview of the financial analysis being performed by Ernst & Young and HNTB for the Greenlight Program. The MPO will consider taking action regarding acceptance of Greenlight Pinellas as the basis for establishing the future transit network for transportation modeling purposes at their November MPO meeting as part of their Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

2. PSTA Activities Report

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

B. Approval of Functional Classification Map

The MPO deferred action until their November meeting.

C. Follow-Up on Multi-Named Roadways Working Group Meeting

The MPO approved the recommendations from the Working Group to rename 102nd Avenue North as Bryan Dairy Road west of Starkey Road; and replace intersection way finding signs to show the County or State road number with the road name below for the multi-named roadways identified by the Working Group. The MPO also approved the Working Group recommendation for staff to meet with FDOT to discuss

the naming and numbering convention of the new C.R. 296/S.R. 690/S.R. 686 corridors. To address concerns about the cost of the sign replacement, the MPO recommended that the signs be replaced in the course of regular maintenance workover a ten-year period and urged staff to explore federal and state grant opportunities to fund the project.

D. Update on Transportation Management Area Meeting of September 13

The MPO appointed Karen Seel, Doreen Hock-DiPolito, and Jim Kennedy to serve on the Tampa Bay TMA Committee with Sandra Bradbury and Harriet Crozier as alternates. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 15, in the morning.

E. Committee Recommendations – BAC

- **Endorse Greenlight Program With Inclusion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects and Fund Loop Completion**

The MPO deferred action on BAC Motion #13-9 until their November meeting.

- **Endorse the Bicycle Road Safety Audit Recommendation**

The MPO approved BAC Motion #13-10 to endorse the bicycle safety recommendations developed through a bicycle-focused Road Safety Audit for East Bay Drive and to encourage FDOT Traffic Operations and the City of Largo to implement the improvements within their respective responsibilities. In addition, the MPO approved the supplemental recommendation for widening the sidewalks on East Bay Drive to accommodate bicyclists.

- **Approval/Endorse Tri-County Trails Connection Study**

The MPO deferred action on BAC Motion #13-11 until their November meeting, at which time the final study will be presented to the MPO.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. FDOT Updates

- **Gandy Boulevard Project**

FDOT provided a brief update on the Gandy Boulevard project between 4th Street and Dr MLK Jr Street indicating they have reached a global agreement with Florida Gas Transmission but are still working on agreements with them for specific projects such as this one.

The Gandy Boulevard project between I-275 and U.S. 19 will be on the November MPO agenda.

- **Howard Frankland Bridge**

The MPO will have a presentation on their November agenda.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

MPO staff indicated the MPO will be asked to accept the transit network for modeling efforts as part of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan Update at their November meeting.

C. Status of MPO Reapportionment Plan

MPO staff reported that the Governor still has not approved the Reapportionment Plan.

D. Information Regarding MPOAC Institute Training

MPO staff provided information as to the MPOAC Institute Training dates and indicated they will forward the flyer with information about the training to the MPO members once they receive it from CUTR and asked anyone interested in attending to contact MPO staff.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Request for PSTA to Become Designated Recipient Update

MPO staff is in discussions with PSTA and the other partners regarding PSTA's request to become a Designated Recipient.

B. Committee Appointments

The City of Clearwater is seeking an appointment to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

C. Advisory Committee for the Pinellas Transportation (ACPT)

The next ACPT meeting is Monday, October 14.

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

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

F. Correspondence

G. Other