



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
November 13, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Eggers performed the invocation and 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 October 9, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; \$500 request for MPOAC legislative advocacy activities for 2014; and invoice from Tindale-Oliver.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendments to the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved (by roll call vote) the two proposed amendments to the TIP for safety projects located on 54th Avenue South at 31st Street and on 38th Avenue North from 4th Street to 1st Street.

B. Fall Update of the Fiscal Years 2013/14 Through 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved (by roll call vote) the fall update of the 2013/14 through 2017/18 TIP.

C. Proposed Truck Route Plan Amendment – Reroute Designated Truck Route in Tarpon Springs

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved (by roll call vote) the Truck Route Plan amendment to reroute the designated truck route in Tarpon Springs from the western section of Tarpon Avenue to Ring Avenue from Tarpon Avenue to Lemon Street and Lemon Street from Ring Avenue to Alternate U.S. Highway 19.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. ACPT Meetings of October 14 and November 4, 2013

The MPO received a brief summary of the ACPT meetings of October 14 and November 4.

B. PSTA Items

1. Greenlight Pinellas

Brad Miller, PSTA, provided an overview of the Greenlight Pinellas Plan. The MPO approved Resolution #13-2 supporting the Plan and accepted the transit networks for modeling purposes as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

2. PSTA Activities Report

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

C. FDOT Items

1. Gandy Boulevard Between I-275 and U.S. 19

FDOT presented the alternative design concept for the Gandy Boulevard project between I-275 and U.S. 19. Instead of the partially-controlled access design, the alternative design calls for an at-grade intersection at Gandy Boulevard and Grand

Avenue. In response to questions about bicycle and pedestrian facilities along this segment of Gandy, FDOT indicated it would work with MPO staff and the affected local governments to confirm plans for bicycle lanes and/or trails. In addition, FDOT agreed to provide information regarding bicycle crash statistics for Gandy Boulevard and other state roads at a future meeting.

Concurrent with the Gandy Boulevard construction project, FDOT indicated they would work with Pinellas Park to complete the 78th connector between U.S. 19 and Gandy Boulevard. That project will help relieve congestion at the Gandy and U.S. 19 interchange.

2. **Update on Gandy Boulevard Project Between 4th Street and Dr. MLK, Jr. Street**
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. In addition, FDOT is continuing to work with the selected design/build team to maintain the contract bid price.

3. **Howard Frankland Bridge**
FDOT provided a summary of the two public hearings held for the Howard Frankland Bridge northbound span replacement. It was noted that FDOT has committed to enhancing the bridge structure to accommodate future rail. At the request of the MPO, FDOT agreed to produce a map that shows all the projects in the area (e.g. S.R. 60 and I-275, Tampa International Airport Master Plan projects, etc) including funded and conceptual for both Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. FDOT will have this information by the January or February MPO meeting.

The MPO approved the Technical and Citizens Committees recommendations that the preferred alternative include provisions in its design to accommodate rail in the future. The MPO also concurred with the TCC recommendation that the issue of the rail technology on the bridge be taken up by the Transportation Management Area Leadership Group.

4. **Multi-Use Paths Policy for State Roads**
This item was deferred until the next MPO meeting to allow continued coordination between FDOT and the City of St. Petersburg on the multi-path issue along Roosevelt Boulevard.

D. Beckett Bridge Project Presentation

The MPO endorsed the recommended alternative for a new movable bridge to replace the existing Beckett Bridge in Tarpon Springs.

E. Functional Classification Map

The MPO took action to authorize the MPO Chairman to sign the final Federal 2010 Urbanized Area Boundaries and Federal Functional Classification Map.

F. Committee Recommendations

1. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

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

The MPO approved Recommendation 1 to refine bicycle/pedestrian provisions in the current update of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan and establish a

subcommittee to work with the MPO staff and Recommendation 2 to support the inclusion of bicycle/pedestrian provisions in the Greenlight Pinellas Program and to receive and file Recommendation 3 to support the completion and construction of the Pinellas Trail Loop.

2. Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC)

- **Encourage Acknowledgment of Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week of October 28 Through November 4, 2013 (PTAC Motion #13-3)**

The MPO approved PTAC Motion #13-3 that acknowledges Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week as October 28 through November 4, 2013.

3. Technical Coordinating Committee

- **Multi-Named Roadway Signage**

The MPO concurred with the TCC recommendation to delay implementation of the MPO's recommendation on the multi-named roads to allow the TCC to review technical issues associated with the signage.

G. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Amendment

The MPO approved the amendments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan regarding the adjusted rates but requested that certain footnotes be stricken as they are no longer accurate based on recent PSTA actions.

H. Establishment of Nominating Committee for 2014 Election of Officers

The MPO approved the appointments of Jeff Danner, Harriet Crozier, and Doreen Hock-DiPolito to serve as the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for 2014 for the December MPO meeting. The Nominating Committee announced they would meet immediately after the MPO meeting was adjourned.

I. Committee Appointments

The MPO approved the appointments of John Villeneuve as the PSTA representative and Christopher Cochran as the alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee and Daryl Krumsieg as a St. Petersburg representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. Status of MPO Reapportionment Plan

The MPO approved the modifications to the MPO Reapportionment Plan for transmittal to FDOT.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Request for PSTA to Become Designated Recipient Update

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

C. MPOAC Meeting of October 31, 2013

D. Transportation Management Area (TMA) Meeting of November 15, 2013

E. Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting of December 13, 2013

F. Correspondence

G. Other