



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**February 12, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Hock-DiPolito conducted the invocation and Commissioner Justice led the Pledge for the MPO.

**III. WELCOME NEW MPO MEMBER WENGAY NEWTON REPRESENTING CITY OF ST PETERSBURG**

The MPO welcomed Councilmember Wengay Newton, representing the City of St. Petersburg.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Ms. Ward reported on an email received from a citizen, Bert Valery, expressing concern with recent incidents on the Pinellas Trail in the St. Petersburg area. Mr. Valery requested that the MPO's Pinellas Trail Security Task Force (PTSTF) devote its next quarterly meeting on April 8 to this issue and that community leaders be asked to attend. Ms. Ward noted she is working closely with the City of St. Petersburg staff and its law enforcement representatives on the PTSTF. She also noted that Pinellas County staff is meeting with its volunteer rangers on February 26 to discuss safety measures they should take when patrolling the Trail. The board requested that information regarding organizations that should attend the April 8 PTSTF be emailed to MPO staff. MPO staff to copy the board on the PTSTF meeting notice, provide a report on incidents for 2013, and keep the board updated on this issue. A follow-up report will be provided on the use of cameras and MPO staff to provide information on the PTSTF at the next MPO meeting.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the December 11, 2013 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, URS, PSTA, CliftonLarsonAllen, Laughlin and Associates, and the Pinellas Planning Council for the MPO's use of the shared copier; and the countywide crash data system scope.

**VI. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FDOT District Seven Safety Summit Presentation**

FDOT presented the District Seven Traffic Safety Program overview and information regarding the upcoming Safety Summit on the morning of March 5 at the FDOT office, with an invitation to the MPO members to attend the Safety Summit. Regarding a request to provide information to the School Transportation Safety Committee, FDOT agreed to work with the MPO staff.

**B. Review of Projects in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties Within the I-275/Howard Frankland Bridge Corridor**

FDOT reviewed the planned and needed projects in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties within the Howard Frankland Bridge and I-275 corridors.

**C. URS Congestion Management Process Technical Memorandum (Presentation)**

MPO and URS staff reviewed the 14 locations and recommendations in the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Technical Memorandum and the incorporation of those corridors with the previous corridor studies. The MPO asked that 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to 34<sup>th</sup> Street be looked at; staff to review previous discussions regarding the four laning of Alternate 19 around Skinner Boulevard; noted concerns about the recommendation to widen 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to four lanes; and requested follow-up on the planned improvements to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.

The MPO approved the CMP Technical Memorandum with the caveat that the bus issues/recommendations be coordinated with the Greenlight Plan.

**D. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation Meeting of January 27, 2014**

Following a summary of the recent Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation meeting, the MPO approved the Memorandum of Understanding as modified by the Pinellas Planning Council's attorney.

**E. Multi-Named Roads – TCC Recommendation**

Following an update by MPO staff, the MPO approved the TCC recommendations to include the County or State Route number on the overhead signs while retaining the address range numbers, consistent location of Junction signs for Route numbers installed at approaches to the corridors, consistent installation of Route numbers along corridors, and that the signs be replaced during routine maintenance. MPO staff will draft a letter to the local governments.

**F. Committee Recommendations**

**BAC/PTAC Recommendations**

The MPO approved the two BAC/PTAC recommendations to authorize the BAC/PTAC to send a letter to Pinellas County regarding the Gulf Boulevard pedestrian crossings and endorsement of the City of St. Petersburg's Booker Creek Trail Loop project.

**School Transportation Safety Committee Recommendation**

The MPO authorized the School Transportation Safety Committee to send a letter to the Legislative Delegation supporting Senate Bill 518 and House Bill 225 regarding the expansion of child restraint laws.

**G. Committee Appointments**

The MPO approved the appointment of Sheila Martin as TBARTA's representative and Alex English as their alternate on the BAC/PTAC and Christina Caputo as TBARTA's representative and Sheila Martin as their alternate on the TCC, Tim Funderburk as the City of St. Petersburg's Engineering Department representative on the TCC and the ITS Advisory Committee, and Councilmember Patricia Johnson as the Chairman of the Local Coordinating Board.

**VII. REPORTS/UPDATE**

**A. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting of February 7, 2014**

**B. Follow-up on Joint Local Coordinating Board Meeting**

**C. Status of MPO Reapportionment Plan**

**D. PSTA Activities Report**

**E. Presentation and Acceptance of FY 2012/13 MPO Audit Report**

The MPO received a presentation from its auditors on the findings from the FY 2012/13 audit. Following the presentation, the MPO accepted the FY 2012/13 MPO Audit Report.

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. MPOAC Meeting of January 23, 2014**

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

**C. Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting of December 13, 2013**

**D. Correspondence**

**E. Other**

Commissioner Bujalski requested a report as to the process for the Preliminary Design and Environmental Study and general schedule for the Dunedin Causeway Bridge replacement. It was agreed this item will be placed on the next MPO agenda.