

MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
April 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilman Newton conducted the invocation and led the Pledge for the MPO.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the March 12, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, URS, and TBARTA; Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT for STP funds; and Neighborly Care Network agreement amendment.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved an amendment to the TIP by roll call vote. The amendment is for safety improvements at the intersection of 112th Avenue and 4th Street North in St. Petersburg.

B. Proposed Amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Facilities Element – City of Gulfport Trails Plan

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved by roll call vote the amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Facilities Element to include the Gulfport Trails Plan. MPO staff will follow-up with Gulfport on several MPO member questions.

VI. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Roosevelt/C.R. 296 Project (Gateway Express) – Presentation

The MPO received a presentation from FDOT on the Interstate Express Lanes and Gateway Express projects. At the request of the MPO Chairman, MPO staff will send a notice to the MPO members regarding the May 8 BCC workshop on the Gateway Express project.

B. Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Meeting Report

The MPO received a report from MPO staff, as well as Commissioner Bujalski and Councilmember Hock-DiPolito, regarding the recent Task Force meeting and outstanding issues regarding the security of the Trail. MPO staff will coordinate with the City of St. Petersburg and other interested agencies on a review of surveillance cameras installed recently in the City of Bradenton.

C. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT) Update

MPO staff provided a summary of the recent ACPT meeting, highlighting items of interest. Staff indicated the MPO will receive a presentation at a future meeting on Bus Rapid Transit in express lanes. It was noted PSTA has received several endorsements for Greenlight Pinellas and will be presenting the Plan to the Pasco and Hillsborough MPOs at their May meetings to ask for resolutions of support.

D. Committee Appointments

The MPO approved a slot for Sunstar Paramedics and appointed Charlene Cobb as the representative on the BPAC and Lyle Fowler as the representative and Kathy Swain as the alternate representing Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources on the BPAC, and appointed Chelsey Welden as the St. Pete Beach alternate and Chris Hanning as the Pinellas Park Traffic Engineer representative on the TCC.

E. Committee Recommendations

• **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws**

The MPO approved the amendments to the committee bylaws.

• **CAC Motion**

The MPO approved CAC Motion #14-1 recommending that the MPO support the MPOAC's legislative policy position which calls for regulating as a primary offense the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

F. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting

MPO staff provided a summary of the recent Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meeting that included the development of regional project priorities, noting the TMA Staff Support Group will make adjustments to the priority list based on the revised criteria and other comments received at the April 4 meeting. The revised list will be reviewed at the May MPO meeting. It was noted that the Hillsborough and Pasco MPOs were asked to endorse the Greenlight Pinellas Plan.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. Legislative Report

MPO staff provided a legislative update, noting they were monitoring legislation which deals with red light cameras. Following the update, the MPO approved a motion to support the MPOAC letter of March 7, 2014 which opposes any legislation that would repeal local authority regarding red light cameras.

B. PSTA Activities Report

Brad Miller, PSTA, provided a brief summary of recent PSTA activities, noting the PSTA is making sure all projects are coordinated with the Greenlight Pinellas Plan. Mr. Miller shared other noteworthy achievements on the part of PSTA. He noted that PSTA is leading a pilot study to look at land use and transit in the U.S. 19 corridor in the Clearwater area. MPO staff reported they are also participating in that effort along with FDOT and other partner agencies. The MPO Chair provided a letter of support for PSTA's TIGER 6 grant application for funding for the regional Smart Card Project. Following the PSTA report, MPO staff announced that the Pinellas and Pasco MPOs received a Future of the Region award for the Tri-County Trail Study.

C. Announcement of Community Meeting in Palm Harbor

MPO staff announced the community meeting to review the study recommendations for a traffic signal at Alternate 19 and Nebraska Avenue. MPO staff will follow-up on the funding for the traffic signal.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Trail Survey

MPO staff provided a brief report on the Trail survey that took place on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, noting they received approximately 2,500 responses and that staff is in the process of inputting the data.

B. Other

There was no other business.