



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
May 14, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Eggers 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 April 9, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, PSTA, and PPC for MPO share of copier; PSTA Section 5305 Joint Participation Agreement (JPA); Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program; Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program; PSTA JPA; revisions to MPO Continuity of Operations Plan; and printing of traffic count maps.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Facilities Element – Douglas Road Trail

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved an amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Facilities Element to include the Douglas Road Trail.

VI. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Gandy Boulevard

Following presentations by FDOT and City of St. Petersburg staff, the MPO approved the alternative alignment for the Pinellas Trail Loop (Duke Energy segment) and requested that FDOT include provisions for the trail in the design bid build project planned for the segment of Gandy Boulevard from east of I-275 to east of U.S.19. The new alignment provides for an at-grade crossing at I-275 eliminating the need for a trail overpass.

B. Transportation Alternatives Program Update

Staff provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and reviewed the schedule for development of the Transportation Management Area TA priority list. The MPO deferred action on the staff and advisory committee recommendation to utilize the existing TA project priority list for the upcoming fiscal year. There were questions concerning project substitutions and the impact to prioritization status; therefore, staff offered to take this item back to the Technical Coordinating Committee. Staff also agreed to bring back information on TA program eligibility criteria, as well as information on other programs for which security cameras for the trail might qualify.

C. Presentation by Coalition Against Big Trucks (CABT)

Following a presentation from the Coalition Against Big Trucks, the MPO approved Resolution #14-1 that opposes any increase to truck size or existing weight limitations as it relates to the impact on the structural integrity of the local transportation and infrastructure network.

D. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The MPO approved the FY 2014/15 and 2015/16 UPWP, subject to incorporation of final comments from FDOT.

E. Request for Designated Recipients and Direct Recipient

The MPO approved the designation of PSTA and Pasco County Public Transportation as Designated Recipients and the designation of TBARTA as a Direct Recipient.

F. MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Assessment

Following an overview by Tindale-Oliver and Associates, the MPO endorsed the 2040 LRTP Needs projects.

G. Committee Recommendations

• **BPAC Recommendations**

The MPO approved BPAC Motions #14-1 that recommends approval of the amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Facilities Element, #14-2 that recommends the MPO bring to the attention of the State the need for pedestrian and bicycle accommodations into Honeymoon Island State Park, and #14-3 that supports the MPOAC's position calling for regulating the use of wireless communication devices as a primary offense while operating a motor vehicle.

• **TCC Recommendation**

The MPO approved the recommendation for the TCC to work with the County, FDOT, and the community to determine the most appropriate location for traffic control devices along this segment of roadway serving the downtown Palm Harbor community.

• **STSC Recommendation**

The MPO authorized transmittal of a STSC letter to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles requesting the addition of a field to the crash report to identify school-related crashes.

H. Committee Appointments

The MPO reappointed Joan Andrade as the Local Medical Community representative and Allen Weatherilt as the Transportation Provider for Profit representative and Nick Cambas as Mr. Weatherilt's alternate on the LCB.

I. Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation

The MPO received a summary of the May 13 Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation meeting.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. Legislative Report

The MPO received a report on the end of the legislative session regarding transportation-related bills.

B. PSTA Activities Report

PSTA matters were included under other items. No report was provided under this item.

C. Report on April 16, 2014 MPO/PPC Executive Committee Meeting

The MPO received a report on the April 16 MPO/PPC Executive Committee meeting including the proposal to make Interim Directors Sarah Ward and Michael Crawford Co-Directors in lieu of hiring an Executive Director at this time to oversee both agencies. The proposal would result in substantial cost savings and will help in addressing the reduction in federal MPO planning funds.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. MPOAC Meeting of April 24, 2014

The April 24, 2014 MPOAC Meeting Agenda was included in the agenda packet.

B. 2040 LRTP Stakeholder and Public Outreach Report

A chart for the 2040 LRTP stakeholder and public outreach was included in the agenda packet.

C. Other

There was no other business.