



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
July 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Jim Kennedy called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Archie 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 June 11, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates and TBARTA (CCC services); printing invoice for Transportation Disadvantaged applications; amendments to agreements for Quality of Life Community Services, Inc., Hillsborough County Department of Health and Social Services, City of St. Petersburg, and TBARTA for One-Call/One-Click Research and Transportation Information Center; and printing pedestrian safety awareness education material.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendments to the Facilities Element of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

1. Circle Lake Tarpon
2. Lansbrook Area

Following a public hearing, the MPO approved the proposed amendments to the Facilities Element of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

VI. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Proposed MPO FY15 Budget

The MPO approved the FY15 budget. MPO staff agreed to provide follow-up information on several items including the anticipated cost savings resulting from the unification.

B. Pinellas County Mobility Plan Policies and Code Provisions

The MPO approved the Mobility Plan Policies and Code Provisions.

C. Federal Transportation Legislation

The MPO received a staff report regarding the Transportation for America's advocacy for discretionary programs that should be included in the reauthorization of the federal bill. MPO staff is monitoring reauthorization activities.

D. Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Meeting

The MPO received a report from staff and board members who attended the security camera field trip to Bradenton on July 7, 2014. Vice Chairman Kennedy provided a copy of the letter sent to the County Administrator following the last meeting wherein the MPO encouraged the County to participate in St. Petersburg's pilot project. A copy of the response from the Interim County Administrator was included in the agenda packet. A brief report was provided on the July 8, 2014 Pinellas Trail Security

Task Force meeting. During the discussion, Councilmember Hock-DiPolito provided a report on the meeting she and BPAC Chairman Brian Smith had with U.S. DOT officials regarding the MPO/County TIGER VI grant application. She encouraged other agencies to send letters of support for the application. MPO members requested additional information about County Park Rangers, including the number of paid rangers.

E. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Preliminary Cost Feasible Roadway Plan

The MPO's consultant provided an overview of the planned roadway projects and the associated cost and revenue information for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. MPO members had questions and comments on several projects including the following:

- 22nd Avenue/Gulfport Boulevard needs to occur sooner than 2031 – request for information on prioritization and cost
- Costs and timeframe for the County's bridge projects
- 62nd Avenue North – need to consider different needs on different segments
- State criteria should be used for prioritizing County projects

County staff to provide a presentation at the September MPO meeting regarding County projects and the prioritization process. The LRTP will be presented to the board for preliminary approval and opening of the comment period at the September meeting, with final adoption in December 2014.

F. Endorsement of Regional Priority List (Follow-Up to Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting)

The MPO endorsed the Regional Priority List.

G. Committee Recommendations

1. BPAC Recommendations

The MPO approved the BPAC recommendation to support the rehabilitation/refurbishment of the Pinellas Trail in the area south of Live Oak Street in Tarpon Springs.

Regarding the BPAC recommendation to install appropriate street signs to identify all roadway-trail crossings, the MPO requested a list of those roadways. The MPO approved the BPAC recommendation.

The MPO approved the BPAC recommendation to support the inclusion of vulnerable road user crashes not involving a motor vehicle on crash data reports.

Regarding the BPAC recommendation to request FDOT removal of Qwick-Kurbs along Gulf Boulevard, MPO staff indicated FDOT agreed to review the other 8 locations. The MPO approved the BPAC recommendation.

2. TCC Recommendations

Regarding the TCC recommendation to make the use of electronic devices while driving a primary offense, the MPO deferred this item to the September meeting to clarify the recommendation.

The MPO approved the amended TCC bylaws.

H. Committee Appointments

The MPO approved the appointments of Leslie Viens as a Dunedin representative and Karen Mullins as an At Large representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee; Evan Mory as the St. Petersburg Department of Transportation and Parking

representative and Dave Goodwin as the St. Petersburg Planning Development Services alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee; and Jorge Quintas as the Dunedin Traffic Engineering alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATE

A. PSTA Activities Report

The MPO deferred the PSTA report to the September MPO meeting.

B. Follow-Up Regarding Belcher Road and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard

The MPO received a report on the road safety audit that was recently conducted for Belcher Road and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard.

C. Director's Report

It was reported that FDOT agreed to modify the language for the MPO Interlocal Agreement. The modified agreement will be circulated to each local government, with the intent to have it executed and the new MPO members seated at the September board meeting.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Reminder – August MPO Meeting Cancelled

The August MPO meeting is cancelled.

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. June 13, 2014 CCC Meeting and Joint Meeting With the Central Florida MPO Alliance

A summary of the CCC meeting and joint meeting of the CCC with the Central Florida MPO Alliance of June 13, 2014 was included in the agenda packet.

D. Other