



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
October 8, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilman Newton conducted the invocation and Mayor Archie 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 September 10, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, PPC invoice for shared copier use, and TBARTA invoices for CCC staff services; MPO staff services agreement with Pinellas County Planning and Development Services Department; Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Joint Participation Agreement; Amendment No. 4 to HART Agreement; CCC Interlocal Agreement; Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week Resolution; MPO Operating Procedures; BPAC appointment; and 2013 Crash Data Report. MPO staff indicated that presentation of the 2013 crash data will be placed on a future MPO agenda.

Following comments by Chairman Seel about the travel allowance and cell phone stipend, the MPO approved the MPO director compensation.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

Following a presentation by Brian Smith, BPAC Chairman, FDOT staff review and public hearing, the MPO approved the proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add funding for the Pinellas segment of the Coast to Coast Trail by roll call vote. FDOT staff indicated they would provide updates to the MPO regarding the Courtney Campbell Trail and the Coast-to-Coast Trail as they proceed.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. U.S. 19 Pilot Study – Pedestrian Access Measures and Corridor Study

MPO staff provided an overview of the U.S. 19 pilot study and the impact of the U.S. 19 construction on pedestrians and transit users.

B. Modification and Amendment Procedures for the Long Range Transportation Plan

Following an MPO staff review of the procedures, the MPO approved the modification and amendment procedures for the LRTP.

C. MPOAC Institute Follow-Up

Vice Mayor Hock-DiPolito, Councilman Jim Kennedy, and Commissioner Crozier provided testimonials regarding their attendance at the weekend MPOAC Institute. The MPO staff will provide the dates for the 2015 Institute once they receive the information.

D. Committee Recommendation – Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Advisory Committee

• **ITS Map Amendment**

Following a brief description of the amendment by MPO staff, the MPO approved the ITS map amendment as recommended by the ITS Advisory Committee. This map will be included in the 2040 LRTP.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. PSTA Activities Report

PSTA staff provided a brief report on PSTA activities. Commissioner Cookie Kennedy reported that a presentation on Greenlight Pinellas is scheduled for the next Barrier Island Government Council meeting on October 29. She invited MPO members to attend.

B. Director's Report

Sarah Ward provided reports regarding the debriefing by the U.S. DOT for the MPO/County TIGER grant application, the Coast-to-Coast Trail Summit held last week in Winter Garden, Florida, and the Regional Workshop held last week in Tampa where Ms. Ward presented information regarding the formation and project prioritization process established by the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group. She also noted that MPO staff will be attending a similar workshop in December in Charlotte, NC, where information will be presented on the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Information was included in the agenda packet.

B. Committee Vacancies

The MPO reviewed the vacancies on the CAC and it was requested that the vacancies be filled as soon as possible.

C. Other

The Nominating Committee was established to present a slate of officers for 2015. The Nominating Committee will consist of Commissioner Seel, Vice Mayor Hock-DiPolito, Commissioner Crozier, and Commissioner Piccarreto and will meet November 12, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Seel reported on the MPO and PPC Executive Committee meeting that was held just prior to the MPO meeting and the City Managers meeting held on October 3. The MPO and PPC Executive Committee recommended that the MPO and PPC proceed with hiring a single Executive Director for the MPO and PPC. Following discussion, the MPO approved a motion for Commissioner Seel to move forward with the necessary steps to hire an Executive Director.