



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
November 12, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Welch conducted the invocation and commissioner Piccarreto led the Pledge for the MPO.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Several citizens came forward stating their opinion regarding the Greenlight Pinellas Plan and its inclusion in the MPO's draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

IV. PRESENTATION TO SUSAN LATVALA FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN ON THE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

The MPO recognized Susan Latvala for her service as a member and Chairman of the MPO's School Transportation Safety Committee.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the October 8, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Cherry Bekaert (MPO auditors), and two months of risk allocations; funds for MPOAC legislative advocacy activities; and traffic count equipment refurbishment.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Fall Update of the Fiscal Years 2014/15 Through 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Following an overview by MPO staff and public hearing, the MPO approved the fall update of the TIP by roll call vote.

MPO staff agreed to send the MPO members information regarding the upcoming presentation for the Dunedin Causeway project.

VII. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. 2013 Crash Data Report

MPO staff provided an overview of the 2013 Crash Data Report. In response to member questions, MPO staff agreed to provide information regarding the location of Gulf Boulevard and Gulf Winds Drive, monthly reports on fatal crashes, and information regarding previous year trends. MPO staff also agreed to look at including in future reports data concerning red light cameras and wrong way drivers. Dunedin Mayor Bujalski asked FDOT to take another look at safety-related issues for Trail users at Skinner Boulevard (S.R. 580), noting motorists do not stop when the light flashes yellow.

B. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

1. Safety and Security Elements

Following an overview by MPO staff, the MPO approved the Safety and Security Elements of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

2. Regional Transportation Plans

MPO staff provided an overview of the regional transportation projects included in the Hillsborough and Pasco MPOs draft Long Range Transportation Plans.

3. Transit Element

Following a brief update about the transit element of the draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the rejection by the voters of a sales tax to fund the Greenlight Plan, staff recommended that the draft LRTP be modified to eliminate the Greenlight Plan and add in its place a no new revenue alternative. Further, staff recommended that the MPO maintain as its Vision or Policy Plan a transit plan that provides enhanced bus service including increased frequencies, later evening service, evening and weekend service to adjacent counties and premium transit connections between the County's major activities centers and Hillsborough County. The board concurred with staff's recommendations and requested that details be provided as soon as possible to board members and other interested parties about the no new revenue alternative. The modified draft LRTP will be presented to the board for adoption at its December meeting. Additional workshops for public review of the draft plan will take place on November 18 and 19 and December 4.

C. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee comprised of Karen Seel, Harriet Crozier, and Kevin Piccarreto met just prior to the MPO meeting and presented a slate of officers for 2015. The MPO approved the following slate of officers to begin their term January 1, 2015:

- Chairman – Jim Kennedy
- Vice Chairman – John Morroni
- Secretary – Cookie Kennedy
- Treasurer – Doreen Hock-DiPolito

D. Committee Recommendation

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – BPAC Memo Regarding Bayshore Trail Connection to Courtney Campbell Trail**

The MPO approved the BPAC recommendation for the committee to send a letter of thanks to the City of Clearwater for their commitment to funding the connection to the Courtney Campbell Trail.

VIII. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. PSTA Activities Report

PSTA staff provided a brief report on PSTA activities.

B. Director's Report

Sarah Ward indicated she has been attending the beach commission/council meetings with Commissioner Cookie Kennedy to provide an overview of MPO activities and that she plans to attend the inland community commissions/councils with Commissioner Piccarreto.

IX. 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, BPAC, and LCB.

C. Correspondence

A letter from the School Board regarding their involvement with the MPO and PPC was included in the agenda packet.

D. Other

Commissioner Crozier was thanked for her service on the MPO and as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Pinellas Transportation (ACPT).

St. Petersburg provided a brief status on the revised camera program to be utilized on the Pinellas Trail within their jurisdiction.