

**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**January 14, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Eggers conducted the invocation and led the Pledge for the MPO.

**III. WELCOME NEW MPO MEMBERS: MICHAEL SMITH REPRESENTING LARGO, DAVE EGGERS REPRESENTING PINELLAS COUNTY, CLIFF MERZ OF SAFETY HARBOR REPRESENTING SAFETY HARBOR, OLDSMAR, AND TARPON SPRINGS, AND DARDEN RICE REPRESENTING ST. PETERSBURG**

The MPO welcomed the new MPO members: Commissioner Michael Smith representing Largo, Commissioner Dave Eggers representing Pinellas County, Vice Mayor Cliff Merz representing Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Tarpon Springs, and Councilmember Darden Rice representing St. Petersburg.

**IV. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MPO MEMBERS CHARLIE JUSTICE, DAVID ARCHIE, AND KEN WELCH**

The MPO recognized outgoing MPO members Charlie Justice and Ken Welch. Mayor Archie will be recognized at a future meeting.

**V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Clearwater Councilman Bill Jonson thanked Gina Harvey and David Scott of Pinellas County Engineering Department for their assistance with the lighting issue along U.S. 19 between S.R. 580 and Curlew Road.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the December 14, 2014 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Cherry Bekaert (MPO auditors), and the January risk allocation; general planning consultant contract amendments; countywide crash data systems scope and contract; and various committee appointments:

- Harriet Crozier as a Largo representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee,
- Holly DeSha as a Largo representative and Chris Cochran as PSTA's representative and Heather Sobush as the alternate for technical support on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee,
- Heather Sobush as PSTA's representative and Chris Cochran as their alternate, Alex English as TBARTA's alternate, and Michael Schoderbock as PPC's alternate on the Technical Coordinating Committee, and
- Commissioner John Carroll as Largo's representative on the School Transportation Safety Committee.

**VII. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Dunedin Causeway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Presentation – Comment**

The MPO received a presentation from URS Corporation Southern, Inc. (URS) on the Project Development and Environment Study for the Dunedin Causeway Bridge replacement.

**B. FY 2013/14 MPO Audit Report – Presentation and Acceptance**

Following a presentation by Cherry Bekaert, the MPO auditors on the FY 2013/14 MPO Audit Report, the MPO accepted the report.

**C. Report on Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Meeting of January 13, 2015 – Report**

The MPO received a staff report on the recent Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting. The MPO then received an update by the City of St. Petersburg regarding the installation of cameras along a section of the Pinellas Trail within the City of St. Petersburg. The MPO requested St. Petersburg to provide them a one-page summary of the issues associated with the camera installation. The MPO directed that a follow-up report be provide next month.

**D. Letter of Agreement and Invoice for Design and Conduct of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group Meetings**

The MPO approved the Letter of agreement and associated invoices for services related to conducting the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group meetings.

**E. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Recommendations – Approval**

Following a presentation by Brian Smith, BPAC Chairman, the MPO accepted the BPAC recommendation for forwarding to Pinellas County and the consultant, which is to support a bridge design for the Dunedin Causeway that would include separated trail accommodations with a minimum width of 12 – 15 feet and that minimizes impacts to the environment and other transportation modes. In addition, the MPO approved the BPAC recommendation for more legible wayfinding sign improvements to the Honeymoon Island State Trail with more specific directions.

The MPO suggested a Pinellas/Hillsborough joint grand opening event once the Courtney Campbell Trail is completed.

Regarding the possibility of a bicycle share program, St. Petersburg staff indicated they are preparing a Request For Interest (RFI) to determine interest and potential models. The MPO asked that the bicycle rental facilities be included in discussions and that the BPAC take the lead in looking at a bicycle share program along the Pinellas Trail and Gulf Boulevard.

The MPO staff indicated they would provide an update regarding the projects along Gulf Boulevard to the MPO at a future meeting.

**VIII. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. PSTA Activities Report**

Brad Miller, PSTA CEO, provided a brief report on PSTA activities.

**B. Director's Report**

Sarah Ward provided information relevant to the MPO.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Committee Vacancies**

**B. Correspondence**

**C. Other**

The MPO staff noted the vacancies on the Local Coordinating Board.