

**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**February 11, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Vice Mayor Merz conducted the invocation and led the Pledge for the MPO.

**III. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MPO MEMBERS DAVID ARCHIE AND WENGAY NEWTON**

The MPO recognized outgoing MPO members Mayor Archie and Councilman Newton.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens who came forward to be heard.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the January 14, 2015 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Cherry Bekaert (MPO auditors), the February risk allocation, MPO share of copier with PPC, PSTA Section 5305 transit funds, and an invoice from Laughlin & Associates (in folders) for independent accounting services associated with the MPO's audit; and various committee appointments (appointment to the ITS Committee was deferred until next month) as shown below:

- John Tornga as an alternate on the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group;
- Janet Long to represent Pinellas County and Heather Gracy to represent the City of Dunedin on the School Transportation Safety Committee;
- Kim Marston as an At Large representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee;
- Lucas Cruse and Cheryl Stacks as the representative and alternate respectively as St. Petersburg's technical support representatives on the Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee; and
- Cheryl Stacks as the representative and Evan Mory as their alternate for the St. Petersburg Transportation and Parking Management Department, Rick MacAulay as the St. Petersburg Planning and Economic Development Department alternate, Steve Careccia as Tarpon Springs' representative and Karen Lemmons as the alternate, Brent Hall as the County's DEI Engineering alternate and Tom Washburn and Gina Harvey as the County's DEI Transportation alternates on the Technical Coordinating Committee.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

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

FDOT reviewed the proposed amendment to the TIP; however, there were questions regarding the project details and access to a business located in the area for which a response from the City of Oldsmar is required. Therefore, following a public hearing, the MPO deferred this item to the next meeting to allow for response from the City.

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

**A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Presentation – Billy Hattaway, Secretary FDOT District 1**

The MPO received a presentation from Billy Hattaway, FDOT District 1 Secretary, on FDOT's initiatives for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

**B. Access to Transit and U.S. Highway 19 Corridor Study**

The MPO received a presentation by Tindale-Oliver and Associates, consultants to FDOT, regarding the access to transit study. The MPO staff provided a summary of the U.S. Highway 19 corridor study, noting a detailed update will be provided at a future meeting.

**C. Prioritization of Projects for State and Federal Funding**

The MPO received a staff report on the prioritization criteria used to rank roadways for state and federal funding. The MPO asked staff to consider weighting the criteria and revisit the priority order for U.S. 19 and Gandy Boulevard. PSTA presented a request for the MPO to consider adding transit to the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priority List for bus replacement. The MPO staff indicated that changes to priority lists must be reviewed by the committees and any action taken by the MPO must include a public hearing. The Technical Coordinating Committee had a preliminary discussion of the priorities at their January meeting; however, the item has not been presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Pending review by the advisory committees, this item will be brought back to the MPO for action. At that time, the MPO staff and FDOT will provide input regarding the potential implications to the FDOT Work Program (TIP) and the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. MPO staff reported that an assessment of the potential impacts to roadway projects in the adopted Transportation Improvement Program has been completed and will be forwarded to board members.

Pursuant to board members request, the MPO staff to review the various federal and state funding sources for projects at a future MPO meeting.

**VIII. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. Security Camera Update**

Evan Mory, City of St. Petersburg, provided an update regarding the security cameras along the Trail.

**B. PST A Activities Report**

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

**C. Director's Report**

Sarah Ward provided information relevant to the MPO.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting of January 16, 2015**

**B. Joint Local Coordinating Board Meeting of January 29, 2015**

**C. Correspondence**

**D. Other**

Information regarding the informational items was included in the agenda packet.