

MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
July 8, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Bujalski conducted the invocation and led the Pledge for the MPO.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens who came forward to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the June 10, 2015 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale-Oliver and Associates, URS, TBARTA, MPO share of copier, and the July risk allocation; printing of pedestrian safety awareness education material; authorization for the MPO Executive Director to sign checks; Unified Planning Work Program amendments; and appointments of Joseph Santini as a Local Medical Community representative on the Local Coordinating Board, Ajaya Satyal as the County's Environmental Management representative on the Technical Coordinating Committee, and Tom Washburn as the County Traffic technical representative and Gina Harvey and Casey Morse as the alternates on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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

Following the MPO staff presentation and public hearing, the MPO approved the amendments to the Facilities Element of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan to add facilities in the City of St. Petersburg and the Lealman area of unincorporated Pinellas County by roll call vote. In response to board member comments, staff noted that it continues to work with local governments to ensure consistency between local plans and the Master Plan. The overall Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan will be reviewed with the MPO at a future meeting.

B. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015/16 Transportation Improvement Program

FDOT presented a proposed amendment to the FY2015/16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Following the public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendment to add the FY 2016 PSTA allocation of Section 5339 funds by roll call vote.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group Regional Priorities – Action

Following the MPO staff presentation, the MPO approved the TMA Regional Priorities for transmittal to FDOT.

B. Crash Report – Action

Following the MPO staff presentation, the MPO approved the Crash Report. The MPO requested the report be sent to city managers with an offer for the MPO staff to provide presentations at their council/commission meetings. The MPO also directed staff to evaluate ways, including use of broadcast media, to bring attention to the report and to make residents aware of the high crash locations, particularly those on U.S. 19 at Curlew and Tampa Roads.

C. State of the System Report – Action

Following the MPO staff presentation, the MPO approved the State of the System Report.

D. Public Participation Plan Evaluation – Action

Following the MPO staff presentation, the MPO approved the Public Participation Plan Evaluation.

E. Amendment to the St. Petersburg Downtown Intermodal Facility Study Agreement

Following the City of St. Petersburg staff presentation regarding an amendment to their St. Petersburg Downtown Intermodal Facility Study Agreement to extend the date and modify the scope, the MPO approved the amendment.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. PSTA Activities Report

Brad Miller, PSTA CEO, reported on the coordination and partnering between the MPO and the PSTA especially relating to PSTA's strategic plan. He commented on changes to PSTA's service and routes that will be implemented in phases. Mr. Miller announced a meeting scheduled for July 22 inviting the local planners, community development and engineering staff to review PSTA's planning activities and PSTA's strategic plan. Finally, he thanked the TMA Leadership Group for prioritizing the two PSTA projects.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Cancellation of August MPO Meeting

The August MPO meeting is cancelled.

B. July 10, 2015 Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting With the Central Florida MPO Alliance

The meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

C. Committee Vacancies

There are vacancies on the CAC and BPAC.

D. Correspondence

E. Other

Chairman Kennedy announced a meeting scheduled for July 14 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. for the PD&E for the San Martin Boulevard over Riviera Bay Bridge Replacement.

Whit Blanton, Executive Director, remarked on the activities that are being initiated now that he is on board with the MPO and mentioned items that will be discussed at the September 21 workshop, noting that items will be coming back to the MPO Board for direction and action as the activities progress.