

**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**December 9, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Kennedy 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 November 18, 2015 meeting minutes; extension of General Planning Consultant contracts (Tindale-Oliver, URS, Gannett-Fleming), and re-appointment of Neil McMullen, Becky Afonso, and Larry Roybal to a 2<sup>nd</sup> four-year term on the CAC, appointment of Terri Novitsky and Deborah Schechner as beach representatives and Patricia Rodriguez as an At Large representative on the CAC, and appointment of Councilmember Hock-DiPolito as the MPOAC representative with an alternate of Commissioner John Tornga.

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

**A. PSTA – Update**

Mayor Bujalski, on behalf of the PSTA, provided an update on recent PSTA activities, noting the PSTA board approved advancing the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit into the Project Development and Environment phase with New Starts funding. She reported that PSTA will begin a six-month pilot project for the East Lake and Pinellas Park areas where PSTA will enter into an agreement with taxi companies and Uber to provide service for those impacted by reduction of bus service. After the six months, PSTA will evaluate the program. The PSTA board discussed the downtown St. Petersburg route changes that become effective early next year. The Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group will meet at PSTA on Friday, there is a Tallahassee day in January, and the joint PSTA/MPO meeting will be held January 22 at PSTA. Mayor Bujalski announced Darden Rice was elected as the new PSTA Chairman for 2016.

**B. Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan**

**1. Overview of Plan Implementation and Amendment/Update Process – Information**

MPO staff provided an overview of the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and amendment process.

**2. Proposed Amendments to the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and Update Process – Action**

The MPO approved the proposed amendments to the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. As part of the discussion, included in the amendment was the installation of shared use bicycle markings on the main streets within Carillon. Before the markings are installed, the Board asked for some traffic calming improvements to encourage the motorists to slow down.

**C. Modification to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – Action**

The MPO approved the LRTP modifications.

**D. Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendation – Action\*\***

The MPO tabled the CAC recommendation that requests the Board of County Commissioners to consider allocating a portion of the six cent bed tax for transportation and beach access improvements to allow the County Attorney for the Tourist Development Council to provide input.

**VI. PPC/MPO JOINT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**A. Board Workshop Follow-Up**

**1. Approval of Emphasis Areas Work Plans – Action**

Following the staff presentation, some Board members expressed a desire to be involved in the working groups. Staff was directed to provide notice to the Board members of all working group meetings and to contact the Board members to determine the emphasis area working group they are interested in serving on. Staff to follow up on the Board's recommendation that they hold special listening tours/meetings for each of the emphasis areas.

The Board approved the emphasis areas work plans.

**2. Approval of Complete Streets Program – Action**

The Board approved the continued development of the Complete Streets Program.

**B. Election of 2016 Officers (Nominating Committee Report) – Action**

The Board approved the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

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

**C. 2016 Board and Committees Meeting Schedules – Action**

The Board approved the 2016 Board and committee meeting schedule.

**VII. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. Executive Director Report – Update on Consultant Request for Proposals**

The MPO Executive Director provided information on items of interest to the MPO that included an update on the bike share program initiative, noting the MPO will have a future agenda item on the recommendations from the subcommittee. The MPO staff agreed to continue to reach out to the bicycle shops. Chairman Kennedy invited the Board members to attend a St. Petersburg Council workshop on their bike share program on the last Thursday in January at 2:00 p.m. The MPO staff agreed to continue to reach out to County staff for their participation in the countywide bike share program. The Director provided an update on the ferry service/water taxi service that St. Petersburg is considering in partnership with others from Pinellas County to Hillsborough County. He indicated the MPO will have a future agenda item on this program to provide further information.

• **Selection of General Planning Consultants**

The MPO Executive Director provided information on the General Planning Consultant selection and indicated that staff will bring back a recommended ranking and contract possibly at the March MPO meeting.

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Committee Vacancies**

The Chairman noted three CAC members are off the committee due to term limits and indicated the vacancies on the CAC. MPO staff indicated they are looking at diversifying the CAC and asked for input as to what organizations to contact.

**B. Correspondence**

**C. Other**

Councilmember Hock-DiPolito invited the Board members to attend a debriefing on the TIGER grant on Tuesday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m. and indicated she would forward the information to staff.

Commissioner Eggers provided an update on the meeting held at the Palm Harbor University High School regarding intersection improvements that are being considered by FDOT for Alternate 19 in the Palm Harbor area. He indicated that a follow-up survey will be done. In addition, they are reaching out to public safety groups for their input before the Board of County Commissioners reviews this proposal.

Chairman Kennedy announced Lee Royal Beasley's retirement and recognized her service to the MPO, noting this is her last meeting.