

MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
April 13, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Kennedy conducted services for the MPO.

III. WELCOME NEW MPO MEMBER REPRESENTING INLAND COMMUNITIES

The MPO welcomed Belleair Commissioner Tom Shelly representing the Inland Communities.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Nocera, BeachTran, provided comments about an aerial propelled transit technology and requested he be allowed to provide a longer presentation at a future meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO Executive Director commented on the idea of formalizing the CAC application process and that he will be bringing back information at a future meeting.

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes; Resolution Establishing Travel Reimbursement Rates; and committee appointments of Steven Beal as a Largo representative and Michael Lehman and Carson Zimmer to the At Large positions on the CAC, Frank Lopez as a Largo representative and Jim Parent as a Beaches representative on the BPAC, Danny Taylor as a Pinellas Park representative and Kathy Gademer as the alternate on the TCC, and the reappointment of Vivian Peters to continue as an Over 60 representative on the LCB. The MPO also approved moving Jack Nazario from an At Large slot to the Gulfport/Kenneth City/Seminole/Belleair/South Pasadena/Belleair Bluffs slot on the CAC.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Introduction of New Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) Executive Director Sean Sullivan – Introduction

TBRPC Executive Director Sean Sullivan introduced himself.

B. PSTA Activities Report – Report

Mayor Bujalski as the PSTA representative provided an update on PSTA-related activities, noting PSTA recently approved a three-year contract with the PSTA employee union. Mayor Bujalski invited the Board to attend the grand opening of the new transit center on April 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the southeast corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and U.S. 19. She reported on the meeting with Congressional members that PSTA staff and PSTA board members, along with HART representatives, attended on March 13 -15 where PSTA discussed their innovative partnership with Uber and the PSTA/HART application for TIGER funds for the regional farebox system and mobile app. Mayor Bujalski requested letters of support from all local governments for the regional farebox system. PSTA Chairman Darden Rice asked that they receive the support letters soon due to the deadline for the TIGER application.

C. Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) – Presentation

Joe Waggoner, THEA Executive Director, provided an overview of their facilities and the planned Selmon Extension project. MPO Board members made various comments about Gandy Boulevard in Pinellas County including the segment near the dog track where a traffic signal will disrupt free-flowing travel.

D. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Needs Plan – Update

FDOT staff presented the SIS Needs Plan update, noting the MPO will be asked to approve the Plan at their September or October meeting.

E. Proposed Modification to the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Action

The MPO approved the modification to the MPO's LRTP that addresses waterborne transportation, aerial propelled transit, and bike sharing.

F. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program – Update

FDOT staff presented the changes to the TA Program. MPO staff indicated their willingness to assist local government staff on their applications and that they will bring forward at a future meeting a discussion regarding a process to deal with cost overruns.

G. City of St. Petersburg Resolutions – Possible Action (Walk On Item)

Following a St. Petersburg staff review of the two St. Petersburg resolutions, the MPO took action to support both resolutions (one resolution requesting FDOT to adopt eligibility and selection criteria for the SUNTrail network and one resolution requesting the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to implement the recommendations for the Project Development and Environment Study for the San Martin Bridge over the Riviera Bay).

VII. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Director's Report

1. Performance Based Outcome Driven Planning Process

This item was deferred to the May meeting.

2. SPOTlight Update – Including Response Letter From FDOT Regarding U.S. 19

The MPO Executive Director updated the Board on the recent listening sessions for U.S. 19. It was suggested that another listening session be held for the mid-county area of U.S. 19. The Board also asked staff to make presentations at community and chamber meetings already scheduled. MPO staff indicated that FDOT's response letter regarding the MPO's U.S. 19 request is expected soon.

VIII. PPC/MPO JOINT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/INFORMATION

A. Support Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pinellas County Clerk for Meeting Minutes – Action

The Board authorized the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Clerk and then re-evaluate after one year.

B. Big Sea – Presentation of Brand Unveiling

The Big Sea Design Group presented brand identity elements for the unified PPC/MPO.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting of April 8, 2016

MPO staff provided an update on the recent TMA Leadership Group meeting where they received a Scope of Services for a regional premium transit study – to be called the Tampa Bay Premium Transit Feasibility Study – that will be conducted by HART. It was noted the TMA Leadership Group's role was omitted from the Scope so there will need to be further discussions as to how to involve that group.

B. Committee Vacancies

C. Correspondence

D. Other