

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES – MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, created by the State of Florida in accordance with Title 23 United States Code, Section 134 and Chapter 339.175 Florida Statutes, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 in the chambers of the Pinellas County Commission, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Seel – *Chairman* – Board of County Commissioners  
Jeff Danner – *Vice Chairman* – Councilman, City of St. Petersburg  
Harriet Crozier – *Secretary/Treasurer* – Commissioner, City of Largo  
David Archie – Mayor, City of Tarpon Springs representing Tarpon Springs/  
Oldsmar/Safety Harbor  
Sandra Bradbury – Mayor, City of Pinellas Park  
Julie Bujalski – Commissioner, City of Dunedin, representing PSTA  
Doreen Hock-DiPolito – Councilmember, City of Clearwater  
David Eggers – Mayor, City of Dunedin  
Jim Kennedy – Councilman, City of St. Petersburg  
Ken Welch – Board of County Commissioners  
Debbie Hunt, non-voting advisory – (representing the Secretary, Florida Department of  
Transportation District 7)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Charlie Justice – Board of County Commissioners

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Ward – MPO Interim Executive Director  
Al Bartolotta – Pinellas County MPO  
Gina Harvey – Pinellas County MPO  
David Sadowsky – County Attorney's Office  
Ming Gao – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)  
Brian Beaty – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)  
Alicia Parinello – Pinellas County MPO  
Chelsea Favero – Pinellas County MPO  
Marc Hanger – Pinellas County MPO  
Joe Kubicki – City of St. Petersburg  
Tom Whalen – City of St. Petersburg  
Bob Bray – City of Pinellas Park  
Leland Dicus – City of Largo  
Paul Bertels – City of Clearwater  
Bill Jonson – City of Clearwater  
Brad Miller – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)  
Shakira Crandol – Federal Highway Administration  
Sandi Moody – TBARTA  
Carolyn Kuntz – MPO Recorder

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Karen Seel called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Bujalski performed the invocation and Mayor Eggers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens who came forward to be heard.

\*\*At this time, those on the dais introduced themselves\*\*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 10, 2013**
- B. Approval of Invoices**
  - 1. Tindale-Oliver and Associates**
  - 2. URS**
  - 3. TBARTA**
  - 4. Final Payment for FY 2011/12 MPO Audit (CliftonLarsonAllen)**
  - 5. Invoice for MPO Share of Copier With Pinellas Planning Council**
- C. Approval of Printing Pedestrian Safety Awareness Day Brochures**
- D. Approval of Printing Transportation Disadvantaged Applications**
- E. Approval of Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
- F. Approval of 2013 Level of Service Facilities Table and Maps**
- G. Approval of Federal Transit Administration 5307 Agreement With TBARTA**
- H. Approval of Federal Transit Administration 5339 Agreement With Pasco County Board of County Commissioners**
- I. Approval of Amendment No. 4 With the City of St. Petersburg**
- J. Approval of Amendment to Agreement With Quality of Life Community Services, Inc. (Item withdrawn from Consent Agenda)**
- K. Approval of Extension of Contract With CliftonLarsonAllen for FY 2012/13 MPO Audit**
- L. Approval of Federal Transit Administration Grants Invoicing**

Noting the amendment to Quality of Life Community Services agreement wasn't needed, Item J was withdrawn from consideration. ***Commissioner Welch moved, Mayor Archie seconded, and motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda (excluding Item J) (Vote 10-0).***

**V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**A. Transportation Improvement Program Priority Lists**

Ms. Ward provided brief lead-in remarks. Mr. Bartolotta indicated the priority lists will be incorporated into the fall update of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FDOT uses the priority lists in preparation of their Work Program in December. The Surface Transportation Project Priority List includes major road projects such as U.S. 19. The Transportation Alternatives Priority List includes Transportation Enhancement projects and Safe Routes to School projects that are now combined into one list (Transportation Alternatives) as a result of Moving Ahead for Progress for the 21st Century (MAP-21) legislation. There are no changes to the Surface Transportation or Congestion Management Process Priority Lists. The Transportation Alternatives Priority List includes some minor housekeeping changes to clarify the definition for the Treasure Island Causeway Trail (#2) and to remove projects that have been completed or withdrawn by the sponsoring local government due to funding the project with another funding source.

Chairman Seel added that the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee had reviewed the Congestion Management Process list at their last meeting and will review it again in November. Ms. Ward responded the ITS Committee reviewed the results of the initial Operations and Management studies being done by URS against the current CMP list. That list will be updated pending completion of the work by URS.

Upon query by Commissioner Bujalski as to the process to get funding for projects on the CMP list, Ms. Ward responded they are doing a comprehensive assessment of the operational needs on a countywide basis. The current CMP list includes individual corridor studies that had been previously done. As they are in the process of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update, they are aware that other areas need to be addressed from an operational and safety perspective. URS is doing the study and they are looking at the current list and taking input from the local governments, as well as looking at the MPO's State of the System and crash data, to do a countywide assessment of operational and safety needs. This list will then be finalized through the LRTP update; and, working with the ITS and Technical Committees, the MPO staff will be recommending that funding be set aside (as it becomes available) for those projects. The MPO staff has been in discussions with FDOT regarding the integration of operational projects with capacity projects so that funding can be set aside and those projects can be advanced. The MPO staff will come back later this year with a comprehensive list of CMP projects. Ms. Ward added that the current CMP list is in the order of when the studies were done and not in a ranked order. The result of the URS study will be a prioritized list that will include the current list and additional projects identified through that effort. Upon further query by Commissioner Bujalski regarding consideration of bus lanes and pull-out bays, Ms. Ward responded those efforts are included in the scope. The MPO staff has received a preliminary document and pull-out bays are being recommended for some areas. They are discussing the transit recommendations with PSTA.

Upon call for public comment, no one came forward. Following the public hearing, ***Mayor Bradbury moved, Mayor Archie seconded, and motion carried to approve the Priority Lists by roll call vote (Vote 10-0).***

## **VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

### **\*\*Gandy Boulevard – St. Petersburg Resolution (Add-On Item)**

Ms. Ward provided brief lead-in remarks that a resolution was passed at the recent St. Petersburg Council meeting regarding the Gandy Boulevard construction project, which the MPO had approved allocation of funding last year. The MPO staff included the resolution in the members' folders.

Councilman Kennedy indicated the issue relates to Gandy Boulevard with overpasses at 4<sup>th</sup> Street North and MLK Street North. FDOT's original cost estimate for the project was between \$120 and \$125 million and the bid came in at \$86 million. The project was let, however, it is currently on hold. The existing bid for the project is good until September 25, at which time it will lapse. The issue pertains to a 10-inch hot oil pipeline located in the vicinity and the easements related to that pipeline and the potential ramifications statewide. The funding for the Gandy Boulevard project was due to surplus revenues from other projects throughout the State. His concern is that, if the issue isn't resolved before

September 25, they will lose the opportunity for this project to be constructed. He would like the MPO to approve a resolution in support of the City's resolution.

Joe Kubicki, Director of St. Petersburg Transportation, Parking, and Management, came forward and indicated that the FDOT District Secretary brought to the City's attention in May that there was an issue on a statewide basis regarding easements with the Florida Gas Transmission Group on FDOT right-of-way. The City agreed to monitor the situation. FDOT was able to extend the contract with the contractor until September 25 but the concern is whether the contract can be extended again or the funding will not be available for the Gandy Boulevard project. The City of St. Petersburg discussed the situation and concern at their recent Council meeting and approved the resolution and is now asking the MPO for their support, noting the importance of this project from a transportation and evacuation standpoint. The project extends from Brighton Bay to near I-275 and is 2 ½ miles in length with three overpasses located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MLK Jr. Street, and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. There is high volume of traffic in this area and there are bottlenecks at the at-grade crossing at these three locations. The easement at issue is located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street where Florida Gas Transmission crosses Gandy Boulevard.

Upon query by Chairman Seel whether it would be appropriate to send a resolution to the Florida Gas Transmission Group, Mr. Kubicki responded that the resolution could be sent to both FDOT and the Florida Gas Transmission Group to let them know how important it is to resolve the issue so this project can move forward.

Ming Gao, FDOT, came forward and thanked the city of St. Petersburg and the MPO for supporting the project. The negotiations have involved the highest level of FDOT, including the Secretary, and they hope to have the issue resolved at the end of the month so they can issue the Notice to Proceed. This is a statewide issue and there are legal ramifications. Other FDOT districts are also dealing with this issue. The negotiations with Florida Gas Transmission are complete and they are moving forward to issue a Notice to Proceed this month.

***Councilman Kennedy moved and Commissioner Welch seconded a motion that the MPO adopt and support the City's resolution relating to the Gandy Boulevard project.***

Commissioner Welch asked whether the cost for the project is \$86 million or \$82.9 million. Mr. Kubicki responded that it's \$82 million.

Commissioner Bujalski requested that the motion be amended to include a letter be sent along with the resolution urging FDOT to issue the Notice to Proceed before the deadline of September 25.

***Councilman Kennedy and Commissioner Welch approved the amendment. The motion as amended was approved (Vote 10-0).***

#### **A. Federal Certification Presentation**

Ms. Ward provided brief introductory remarks. Shakira Crandol, Federal Highway Administration reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, which included who was on the Federal Review Team, purpose of the certification review, overview of the certification process, major objectives of the certification review and site visit, noteworthy practices, recommendations, review findings, and a summary. Based

on the overall findings, the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area substantially meets the federal planning requirements subject to the Pasco County MPO satisfactorily addressing the Corrective Action identified in the certification report. The Pasco County MPO has started taking steps to resolve their Corrective Action.

Chairman Seel thanked staff for their hard work and FDOT for their partnership.

**B. Advisory Committee for the Pinellas Transportation (ACPT)**

Ms. Ward provided highlights of the July 22 and September 9 meetings. At the July 22 meeting, there was discussion regarding transportation and land use as they relate to PSTA and the Pinellas Planning Council and the MPO's work with scenario planning, an update on the local land use efforts, and an update on the Greenlight process. At the September 9 meeting, there was discussion regarding the financial assessment associated with the Greenlight effort that is being done by one of PSTA's General Planning Consultants, Ernst and Young, and a presentation on the Community Bus Plan. The ACPT endorsed the Greenlight Plan. The MPO will receive a presentation today on the Greenlight Plan; however, they are not being asked to endorse the Plan today. Staff noted that any transit project that uses federal funds is required to be included in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan.

Upon query by Mayor Eggers, Chairman Seel responded that Ernst and Young will verify the financial information using the one cent sales tax and elimination of PSTA's ad valorem tax and develop a time line associated with the dollars. Commissioner Crozier added that the ACPT will be reviewing the financial assessment at their October meeting. Councilman Kennedy noted the mass transit plan has a light rail element but the majority includes funding to get the Bus Rapid Transit element operating as soon as possible. Mayor Eggers asked if the plan included a phased funding approach for the light rail portion. Chairman Seel noted PSTA will be presenting the Greenlight effort next on the agenda and that Mr. Miller could answer that question. Commissioner Bujalski added that the consultant will not look at the option of a 50 cent sales tax but will provide a time line as to what can be accomplished and how funds can be put aside to obtain a good bond rating.

**C. Greenlight Pinellas**

Brad Miller, PSTA, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that included the Work Plan schedule noting the PSTA and ACPT preliminarily endorsed the Greenlight Plan at their August/September meetings. The ACPT will review the Financial Plan at their October 14 meeting and he can provide an update of the Financial Plan to the MPO at their October meeting. The Greenlight Pinellas Plan will be presented for final endorsement to the ACPT on November 4, the MPO and PPC on November 13, and the PSTA on November 20. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on the Greenlight Pinellas Plan on December 3 and then hold two public hearings on December 10 and December 17. PSTA has under contract with Ernst and Young a task to develop a financial model and different assumptions or revenue mixes that could be evaluated to see how much funding could be generated and what projects PSTA could afford with the different financial scenarios. PSTA has also contracted with HNTB, engineering consultants, to review the work done by Jacobs Engineering a couple of years ago

to see if it's still valid or if some things have changed. Mr. Miller then reviewed the elements in the Greenlight Plan, which include bus improvements, Bus Rapid Transit corridors, bus frequency including nights and weekends, rail, land use, and future connections to Tampa.

\*\*During the presentation, Chairman Seel left at 1:45 p.m.\*\*

\*\*During the presentation, Councilmember Hock-DiPolito left at 1:45 p.m. and returned at 1:51 p.m.\*\*

\*\*During the presentation, Councilman Kennedy left at 1:47 p.m. and returned at 1:49 p.m.\*\*

\*\*During the presentation, Mayor Archie left at 1:50 p.m. and returned at 1:55 p.m.\*\*

Acting Chairman Danner asked Mr. Miller to discuss the phased approach. Mr. Miller responded that the referendum will be in November of 2014; and, if the referendum is approved, the sales tax would go into effect January 1, 2016 and the PSTA ad valorem tax would be eliminated as of October 1, 2015. The plan is to begin buying transit vehicles and start implementing and planning around the core routes in 2015. They will need to begin the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study and acquisition of right-of-way for fixed Guideway very soon since the process will take approximately two years and will need to be complete prior to final design.

There was discussion regarding the flex route service in the North County and the proposed improvements. In response to Mayor Bradbury regarding the Pinellas Park circulator system, Mr. Miller responded that the location should be shifted to the west.

\*\*Chairman Seel returned at 2:04 p.m.\*\*

In response to Mayor Bradbury's question about the station location in the Gateway area, Chairman Seel responded the next step is the NEPA process, which is a two-year environmental process that will determine the final technology and station locations, as well as other details. Mr. Miller added that the NEPA process determines the environmental impacts.

In response to Commissioner Bujalski, Mr. Miller stated that the Locally Preferred Alternative includes a future rail connection to Tampa connecting to the Westshore Multi-Modal Center that FDOT has studied. In addition, the Tampa International Airport has a Master Plan that extends their people mover system from the airport to the multi-modal center. Hillsborough County has been discussing their long-term plans. In addition, FDOT has been studying a multi-modal approach to replacing the Howard Frankland Bridge that will be completed this fall. Two public hearings will be held on that study, with the first public hearing on October 8 at PSTA. Ms. Ward added the Hillsborough MPO is including transit provisions in their Long Range Plan and they continue to plan for rail. The Pinellas MPO staff is coordinating with the Hillsborough MPO on the express bus service as well as the Howard Frankland Bridge study and they continue to coordinate. Another means of communication is the Transportation Management Area (TMA) discussions that are more focused on the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco area. This will provide for more coordination regarding their planning efforts. There is a TMA meeting this Friday and the area MPOs have agreed to co-sponsor a transit summit for the region.

Chairman Seel showed a chart she had that showed the benefits of the system and asked if Mr. Miller could provide the chart to the MPO members. Mr. Miller responded he would make sure each MPO member received a copy. He then provided a brief review of each column on the chart, noting that the current bus system was not depicted; however, the chart shows the necessary changes that would need to occur to go to a grid system even if the referendum does not pass. Chairman Seel suggested that the existing bus system be included on the chart for comparison especially if PSTA is not planning to go with the optimal or base line system. Councilmember Hock-DiPolito noted the chart is located on the PSTA ACPT website.

#### **D. Mobility Plan**

Al Bartolotta reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the Mobility Plan that included the history of growth management in Florida, revisions to growth management, creation and focus of Mobility Plan Task Force, Mobility Plan Objectives, growth management in Pinellas County, mobility planning in Florida, Pinellas Mobility Plan objectives and concept, impact fees, Mobility Plan improvements, managing moderate to large scale development projects, Transportation Management Plan strategies, examples of Tiers 1 and 2, recommendations, and next steps. The recommendations include:

- Rename Transportation Impact Fee to Multi-modal Impact Fee
- Repeal of level of service based concurrency management systems
- Local adoption of development review provisions.

The next steps include the MPO review of amendatory language and the local government code provisions at their December meeting.

**\*\*During the presentation, Chairman Seel left at 2:18 p.m. and returned at 2:21 p.m.\*\***

***Councilmember Hock-DiPolito moved, Mayor Bradbury seconded, and motion carried to approve the proposed Mobility Plan (Vote 10-0).***

#### **E. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Update Assistance – Regional Mobility Needs**

Ms. Ward indicated the Scope of Services for the development of a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDS) for the three-county area (Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco) is included in the agenda packet. Under the previous federal legislation (SAFETEA-LU), there was a requirement that the MPOs develop a plan that documents how JARC and New Freedom funds are expended to meet the needs of the community. With the new federal legislation (MAP-21), the JARC and New Freedom funds will flow through other agencies and there no longer is a requirement to develop a Plan under the federal process; however, we are looking at developing a TDSP on a regional level so there still can be coordination of the TD needs throughout the region. In order to meet the schedule, the consultant has already been engaged to start the work. The Scope is being funded from the administrative funds associated with the federal programs and is a joint effort among the three MPOs.

***Commissioner Welch moved, Mayor Archie seconded, and motion carried to approve the Scope of Services (Vote 10-0).***

**F. Committee Recommendations**

Ms. Ward reported that staff has been looking at efficiencies for the various committees and that the number of individual meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees has been reduced and, instead, they are meeting jointly several times a year.

- **Joint Bicycle Advisory Committee/Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BAC/PTAC)**

- ✓ **Motion #13-1 – Supporting Connection Planned From the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail to the Courtney Campbell Trail**

Mr. Bartolotta located the area on a graphic and summarized the motion. Ms. Ward added that the request is to prioritize a connection from the Courtney Campbell Trail to provide a safe connection to Pinellas County. Mr. Bertels, City of Clearwater, indicated the City's Park Department is exploring the possibility of utilizing the west side of Bayshore Drive. Councilmember Hock-DiPolito added that City Council and staff will continue to work on a plan to provide a safe connection from the bridge.

***Commissioner Welch moved, Commissioner Crozier seconded, and motion carried to approve joint BAC/PTAC Motion #13-1 (Vote 10-0).***

- ✓ **Motion #13-2 – Supporting Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Recommendations for the Memorial Causeway Bridge**

Mr. Bartolotta located the area on a graphic and indicated the north side of the bridge seems to be the problem area and the intent is to encourage bicyclists to use the south side of the bridge where the trail is located. Ms. Ward added that one of the main issues is the speed of the bicyclists and that one of the recommendations is to add markings to the pavement to slow down the bicyclists. Councilmember Hock-DiPolito added that there have been discussions with City staff and the Clearwater Police Department regarding the tragedies that have occurred and the City is going to install wayfinding signage that bicyclists are to use the south side of the bridge to connect to the Trail. In reviewing the reports, most of the incidents have occurred with risk takers and not cautious bicyclists. The City is in the process of making the bridge as safe as possible and working closely with FDOT.

***Mayor Archie moved, Mayor Eggers seconded, and motion carried to approve joint BAC/PTAC Motion #13-2 (Vote 10-0).***

- ✓ **Motion #13-3 – Endorsing the Pinellas Trail Electronic Counter Program**

Ms. Ward reported the County's Parks and Conservation Resources staff presented information regarding a new Electronic Counter Program that is being installed at a couple of locations along the Trail. The Committees noted how beneficial the program would be and, therefore, recommended that it be deployed along other trails in the County as resources become available.

***Councilmember Hock-DiPolito moved, Commissioner Welch seconded, and motion carried to approve joint BAC/PTAC Motion #13-3 (Vote 10-0).***

- **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)**
  - ✓ **Roosevelt Boulevard Resurfacing Project – Trail Accommodation Update**

Ms. Ward reported the MPO had supported a recommendation from the Bicycle and Technical Committees at their July meeting, based on a request from the City of St. Petersburg, that FDOT include and pay for a multi-use trail on the north side of Roosevelt Boulevard between 28<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets as part of the resurfacing project. In subsequent discussions, FDOT indicated they would work with the City of St. Petersburg and that FDOT would construct the project but they would expect the City to provide the funding. The Technical Committee was provided an update at their last meeting and they are recommending FDOT pay for construction of the trail project, as well as pay for maintenance.

\*\*Mayor Eggers left 2:44 p.m.\*\*

***Mayor Archie moved, Commissioner Bujalski seconded, and motion carried to approve the TCC recommendation (Vote 9-0).***

**G. Committee Appointments**

***Commissioner Bujalski moved, Commissioner Welch seconded, and motion carried to approve the appointments of Rachel Jacobs representing the Division of Blind Services on the Local Coordinating Board and Marie Etheridge representing Largo on the Citizens Advisory Committees (Vote 9-0).***

**VII. REPORTS/UPDATE**

**A. PSTA Activities Report**

Brad Miller, PSTA, indicated that he plans ask the MPO at their next meeting to support their request to change the Designated Recipient status for transit grants from the MPO to the PSTA. Currently, PSTA is a direct recipient, which is causing a delay with PSTA receiving their order for new buses because of the changes under MAP-21 that requires PSTA to be a Designated Recipient in order to get the money to pay for the buses or they have to go through the MPO as the Designated Recipient. The process requires the MPO to agree to PSTA becoming the Designated Recipient, as well as approval from the other Designated Recipients in the region, which is HART for this region, and the Governor.

\*\*Mayor Eggers returned 2:45 p.m.\*\*

**B. Status of MPO Reapportionment Plan**

Ms. Ward reported that the MPO staff confirmed yesterday that the Governor's Office has not yet reviewed the MPO's Plan due to a backlog. FDOT indicated that a batch of Reapportionment Plans had been sent to the Governor's Office for review but the Pinellas County's Reapportionment Plan was not included. FDOT indicated that the Pinellas MPO would be included in the next batch.

Chairman Seel indicated she would delay the MPO/PPC Executive Committee meeting that had been scheduled for October until November if there is no action on the MPO's Plan by the end of this month.

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder and Public Outreach Report**

Information is included in the agenda packet.

**B. Transportation Management Area Meeting of September 13, 2013**

Ms. Ward encouraged the MPO members to attend the meeting on Friday. The objective of the meeting is to determine what the Transportation Management Area (TMA) working group would like to accomplish going forward on a regional level and to establish the composition of the group. This will be a facilitated meeting.

**C. July 12, 2013 Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting With the Central Florida MPO Alliance**

A summary of the meetings was included in the agenda packet.

**D. MPOAC Meeting of July 25, 2013**

Copies of the agendas were included in the agenda packet.

Councilmember Hock-DiPolito asked Ms. Ward whether the next MPOAC training session was scheduled. Ms. Ward responded that she will provide that information in the next agenda packet.

**E. Correspondence**

**F. Other**

Chairman Seel thanked Gina Harvey and Chelsea Favero and the MPO staff for their hard work on the TIGER grant application. She noted this was the first time they received support letters for the grant application from all 25 local governments, as well as a number of other agencies. She thanked Councilman Kennedy and Councilmember Hock-DiPolito for their participation in a joint telephone call with the Department of Transportation Undersecretary. She thanked Mr. Glenn of Congressman Young's Office for his assistance in coordinating the telephone call with the Undersecretary. The Undersecretary was very complimentary of a well written application. Chairman Seel indicated they will be getting a debriefing so they will have lessons learned when they apply again next year.

Councilmember Hock-DiPolito noted that the MPO could look at the list as to who was awarded grant funding. Chairman Seel indicated that information had been sent to everyone and added that the Pinellas application was cost efficient per mile compared to other projects, which is something they will emphasize in the future.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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Karen Seel, Chairman