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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
of the  
**SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
MPO Conference Room  
Airport Commerce Center  
7632 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, Florida

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10:00 A.M.

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**MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2009**

14 Chair Kotecki called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette  
15 Eubanks, Office Manager, confirmed a quorum was present.

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**PRESENT**

**ORGANIZATION**

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Leon Kotecki	Manatee County Planning Department
Harry Mendenhall	Manatee County Transportation Department
Becky Jo Hayes	Manatee County Area Transit
Amy Anderson	Manatee County School Board
Gene Engman	Sarasota County Planning & Development Services
Clarke Davis	Sarasota County Public Works Planning
Phil Lieberman	Sarasota County Area Transit
Raymond Dutiewicz	Sarasota County School Board
Van Brown	City of Palmetto
Susan Montgomery	City of Sarasota Neighborhood & Development Services Department
Roger Clark	City of Venice Planning & Zoning Department
Kathleen Weeden	City of Venice Engineering Department
Brett Harrington	City of North Port Planning & Zoning Department
Ben Newman	City of North Port Engineering
Rick Solomon, Alternate for Ray White	Sarasota-Bradenton Airport Authority
George Isiminger	Port Manatee

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**Advisory Member Agencies**

Susan Cameron	Sarasota County Natural Resources
Manon Lavoie	Florida Department of Transportation

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**Others**

Barnie Salmon, Manatee County  
Jennifer Nelson, Jacobs  
Jennifer Willman, Jacobs  
Bill Ball, Tindale & Oliver  
Ron Gregory, URS

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**Staff**

Keith Drake, Principal Planner  
Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager  
Bob Herrington, Planning Manager

1     **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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3     There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

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6     **STAFF'S REPORT**

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8     Mr. Drake reported on the following:

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10         ▪   The MPO Board at its January 26, 2009 meeting:
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12             -   Approved the Prioritized List of Stimulus Projects and amended the MPO's
  - 13             -   Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2008/09 – 2012/13 to reflect
  - 14             -   same.
  - 15             -   Held part two of the Transportation Funding Workshop and took action for the
  - 16             -   MPO Staff to investigate forming an independent transit authority
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18         ▪   Announced Project Priorities letters will be sent out this week requesting projects for Major
- 19             Improvement, Congestion Management System, Enhancement and Transportation Regional
- 20             Improvement Program (TRIP). Same to be submitted to the MPO by June 5, 2009.
- 21         ▪   The Project Priorities Prioritization Meeting will be held June 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the
- 22             MPO's Conference Room.

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24     Mr. Mendenhall stated he had heard there is no more funding for the TRIP program. Mr. Drake clarified

25     FDOT has asked MPOs to provide priorities for the TRIP program.

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28     **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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30     Chair Kotecki had nothing to report.

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33     **SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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35     There were no subcommittee reports.

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38     **FDOT REPORT**

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40     Ms. Lavoie reported on the following:

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42         ▪   Requested CMS priorities are to be sent to her via email as soon as possible.
- 43         ▪   Announced any CMS priority projects submitted that has not been cost estimated or field
- 44             reviewed by FDOT will not be supported by FDOT.

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46     Chair Kotecki questioned the status of the Stimulus program. Mr. Drake responded FDOT has submitted

47     five different lists that may be found on the website [www.flarecovery.com](http://www.flarecovery.com).

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50     **I.    CONSENT SECTION**

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52         1.   Approval of the February 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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2 Chair Kotecki entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

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4 Mr. Mendenhall: I move approval of the meeting minutes.

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6 Mr. Brown: I second the motion.

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11 **II. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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13 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Update

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15 TBARTA is charged with developing a Regional Transportation Master Plan by July 1,  
16 2009. Ms. Jennifer Willman explained the goal of the Master Plan is to engage the public  
17 in developing a vision for regional integration of transportation systems, and will foster  
18 partnerships with governments, agencies, and business entities.

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20 The plan will consider a variety of transportation modes, and address mobility, traffic  
21 safety, freight movement, emergency evacuation, and economic development needs  
22 around the region.

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24 The plan will identify projects to accomplish these goals, estimate the costs of the  
25 projects, and identify potential funding sources. Projects may include express and rapid  
26 bus, passenger rail, ferries, freight services, and roadway improvements, among other  
27 types of transportation.

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29 Ms. Willman distributed copies of maps depicting TBARTA's preliminary mid-term and  
30 long-term vision and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding same.

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32 TBARTA's Master Plan will be released at its April 24, 2009 Board meeting along with a  
33 press conference at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers training facility. 40,000 households in  
34 Manatee County and 40,000 households in Sarasota County will be invited to participate  
35 in an automated Town Hall meeting.

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37 2. Manatee and Sarasota County I-75 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E)  
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40 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting Project Development  
41 and Environment (PD&E) Studies following Federal Highway Administration National  
42 Environmental Policy Act guidance to evaluate improvements to I-75 from north of  
43 Moccasin Wallow Road in Manatee County to north of SR 681 in Sarasota County. The  
44 proposed improvements include widening I-75 to an ultimate configuration of ten lanes  
45 with six general use lanes (GUL) and 4 special use or express lanes (SUL), along with  
46 improvements to all interchanges within the project limits. All widening will occur  
47 within the existing FDOT right-of-way (ROW) with the exception of interchange  
48 improvements, stormwater management facilities, and floodplain compensation sites.

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50 The project need is to accommodate population and employment growth and an  
51 evacuation route. The project is consistent with the MPO's Long Range Transportation

1 Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and I-75  
2 Engineering/Multi-Modal Master Plan.

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4 Ms. Jennifer Nelson, Jacobs, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on  
5 Sarasota County's portion of the I-75 PD&E Study, from south of SR 681 to north of  
6 University Parkway. The project overview includes 5 interchanges: SR 681, Clark Road,  
7 Bee Ridge Road, Fruitville Road and University Parkway.

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9 Mr. Ron Gregory, URS, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on  
10 Manatee County's portion of the I-75 PD&E Study from Moccasin Wallow Road to north  
11 of University Parkway. The project overview includes 5 interchanges: SR 70, SR 64, US  
12 301, I-275 and Moccasin Wallow Road.

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14 More information may be found at [www.I-75pde.com](http://www.I-75pde.com) or on the MPO's website at  
15 [www.sarasota-manateempo.org](http://www.sarasota-manateempo.org).

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17 2. Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan Update

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19 The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is a statewide network of high priority  
20 transportation facilities, including the State's largest and most significant commercial  
21 service airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail terminals, passenger rail and  
22 intercity bus terminals, rail corridors, waterways and highways.

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24 FDOT is in the process of updating the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan. This  
25 update will consist of reviewing the goals, objectives and policies, and the development  
26 of strategies to make SIS implementation more effective. It will also update and clarify  
27 the criteria and thresholds used to designate SIS facilities.

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29 Ms. Lavoie commented on the following:

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31 - State law requires the SIS be updated every 5 years.  
32 - New plan must be adopted by 2010.  
33 - May and June 2009-two leadership Committee meeting will be held and  
34 review of initial recommendations from FDOT Staff.  
35 - July and August 2009-regional workshops will be held across the state  
36 along with two leadership Committee meetings.  
37 - September through October 2009-a draft plan will be posted for public  
38 review and comment.  
39 - January 2010-a new SIS Strategic Plan will be adopted.  
40 - More information may be found at [www.sisupdate.org](http://www.sisupdate.org).  
41 - Comments or questions may be directed to Mr. Jim Baxter at 863-519-  
42 2562 or Mr. Johnny Limbaugh at 239-461-4300 or Ms. Lavoie.

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45 **III. COMMITTEE ACTION**

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47 1. Congestion Management Process

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49 Mr. Bill Ball, Tindale & Oliver presented the Congestion Management Process (CMP) which  
50 has evolved from what was previously known as the Congestion Management System  
51 (CMS). This is an update to the original study done in 2007 and demonstrates compliance

1 with requirements of the Federal Transportation Legislation that must be met by all  
2 recognized urbanized areas. This document identifies and outlines the key components for a  
3 performance-based objective-driving CMP.  
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5 Mr. Drake commended Mr. Ball and staff for putting together a document that is very  
6 comprehensive. The goal was not to put an undue burden on local staff to collect additional  
7 data in order to get State or federal dollars.  
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9 Ms. Montgomery: I move to recommend Board adoption of the CMP.

10 Mr. Lieberman: I second the motion.  
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16 **IV. DISCUSSION SECTION**

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18 1. Finalized Federal Economic Stimulus Project List  
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20 Mr. Drake restated the five different lists submitted by FDOT that may be found on the  
21 website [www.flarecovery.com](http://www.flarecovery.com).  
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24 **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

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26 1. Once Around the Table  
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- 28 ■ Ms. Montgomery announced the City of Sarasota will be holding a workshop in  
29 May regarding roundabouts on the US 41 Corridor.
- 30 ■ Ms. Hayes announced MCAT has 3 hybrid buses being delivered this week, a  
31 first for Manatee County. Also there is a new Stimulus Grant being offered to  
32 transit agencies for the purchase of hybrid buses, deadline is May 20, 2009.
- 33 ■ Ms. Anderson stated the Manatee School Board is applying for 4 Safe Route to  
34 School Grants-3 for Bradenton and 1 for Palmetto.
- 35 ■ Mr. Lieberman stated ridership increases are not as dramatic as last year (up 11%  
36 to 14%) due to the new evening service that has been in place for a full year.  
37 Fare is still 75¢ but another fare is required for transfers.
- 38 ■ Ms. Weeden question who to contact at FDOT regarding signalization in  
39 Sarasota County. Mr. Mendenhall suggested Mr. Don Cashdollar, FDOT  
40 District One.
- 41 ■ Mr. Drake stated for any new TAC Members that have not gone through the  
42 Priority Process and have questions to please contact him.  
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44 **VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

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46 No meetings in May, the next regular meeting will be held June 8, 2009.  
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49 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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51 Having no further business, the TAC meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.  
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