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3     There was no one from the public that 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 July 27, 2009 meeting:
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12         -    Approved an Amendment requested by the Florida Department of Transportation
  - 13         -    (FDOT), District One to the FY 2008/09-2012/13 TIP and the FY 2009/10-
  - 14         -    2013/14 TIP on two projects to reflect funding and project description corrections.
  - 15         -    Adopted the Major Improvement Priority List with 3 replacement projects.
  - 16         -    Adopted the Regional Enhancement Priority List with a reduction in requested
  - 17         -    funding to \$1.2 million.
  - 18         -    Adopted the Congestion Management System (CMS) Priority List with the
  - 19         -    removal of the Sarasota County/Siesta Key transit pull out project.
  - 20         -    Authorized the MPO Executive Director to negotiate with the Sarasota/Manatee
  - 21         -    MPO's regional partners, Polk TPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, to
  - 22         -    prioritize a regional list for ratification by the MPO Board in October.
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24     ▪    Provided in Members' folders:
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26         ⊗    Negotiation results of the Regional Enhancement (SE) Project Priorities with the
  - 27         ⊗    Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO receiving the #1 spot (US 41 Harbor Walk
  - 28         ⊗    Phase I) and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO receiving the #2 spot (Legacy Trail
  - 29         ⊗    Pedestrian Overpass over US 41 in Venice).
  - 30         ⊗    Referenced a letter from FDOT requesting the MPO amend the adopted TIP to
  - 31         ⊗    delete two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects, 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 32         ⊗    Avenue West Bridge over Wares Creek in Bradenton and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West from
  - 33         ⊗    14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to US 41 Business/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Palmetto and move the
  - 34         ⊗    funding to two other projects, SR 64 in Bradenton from 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 35         ⊗    Street West and Haben Boulevard in Palmetto from US 301 to US 41.
  - 36         ⊗    Provided a "Request for Cost Estimate" sheet to be submitted to FDOT along with
  - 37         ⊗    projects.
  - 38         ⊗    An Addendum sheet provided by FDOT requesting three projects be added to the
  - 39         ⊗    Roll Forward Report: – 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to US 41 Business/8<sup>th</sup>
  - 40         ⊗    Avenue in Palmetto; Sumter Boulevard from City Center Boulevard to Hansard
  - 41         ⊗    Avenue in Sarasota County; in North Port, Venice Avenue from Ramsey Road to
  - 42         ⊗    Jacaranda Boulevard.

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45     **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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47     Chair Kotecki had nothing to report.

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50     **SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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52     There were no subcommittee reports.

1 **FDOT REPORT**  
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3 Ms. Lavoie reported on the following:  
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- 5 ■ FDOT is in its “gaming” cycle. After its Revenue and Estimating Conference in November,  
6 FDOT will have a clearer picture of the Work Program.  
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8 Mr. Howe stated last year the November cycle of meetings was moved to December in order  
9 to accommodate the completion of the Work Program and asked if the Work Program would  
10 be ready in time for the December cycle of meetings. Ms. Manon answered yes.  
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13 **I. CONSENT SECTION**  
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15 1. Approval of the July 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
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17 Chair Kotecki entertained a motion to approve the minutes.  
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19 Mr. Davis: I move approval of the meeting minutes.  
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21 Mr. Mendenhall: I second the motion.  
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23 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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26 **II. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
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28 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)  
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30 Ms. Jennifer Willman, Jacobs Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation and  
31 distributed copies of a brochure which highlighted the Master Plan which was adopted by  
32 the TBARTA Board on May 22, 2009. The plan considers a variety of transportation  
33 modes and addresses mobility needs around the region. The mid term plan focuses on  
34 where we should begin by the year 2035 and includes short-distance rail, Bus Rapid  
35 Transit (BRT) in exclusive lanes, BRT in mixed traffic, managed lanes, and express bus.  
36 The long term regional network shows what the future can be for year 2050.  
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38 It is anticipated that at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> TBARTA Board meeting, a decision will be made  
39 regarding what the priorities are and what corridors would begin to be studied in more  
40 detail. The corridor study would be November 2009 through March 2010. More  
41 information may be found at [www.TBARTA.com](http://www.TBARTA.com).  
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43 2. Long Range Transportation Plan Update Kick-Off  
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45 Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation and  
46 stated that the LRTP is updated every five years. The update is to be adopted by  
47 December 2010. Some of the key issues include transit service expansion and regional  
48 connectivity, protecting the region’s environment and nature resources, discouraging  
49 sprawl development, creating a more healthy and livable community, and supporting  
50 economic opportunity in targeted areas.  
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1 Mr. Maholtz stated that approximately a year ago the Sarasota/Manatee area was  
2 identified as being in violation of the ozone standards by the Federal Environmental  
3 Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA was looking at a 3 year time frame of 2007, 2008  
4 and 2009 to measure the air quality. There has been discussion and reconsideration  
5 regarding the standards being lowered and/or raised. Due to these issues the  
6 Sarasota/Manatee MPO area (and other areas) designation of “non-attainment” status has  
7 been postponed. The EPA will continue monitoring the air quality and the new window  
8 time frame will be 2008, 2009 and 2010 at which time the air quality will be reassessed.  
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11 **III. COMMITTEE ACTION**

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13 1. Roll Forward Report Amendment to the FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation  
14 Improvement Program (TIP)  
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16 Mr. Drake explained Major project phases are scheduled in the Transportation  
17 Improvement Program (TIP)/ State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the  
18 state fiscal year (ending June 30) in which work is to commence. Most projects  
19 scheduled in the first year (2008/2009, current year) of the TIP/STIP will commence  
20 work in the current year. However it may become necessary to defer commencement of  
21 work beyond the first year of the approved TIP/STIP for certain project phases.  
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23 If this occurs, it becomes necessary to move (or “roll-forward”) these project phases into  
24 the first year (2009/2010) of the new TIP/STIP, to obtain federal project authorization and  
25 funding.  
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27 Mr. Drake pointed out that in the Members’ notebooks is a list of 3 projects FDOT is  
28 requesting to be added to the Roll Forward Report: 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
29 to US 41 Business/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manatee County; Sumter Boulevard from City Center  
30 Boulevard to Hansard Avenue in Sarasota County; also in Sarasota County, Venice  
31 Avenue from Ramsey Road to Jacaranda Boulevard.  
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33 Also included in the notebooks is a letter from FDOT requesting projects from the City of  
34 Palmetto and the City of Bradenton to replace two Stimulus projects. Mr. Drake  
35 referenced a letter from FDOT requesting the MPO amend the adopted TIP and delete  
36 two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
37 Bridge over Ware’s Creek and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to US 41  
38 Business/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Palmetto and move the funding to two (2) other projects, SR  
39 64 in Bradenton from 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to 15<sup>th</sup> Street West and Haben Boulevard in  
40 Palmetto from US 301 to US 41.  
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42 Ms. Hayes pointed out on Page 8 of the Roll Forward Report, Item #4101481, Manatee  
43 County Area Transit (MCAT) for \$7,602,620, the money is not there and FDOT has  
44 stated the money does not exist; it is a place holder for a future transit facility. Same  
45 applies to Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) on Page 9 of the Roll Forward Report.  
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47 Mr. Davis: I move the TAC recommend Board approval of the Roll Forward  
48 as proposed by Staff and amended by the handouts in the  
49 Members’ folders.  
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51 Mr. Brown: I second the motion.  
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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. DISCUSSION SECTION

1. FDOT – Right-of-Way Rules

Ms. Lavoie stated FDOT is receiving projects that do not have right-of-way (ROW) and stated the Department needs clarification regarding the MPO's intent with its ROW Policy.

Mr. Drake agreed there is an issue with ROW with the Congestion Management Systems (CMS) Program but explained this Agenda Item was intended to be presented by FDOT Staff regarding how jurisdictions would meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process requirements. Ms. Lavoie responded FDOT would not be presenting NEPA at today's meeting.

Mr. Drake pointed out that in the Members' folder is a "Request for Cost Estimate" form and from this point forward this MPO will require that the form be completed by FDOT and included with any projects submitted by jurisdictions for project prioritization (Major Improvement, CMS, and Enhancement). The MPO Board has directed Staff to solicit projects earlier than normal to allow jurisdictions enough time for preparations or research.

Mr. Drake explained that the intent of the rule regarding ROW is it takes time to purchase ROW for a project and it is easier if there aren't any ROW issues than increasing the chances of projects being completed within the 3 years. That is why the ROW requirement has been included in the rules for CMS Projects; that the projects have no ROW issues. Mr. Drake asked if the Members want to stick with the intent or to allow projects without ROW to go forward as long as it can be accomplished within 3 years or say the ROW has to be in place in order to apply for funds.

Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the existing ROW policy and possible changes to same. Mr. Drake stated he would like to see projects submitted without any ROW requirements/issues. Ms. Weeden suggested Staff to bring back recommended language regarding the ROW Policy. Mr. Drake responded Staff can bring back suggested language and requested suggestion for same from the Members.

Mr. Newman: I move to enforce the ROW policy in place.

Mr. Brown: I second the Motion.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 ayes and 6 nays)

2. Project Priority Deadline

Discussion ensued regarding the time frame for submitting projects. Chair Kotecki requested a letter regarding the time frame/deadlines be sent to the Members. Mr. Drake stated same will be included in the preliminary letter and reminded the Members that Project Priorities are adopted in July with the Prioritization Meeting in June.

1 Ms. Lavoie stated FDOT would like to receive the projects by the end of January, early  
2 February to allow time for jurisdictions to bring same before their respective Boards.  
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4 Ms. Weeden asked if Enhancement Projects and CMS Projects are required to be Federal  
5 Aid projects. Ms. Lavoie explained Enhancement projects are not required to be Federal  
6 Aid.  
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8 Discussion ensued regarding the Sarasota/Manatee MPO possibly changing the \$300,000  
9 cap on Enhancement Projects. Mr. Howe pointed out the Enhancement Policy will need  
10 to be rewritten as Regional Enhancement Priorities are not included and other items  
11 discussed can be included/removed at that time.  
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13 Mr. Davis stated further clarification is needed regarding prioritization of Local  
14 Enhancement projects. Ms. Lavoie stated Local Enhancement projects will be prioritized  
15 at the MPO level. It was the consensus that this issue be brought back along with an  
16 amended policy.  
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18 Ms. Lavoie stated she still needed a better determination regarding ROW. Mr. Davis  
19 stated, for the record, Ms. Lavoie previously stated the ROW issue is with FDOT talking  
20 about it's Priority Policy, which Ms. Lavoie stated FDOT is not prepared to do at this  
21 time. Therefore, ROW as it pertains to the Project Pories, was the current issue.  
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23 Mr. Drake stated the deadline is a continued discussion from the last TAC meeting. At its  
24 July Board Meeting the MPO Board did not accept the project that came in late. The  
25 TAC could establish a hard rule stating projects cannot be accepted after a certain  
26 deadline. However, every jurisdiction has a right to appeal to this Committee and MPO  
27 Board, even if a hard fast rule is established.  
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29 Mr. Davis: I move the TAC set a hard deadline for submittal of projects and  
30 projects that get submitted late go to the bottom of the list in the  
31 order they are received.  
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33 Mr. Newman: I second the motion.  
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35 MOTION CARRIED. (Mr. Mendenhall opposed)  
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38 **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

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40 1. Once Around the Table

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  - Ms. Hayes announced a Ribbon Cutting for the new DeSoto Transit Center will  
43 be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2009.
  - Mr. Maholtz pointed out there is a link to the 2035 LRTP Update on the front  
44 page of the MPO's Website: [www.MyMPO.org](http://www.MyMPO.org).  
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**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

No meetings in November, the next regular meeting will be held December 7, 2009.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the TAC meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.