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2 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
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4 **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
5 **SARASOTA-MANATEE CAMPUS**  
6 **SELBY AUDITORIUM**

7 8350 North Tamiami Trail  
8 Sarasota, Florida  
9 9:30 A.M.

10 **MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2010**

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13 Chair Barnebey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. In honor of the upcoming Independence  
14 Day Holiday Chair Barnebey requested everyone sing "America." The Pledge of Allegiance was  
15 led by Commissioner Joe Barbetta, Vice Chair. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager, confirmed a  
16 quorum was present.

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18 **PRESENT**

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20 **City of Sarasota**

21 Commissioner Terry Turner  
22 Mayor Kelly Kirschner

20 **Non-Voting Member**

21 FDOT District Secretary Stan Cann

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24 **City of North Port**

25 Commissioner David Garofalo

23 **MPO Staff**

24 Michael Howe, Executive Director  
25 Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager  
26 Keith Drake, Principal Planner  
27 Mike Maholtz, Transportation Planner

27 **Manatee County**

28 Commissioner Donna Hayes  
29 Commissioner Joe McClash

29 **Others**

30 Alex Davis-Shaw, City of Sarasota  
31 Steve Tyndall, Port Manatee  
32 Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group  
33 Rod Warner, CAC Chair  
34 Ben Newman, TAC Chair

31 **City of Bradenton**

32 Councilwoman Marianne Barnebey

34 **Sarasota County**

35 Commissioner Joseph Barbetta  
36 Commissioner Nora Patterson  
37 Commissioner Jon Thaxton

36 **Absent**

38 **Manatee County**

39 Commissioner Larry Bustle

39 **Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**

40 Commissioner Bob Waechter

42 **City of Holmes Beach (ITPO)**

43 Deputy Mayor Sandy Haas Martens for  
44 Mayor Rich Bohnenberger

46 **Town of Longboat Key**

47 Vice Mayor Jim Brown

49 **City of Venice**

50 Councilman Jim Bennett

52 **City of Palmetto**

53 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

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2 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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4 No one from the public came forward.

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7 **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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9 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)

10 Commissioner Hayes reported on the following:

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- 13     ▪ At its June 26, 2010 meeting approved the TBARTA logo.
- 14     ▪ Appointed citizens to TBARTA's Citizen Advisory Committee.
- 15     ▪ Regarding transit, locally a better prediction for ridership is
- 16         needed.
- 17     ▪ Funding is tight and TBARTA will need to be creative in seeking
- 18         funds.
- 19     ▪ Legal Services contract for TBARTA was processed.
- 20     ▪ Noted a bill passed this legislative session allowing counties that
- 21         are part of a regional transportation system to utilize surtax.
- 22     ▪ TBARTA will not meet in July.
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25 **III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

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27 1. Chair Barnebey reported on the following:

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- 29     ⋄ Recognized the new Mayor of the City of Bradenton Beach, Mr.
- 30         Bob Bartelt.
- 31     ⋄ Representatives from Manatee and Sarasota Counties, USF and
- 32         members of FDOT attended a follow up meeting regarding issues
- 33         along US 41 with the entrance to USF Sarasota-Manatee campus
- 34         and the Crosley. Following FDOT guidelines, it was determined
- 35         that a traffic signal is not warranted at this time. Manatee County
- 36         and USF will hold a future meeting to discuss the development
- 37         order that was put into place.
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40 **IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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42 1. Mr. Howe reported on the following:

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- 44     ⋄ Commended Mr. Charles Clapsaddle, Station Manager, Manatee
- 45         Educational Television (METV) for winning the Best Documentary
- 46         Award at the Miami International Film Festival for a wonderful piece
- 47         regarding Lincoln High School during desegregation.
- 48     ⋄ Attended a joint meeting of the West Central Florida Chairs
- 49         Coordinating Committee (CCC) and the Central Florida MPO Alliance.

1 The CCC and Alliance is comprised of 7 counties and 6 MPOs in the  
2 Tampa Bay area, including Sarasota and Manatee and the 5 MPOs and  
3 7 counties in the Orlando stretching over to the Space Coast.

4 § At the joint meeting a motion was passed to seek High Speed Rail  
5 funding which FDOT will make application for.

6 § In addition received a report from Secretary Kopelousos' Assistant, Mr.  
7 Kevin Thibault regarding the High Speed Rail project. FDOT will be  
8 requesting bids that will expedite the project.

9 § The Governor vetoed the \$160 million legislative sweep to the  
10 Transportation Trust Fund.

11 § Red light camera legislation, named after Manatee County resident Mr.  
12 Mark Wandall, was passed.

13 § At the request of FDOT, Governor Crist vetoed a public notification law  
14 that would enhance notification to property owners regarding the  
15 installation of medians along State highways; FDOT felt this would be  
16 duplicative of efforts already in place to always notify property owners.

17 § Announced (Tab #1 in Members' notebooks) over the next 20 months  
18 he will be chairing a Revenue Study Committee funded by the MPOAC.  
19 The Committee will assist the MPOAC in its efforts to analyze the issue  
20 and to aid in the development of recommendations.

21 § Requested volunteers from the Board to serve on a Transportation  
22 Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and Regional Trails Priority  
23 Committee. Pointed out this MPO has two regional partners, the  
24 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and the Polk TPO. Chair  
25 Barnebey, Vice Chair Barbetta, Commissioner Hayes and Mayor  
26 Kirschner volunteered to serve on the Committee.

27 § Pointed out a brochure contained in Members' notebooks regarding  
28 West Central Florida MPO Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)  
29 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

30 § Referenced a letter in Tab #4 of Members' notebooks written to US  
31 Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood on behalf of Port  
32 Manatee regarding a Marine Grant Application in the amount of \$7  
33 million.

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35 Commissioner Hayes noted that Manatee County has submitted an application  
36 for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities  
37 Grant in the amount of \$19.9 million for a new Fleet Maintenance Facility and  
38 Transit Administration Building.

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40 Commissioner Hayes: I move the MPO write a letter in support of Manatee  
41 County's 5309 Grant application.

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43 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

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45 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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2 **V. CAC/TAC CHAIR'S REPORT**  
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4 Mr. James Lacher, CAC Chair, reported on the activities of the June 3, 2010 CAC  
5 meeting.  
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7 Mr. Ben Newman, TAC Chair, reported on the activities of the June 14, 2010 TAC  
8 meeting.  
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11 **VI. FDOT REPORT**  
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13 1. Secretary Cann reported on the following:  
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- 15       ⋄ FDOT's Tentative Work Program will be adopted July 1, 2010.
- 16       ⋄ Highlighted a few significant projects included in the Tentative Work  
17 Program:
  - 18               . The next section of US 301 in Manatee County,  
19 between SR 675 and Moccasin Wallow Road; design  
20 will begin in the next Fiscal Year (after July 1, 2010)  
21 and right-of-way in Fiscal Year 2014.
  - 22               . Right-of-way (ROW) necessary for the Venice Bypass  
23 will be funded in Fiscal Years 2013 and 2015.
  - 24               . Federal funds are available for the replacement of the  
25 SR 72 Bridge on the Myakka River.
  - 26               . Federal funds are also available in this Fiscal Year  
27 (FY) for design of the next piece of I-75, Sumter to  
28 River Road.
- 29       ⋄ Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds of \$14  
30 million for District One are available for FY 2014 and FY 2015.  
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33 Commissioner Barbetta acknowledged Ms. Jan Parham and Ms. Chris Diaz of  
34 FDOT for their outstanding efforts with Commuter Services Day held recently in  
35 Sarasota County. Commissioner Hayes pointed out Manatee County will hold its  
36 Commuter Services Day on July 14, 2010 in conjunction with the County's  
37 "Wellness Fair."  
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40 **VII. CONSENT SECTION**  
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42 Chair Barnebey entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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44 Commissioner Garofalo:                       So moved.

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46 Commissioner Hayes:                         I second the motion.  
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48 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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1 The consent item approved was:

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3 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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5 The April 26, 2010 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

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7 2. FY2010/11 – 2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

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9 Approved adding actual fund amounts provided by the Federal Transit  
10 Administration (FTA).

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12 3. Resolution No. 2010-04 Authorizing MPO Executive Director to Perform and  
13 Approve Minor Revisions and Amendments

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15 Adopted Resolution No. 2010-04 permitting limited actions by Executive Director  
16 to meet Federal and State actions.

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19 **VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING**

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21 **Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or**  
22 **reasonably thereafter and were advertised accordingly.**

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25 1. FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

- 26  
27 a) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Priority vote for  
28 surplus funds and authority to amend the TIP for projects funded by FDOT.

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30 Mr. Howe explained that Manatee County Board Chair, Commissioner Donna  
31 Hayes submitted a list of project priorities for the Manatee County area  
32 (county, cities and town) for use of the approximate \$2,951,236 in surplus  
33 Manatee County area stimulus funds. Sarasota County Board Chair,  
34 Commissioner Joseph Barbetta submitted the Legacy Trail Overpass as the  
35 priority project for use of the approximately \$1 million available in surplus  
36 Sarasota County area stimulus funds. Mr. Howe explained approval was given  
37 pursuant the authority granted by the MPO Board pursuant Resolution 2009-01  
38 granting authority to the MPO Chair to approve project amendments and  
39 priorities, therefore ratification of the list was required.

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41 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing. Hearing no one from the public  
42 Chair Barnebey closed the public hearing.

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44 Mayor Bohnenberger: I move approval of the TIP Amendment as  
45 presented.

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47 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

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49 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.

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2 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4 b) TIP request by FDOT for three (3) new intersection improvements funded with  
5 safety funds: 1) SR 70 at Lockwood Ridge Road; 2) US 41 at SR 70 (53<sup>rd</sup>  
6 Avenue West); 3) US 41 (SR 45) at 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

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8 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing. Hearing no one from the public  
9 Chair Barnebey closed the public hearing.

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11 Commissioner Garofalo: I move to approve the TIP Amendment.

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13 Mayor Bohnenberger: I second the motion.

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15 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.

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17 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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19 c) Request by FDOT to add bridge rehabilitation on SR 72 near the Myakka  
20 River.

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22 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing. Hearing no one from the public  
23 Chair Barnebey closed the public hearing.

24  
25 Commissioner Garofalo: I move to approve the TIP Amendment.

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27 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

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29 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.

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31 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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33 2. FY 2010/11 -2014/15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment  
34 Request by the City of Sarasota

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36 Chair Barnebey explained the City of Sarasota is requesting an amendment to the US  
37 41 at 10<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project that the MPO Board acted on in December of  
38 2009. At the request of the City of Sarasota the Board moved funds from the US 41  
39 at Gulfstream Congestion Management System(CMS) project and funds from the 17<sup>th</sup>  
40 Street project to the new US 41 at 10<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project.

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42 Chair Barnebey stated the City is requesting the limit of the project be expanded from  
43 the single intersection to include a corridor from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street along US  
44 41.

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46 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing. Hearing no one from the public Chair  
47 Barnebey closed the public hearing.

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49 Commissioner Garofalo: I move to approve the TIP Amendment.

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2 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

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4 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.

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6 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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8 3. Adoption of the FY 2010/11 - 2014/15 Transportation Improvement Program

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10 Mr. Drake explained the process to develop the TIP started in July 2009 when the  
11 MPO Board adopted its Project Priority List. That list was forwarded to FDOT for it  
12 to prepare its Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program which includes roadway  
13 improvements, enhancement, bridge, safety and public transportation projects.

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15 At the December 2009 MPO Board meeting, FDOT presented the Draft Tentative  
16 Five Year Work Program that addressed the priorities that were set by the MPO  
17 Board in July, 2009. The TIP must be submitted to FDOT by July 15, 2010.

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19 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing.

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21 Mr. Rod Warner, Citizen, expressed concern with projects within the MPO's Major  
22 Improvement Program and provided extensive details regarding same. Mr. Warner  
23 suggested a subcommittee of the MPO be established to study data, assess progress in  
24 implementing priorities and determine how best to deliver the most benefit to the  
25 citizens.

26  
27 Chair Barnebey acknowledged the MPO was in receipt of Mr. Warner's letter  
28 regarding his concerns with the TIP and Major Improvement Program and stated a  
29 formal response from the Board would be forthcoming.

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31 Discussion ensued regarding projects that stay on the priority list for long periods of  
32 time (such as the Venice Bypass, taking 20 years) and encumbering funding.

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34 Hearing no one else from the public Chair Barnebey closed the public hearing.

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36 Mr. Howe requested that the motion should include giving him authority to make  
37 minor modifications within the TIP.

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39 Commissioner Garofalo: I move to adopt the FY 2010/11 – 2014/15 TIP and  
40 also granting the MPO Director authority to make  
41 minor changes within the TIP.

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43 Commissioner Bennett: I second the motion.

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45 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.

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47 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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2 4. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Needs Plan  
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4 Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation  
5 regarding the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan  
6 (LRTP). The LRTP is a strategic document for multimodal transportation  
7 investments to support and strengthen the region's economic vitality, livability and  
8 environment. The plan entails two main elements: a Needs Plan and a Financially  
9 Feasible Plan. The Needs Plan is unconstrained by costs and revenues, and has the  
10 purpose of charting a strategic direction for how the MPO, its member agencies, and  
11 partners will achieve important mobility and accessibility goals over the next 25  
12 years.

13 A LRTP Steering Committee, comprised of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and  
14 Technical Advisory Committee (CAC) members, has been meeting monthly to  
15 review the needs assessment and guide the development of the draft Needs Plan. A  
16 series of 14 focus group discussions, centered on mobility, safety, economic  
17 development and geographic issues, also played a key role in shaping the draft Needs  
18 Plan, as did two public workshops held in April. Participants in these meetings  
19 offered their input on transportation problem areas and solutions, and identified their  
20 priorities. More information regarding the LRTP Update may be found on the MPO's  
21 website at <http://www.mympo.org/mobility-2035.html>.

22 Commissioner Thaxton questioned the references to two (2) new roads, Honore  
23 Avenue and Linger Lodge.  
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25 Commissioner Thaxton stated a cross reference table of projects to the Needs Map  
26 would be helpful.  
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28 Commissioner Thaxton stated the section of Laurel Road to SR 681 appears to be  
29 referring to the Honore section. Mr. Blanton agreed to call that section Honore.  
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31 Commissioner Thaxton pointed out the new road extending Toledo Blade to SR 72 is  
32 not in Sarasota County's Comprehensive Plan and in order to access the section  
33 environmentally sensitive lands would have to be crossed. He suggested the  
34 road/section be removed.  
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36 Commissioner Hayes asked if a bridge would be required on the new section of  
37 Honore to Linger Lodge. Mr. Maholtz clarified it is the Tara Bridge located on the  
38 section and will be identified as such.  
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40 Commissioner Patterson commented that it is confusing where it states adding 2 lanes  
41 on the Toledo Blade extension. Mr. Blanton clarified it should read "new" 2 lanes,  
42 not "add."  
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44 Commissioner Garofalo stated Toledo Blade is being 4 laned all the way to I-75 and  
45 the map is incorrect. A very small section has 2 lanes which needs to be revised.  
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1 Mayor Kirschner asked if the ability to bring light rail here is being kept alive in the  
2 plan. Mr. Blanton responded the light rail initiative is being kept alive in the plan, but  
3 more analysis is needed.  
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5 Chair Barnebey opened the public hearing. Hearing no one from the public Chair  
6 Barnebey closed the public hearing.  
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8 Mr. Howe summarized the noted changes/corrections made to the Needs Plan:  
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- 10 - Change the name to Tara Bridge
- 11 - New road between Fruitville and University Parkway to be called
- 12 University Parkway
- 13 - Depict Toledo Blade between US 41 and SR 72 in two different
- 14 segments
- 15 - I -75 north to SR 72 change to state "add" two lanes
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17 Discussion ensued regarding Toledo Blade to SR 72.  
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19 Commissioner Thaxton: I move the Toledo Blade segment adding two (2) lanes  
20 from I-75 to SR 72 be removed from the Needs Plan.  
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22 Commissioner Hayes: I second the motion.  
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24 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.  
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26 MOTION CARRIED. (11 ayes and 1 nay)  
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28 Commissioner Hayes: I move to adopt the Needs Plan for the LRTP as per the  
29 adjustments related by the MPO Director.  
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31 Commissioner Turner: I second the motion.  
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33 Chair Barnebey requested a vote by the show of hands.  
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35 MOTION CARRIED. (10 ayes and 2 nays; Commissioner Thaxton and  
36 Commissioner Garofalo)  
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38 Chair Barnebey requested Mr. Harry Mendenhall and Mr. Leon Kotecki of Manatee County to  
39 step to the podium where she announced this would be their last MPO meeting. Chair  
40 Barnebey and the Board recognized and thanked Mr. Mendenhall and Mr. Kotecki for their  
41 outstanding 20 plus years of service to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO area.  
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## 43 44 **IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### 45 46 1. Bradenton/Palmetto Downtown Mobility Study

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48 Due to time constraints it was the consensus of the Board for this item to be presented  
49 at the July MPO Board meeting.

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2 2. Sarasota and Manatee Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Project  
3 Update  
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5 Due to time constraints it was the consensus of the Board for this item to be presented  
6 at the July MPO Board meeting.  
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9 **X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

10 The next regular MPO Board Meeting will be July 26, 2010. ***Please note*** the **July MPO**  
11 **Board meeting** will be held in the **Selby Auditorium at the University of South**  
12 **Florida (USF) Sarasota-Manatee Campus** located at 8350 North Tamiami Trail,  
13 Sarasota, Florida.  
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17 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

18 Chair Barnebey adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.  
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