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2 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

3 **Holiday Inn**

4 8009 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
5 Sarasota, Florida

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7 **MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

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9 Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Councilman Jim Bennett, City of Venice,  
10 provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager,  
11 confirmed a quorum was present.

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13 **PRESENT**

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15 **Island Transportation Planning**  
16 **Organizaiton (ITPO) Anna Maria**

17 Mayor Sue Lynn

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19 **City of Palmetto**

20 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

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22 **Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**

23 Commissioner Jack Rynerson

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25 **Sarasota County**

26 Commissioner Joe Barbetta

27 Commissioner Christine Robinson

28 Commissioner Nora Patterson

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30 **Manatee County**

31 Commissioner John Chappie

32 Commissioner Larry Bustle

33 Commissioner Betsy Benac

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35 **City of Sarasota**

36 Commissioner Susan Chapman

37 Mayor Shannon Snyder

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39 **City of North Port**

40 Mayor Linda Yates

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42 **City of Venice**

43 Councilman Jim Bennett

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**Town of Longboat Key**

Commissioner Phill Younger

**City of Bradenton**

Councilman Patrick Roff

**Non-Voting Members**

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

**ABSENT**

**Non-Voting Members**

Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco, City of North Port

**MPO Staff**

Michael Howe, Executive Director

Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

David Hutchinson, Planning Manager

Mike Maholtz, Transportation Planner

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner

**Others**

Sage Kamiya, TAC Chair

Ken Maturo, CAC Chair

Jennifer Stults, FDOT

Roxann Lake, FDOT

Amy Perez, FDOT

Laura Lockwood, FDOT

Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County

Bill Howell, Lochner

Scott Farash, FTE

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78 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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80 There was no one from the public who wished to speak.  
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2 **II. CAC/TAC CHAIR'S REPORT**  
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4 Mr. Ken Maturo, 2013 CAC Chair, reported on the activities of the September 12, 2013 CAC  
5 meeting.  
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7 Mr. Sage Kamiya, 2013 TAC Chair, reported on the activities of the September 9, 2013 TAC  
8 meeting.  
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10 Chair Patterson recognized Councilman Gene Brown, City of Bradenton.

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12 **III. FDOT REPORT**  
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14 Secretary Hattaway introduced Ms. Laura Lockwood, FDOT's Liaison Administrator.

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16 Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, reported on the following:  
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- 18 - I-75 and University Parkway are still in design phase and has no funding at this time.
- 19 - Phases I and II of the Automated Traffic Management System (ATMS) have been  
20 completed in Manatee County.
- 21 - Regarding the Anna Maria Bridge, FDOT is in the process of getting approval from the  
22 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the NEPA process.  
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24 Commissioner Barbetta, in light if Sarasota County being awarded the 2017 Rowing Championship,  
25 requested additional signage along I-75 in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. FDOT indicated they would be  
26 able to accommodate the signage.  
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29 **IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**  
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31 Mr. Howe reported on the following:  
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- 33 - Recognized Mr. Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, as  
34 the recipient of the "Sheila Winitzer Star Award" for demonstrating his long term  
35 dedication to working in the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program.
- 36 - Noted that at the US 301 Workshop held on September 18<sup>th</sup> it was the consensus to change  
37 the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to a Feasibility Study along with  
38 expanding the boundary back to the original boundaries.  
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41 **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**  
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43 Chair Patterson reported on the following:  
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- 45 - Expressed concern with transportation challenges due to the award of the 2017 Rowing  
46 Competition.
- 47 - Sarasota County and Manatee County will be holding a joint meeting to discuss the  
48 possible merger or privatizing of the two transit agencies; Sarasota County Area Transit  
49 (SCAT) and Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT).
- 50 - Last week attended a meeting of the Florida League of Cities on the East Coast.  
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**VI. CONSENT SECTION**

Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Yates: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The consent items approved were:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the July 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board meeting.

2. Appointment/Reappointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Ratification of the appointment of Mr. Charles Kayser to the CAC representing the City of Palmetto.

**VII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING**

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

1. Amendments to the FY 2013/2014 – 2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Drake presented TIP Amendment requests from the FDOT for: “Roll Forward” funding adjustments and MCAT funding adjustments:

1) Major project phases were scheduled in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/ State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the state fiscal year (ending June 30) in which work was to commence. Most projects scheduled in the first year (2012/2013, current year) of the TIP/STIP did commence work in the current year. However some projects needed to be deferred beyond the first year of the approved TIP/STIP for certain project phases. When this occurs, it becomes necessary to move (or “roll-forward”) these project phases into the first year (2013/2014) of the new TIP/STIP, to obtain federal project authorization and funding.

2) Also an additional request by FDOT to update funding for Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT), FTA Section 5307 and 5309 is included.

If approved by the MPO Board at the, the listed projects will be added as an amendment to the current adopted FY 2013/2014- 2017/2018 TIP

Chair Patterson opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward from the public  
Chair Patterson closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Patterson noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.

Commissioner Chappie: I move to approve the TIP Amendments.

1 Mayor Groover Bryant: I second the motion.  
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3 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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6 **VIII. BOARD ACTION**  
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8 1. 2014 MPO Legislative Policy and Issues Committee  
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10 Chair Commissioner Nora Patterson, Vice Chair Commissioner Larry Bustle, Councilman Jim  
11 Bennett and Mayor Linda Yates will serve on the Legislative Committee to develop the MPO's  
12 policies and issues for the 2014 Florida Legislative Session and the 2014 Federal Transportation  
13 Bill by the United States Congress.  
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15 2. Functional Classifications  
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17 Mr. Scott Farash, Florida Transportation Engineering, Inc. presented the adjusted Functional  
18 Classification of Roadways based on the new 2010 Urbanized Boundary:  
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- 20 ~ Every ten years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the State to work  
21 with MPOs and local agencies in the update of the Urban Boundary and Functional  
22 Classification of roadways based on Census data.  
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24 ~ The MPO approved the Urban Boundary update at its January 28, 2013 Board meeting.  
25 The second step in the update is the classification of the road network within the  
26 designated urban boundary.  
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28 ~ Five Functional Classification categories for urban and rural roads:  
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30 o Principal Arterial  
31 o Minor Arterial  
32 o Major Collector  
33 o Minor Collector  
34 o Local  
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36 Commissioner Bustle suggested for 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Palmetto to be classified as a minor collector;  
37 Mayor Groover Bryant concurred.  
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39 Commissioner Bustle: I move that 7<sup>th</sup> Street West in Palmetto be redesigned as a  
40 minor collector.  
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42 Mayor Groover Bryant: I second the motion.  
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44 Mr. Farash stated this change could occur before the classifications being presented to the  
45 FHWA.  
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47 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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49 Discussion ensued regarding a request by Mayor Yates for Toledo Blade to be classified as a  
50 Principal Arterial and Sumter to be broken into 3 different categories. It was suggested For  
51 Mayor Yates to discuss this request with her Board and then bring it back to the MPO.

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2 Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the classifications.

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4 Mayor Groover Bryant: I second the motion.

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9 **IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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11 1. 15th Street Project Dvelopment and Environment (PD&E) Study from Tallevast Road to SR 70

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13 Mr. Bill Howell, P.E., H.W. Lochner, Inc., provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the  
14 PD&E Study for Multimodal Improvements to 15<sup>th</sup> Street East from Tallevast Road to 53<sup>rd</sup>  
15 Avenue East in Manatee County:

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17 ~ The project limits are from Tallevast Road near the Sarasota – Bradenton  
18 International Airport to State Road 70 (Manatee County).  
19 ~ The study is to convert approximately three miles of two lane urban roadway into a  
20 three lane section using a Complete Streets approach; adding bicycle lanes,  
21 sidewalks, transit improvements, pedestrian crossings, street lighting and potential  
22 roundabouts.  
23 ~ The project’s southern half is a freight activity center; large trucks and tractor-trailer  
24 rigs must be accommodated.  
25 ~ The major environmental issues include contamination, an historic district, an  
26 historic cemetery, and the Bowlees Creek crossing.  
27 ~ Bilingual public involvement materials (English & Spanish) and translators will be  
28 provided for all public meetings.  
29 ~ The project has a 22 month schedule with Notice to Proceed given on June 21, 2013.

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31 Commissioner Bustle stated Manatee County is in the process of a major improvement to 44<sup>th</sup>  
32 Avenue and there would be a segment between 44<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> that would not have the advantage of  
33 any kind of improvement; he asked how to include that segment into the Study. Secretary Hattaway  
34 stated it did make sense to include the segment into the Study.

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36 Commissioner Bustle: I move to request MPO Staff to evaluate the suggestion of  
37 expanding the PD&E to include the area between 44th Avenue  
38 And 53rd Avenue in Bradenton.

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40 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

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42 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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45 **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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47 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Regional

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49 Commissioner Betsy Benac reported on the following:

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51 ~ TBARTA is coordinating a study between the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit  
52 (HART) and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) regarding how a merger of  
53 the two could possibly save money.

- ~ Noted that Manatee County is participating in TBARTA's "FARE Study" and suggested same may be beneficial to Sarasota County.
- ~ Discussion was held regarding Tampa's High Speed Ferry concept.
- ~ Polk County is negotiating with TBARTA Staff regarding the possibility of Polk joining TBARTA.

2. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Report

Ms. Paula Wiggins, Chair, provided a report on the activities of the BPTAC.

3. Public Transportation Task Force

Councilman Bennett reported on the following:

- ~ Received a report from both transit agencies.
- ~ Commissioner Rynerson was appointed as the new Chair with Councilman Bennett serving as Vice Chair of the PTTF.
- ~ Referenced the Public Participation Legislation passed this year and suggested for same to be distributed to the Members.

**XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no comments brought forward

**XII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held October 28, 2013 at the Gold Coast Beverage Distributors, 7501 Wireless Court, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.