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TAMIAMI TRAIL SCENIC HIGHWAY
MPO Office
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

MEETING SUMMARY OF JANUARY 7, 2015

Chair Reiss called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. Self-introductions were made. Those in attendance were as follows:

Present

Volker Reiss, Chair, City of Bradenton
Ivan Groom, Manatee County CRA
Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota
Kevin Sheerin substitute for Steve Roberts, MCAT
Phil Lieberman, SCAT
Elizabeth Sullivan, Manatee County Citizen
Millie Small, City of Sarasota Citizen

MPO Staff

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner
Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner
David Hutchinson, Planning Manager
Rachel McClain, Office Assistant

Others

John Osborne, Manatee County Planning
Danielle Walker, Manatee County Planning
Cheri Coryea, Manatee County Neighborhood Services

II. Open to the Public

There was no one from the public who came forward to speak.

III. Approval of the July 9, 2014 and October 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ivan Groom: I move approval of the July 9, 2014 and October 1, 2014 meeting minutes.

Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1 **IV. FDOT Report**

2 FDOT was not present.

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6 **V. Other Business and Updates**

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8 **a. Southwest County Improvement District Presentation**

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10 Mr. John Osborne, Manatee County Planning Official and Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood Services
11 Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding The Southwest Improvement Plan:

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13 ~ Highlights discussed were past efforts, US 41 corridor, new visions and objectives,
14 neighborhoods and businesses, corridor redevelopment, green infrastructure, and
15 aesthetics.

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17 **b. Update Discussion Regarding Scenic Highway Signs on Bus Stops (FDOT)**

18 FDOT was not present; item will be on next agenda April 1, 2015.

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21 **c. Election of 2015 Chair**

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23 Mr. Ryan Chapdelain: I nominate Mr. Volker Reiss as chair.

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25 Ms. Millie Small: I second the motion.

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27 **d. Recommendation of Placement of Scenic Highway Signs**

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29 Mr. Jim Van Pelt and Ms. Colleen McGue, MPO Staff, provided a presentation on the location of
30 the Scenic Highway signs in Sarasota County. Chair Volker Reiss showed pictures of the
31 locations of the signs in Manatee County and will put the pictures into a PowerPoint presentation
32 to be sent to the Members. The MPO Staff will be putting a presentation together with
33 recommended suggestions of where the signs should be moved to, to send to FDOT.

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36 **VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

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 - Joint meeting with Palma Sola Scenic Highway and Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway.
 - Update discussion regarding Scenic Highway signs on bus stops.

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42 **VII. Once Around the Table**

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44 ~ Chair Volker Reiss stated the "Formula 2 Boat Races" will be in Manatee County in February
45 2015. Village of the Arts will be getting an expansion soon.
46 ~ Ms. Mille Small stated that she is trying to save a park from development; also trying to
47 determine if the land is designated as park land developers could not then come in and change
48 it.
49 ~ Mr. Ivan Groom stated Manatee County applied for a Brownfields Grant with the help of the
50 City of Palmetto and support from the MPO. Construction on "Comfort Cove" located right

1 off of Tamami Trail US 41 next to Lowe's and Cortez Avenue is complete and will be
2 opening in February 2015.

3 ~ Mr. Ryan Chapdelain stated the roundabouts on 10th Street and 14th Street are still being
4 planned, they are in design now and construction is planned for 2017. FDOT will be
5 embarking on the PD&E for the roundabouts on Fruitville Road and US 41 and on
6 Gulfstream and US 41 for later this year. "Thunder By The Bay" is this weekend in the City
7 of Sarasota.

8 ~ Mr. Jim Van Pelt thanked Elizabeth Sullivan for coming back to the meetings.
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11 **VIII. Date for Next Meeting**

12 The next Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
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16 **IX. Adjourn**

17 The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.
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