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

1:30 P.M.

MEETING SUMMARY OF APRIL 2, 2014

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

Present

Volker Reiss, Chair, City of Bradenton
Ivan Groom, Manatee County CRA
Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota
Elizabeth Sullivan, Citizen of Manatee County

MPO Staff

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner

Others

Steve Roberts, MCAT
Kevin Hoyt, MCAT
Phil Lieberman

II. Open to the Public

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

III. Approval of the April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Chapdelain: I move approval of the January 8, 2014 meeting minutes.

Mr. Groom: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. FDOT Report

Mr. Van Pelt stated FDOT staff was at a meeting in Jacksonville but was able to obtain answers to questions from the last meeting.

Mr. Van Pelt noted there was a question regarding putting signs on I-75/I-275 directing people to the fact that US 41 was a scenic highway. FDOT stated that it could not be done.

Regarding the landscaping on the pedestrian medians that FDOT is building, FDOT stated landscaping was fine if the local jurisdictions paid and maintained it.

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V. **Other Business and Updates**

a. **MCAT Discussion Regarding Scenic Highway Signs on Bus Shelters**

MCAT said they would allow Scenic Highway signs on their bus stop poles, same size as their signs. SCAT also approved. Mr. Van Pelt said he would look into using MPO funds for signs. (Would need about 50-100 signs).

b. **SCAT Discussion Regarding Scenic Highway Signs on Bus Shelters**

Mr. Van Pelt read into the record an email from Ms. Susan Montgomery, SCAT, which stated that she thought the signs on the bus shelters was a good idea. SCAT's Director supports the idea in concept. What is needed is funding to purchase the signs, the clamps to attach the signs to the shelters and the labor to install the sign.

c. **Scenic Highway Signs on Other FDOT Signs**

Mr. Van Pelt stated that the MPO Board encourages and supports having the brown signs put on FDOT signs on the interstates to bring attention to travelers that the World Championship Rowing will be taking place at Benderson Park. This might be a good time to request Scenic Highway signs a least on I-75/I-275. Mr. Van Pelt stated he would request FDOT's attendance at the April meeting. Mr. Van Pelt will get with Mr. Parham of FDOT regarding the information requested at a previous meeting with regard to signs on I-75/I-275.

VI. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Ideas for the Scenic Highway signs
- Scenic Highway signs on other FDOT signs
- MCAT and SCAT discussion regarding scenic highway signs on bus shelters.

VII. **Once Around the Table**

- Hampton Suites opened in November in downtown Bradenton
- The Riverwalk is completely open
- Expansion of Village of the Arts is being discussed among the community organizations and the City
- A new hotel is being proposed at Gulfstream Avenue and the Ringling Causeway

Discussion ensued regarding the new businesses going in along US 41 in Bradenton.

VIII. **Date for Next Meeting**

July 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

IX. **Adjourn**

The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.