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

1:30 P.M.

April 3, 2013 Meeting Summary

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
Millie Small, Citizen, City of Sarasota
Ivan Groom, Manatee County CRA
Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota (via telephone)
Elizabeth Sullivan, Citizen
Mille Small, Citizen
Jan Parham, FDOT

MPO Staff

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner
David Hutchinson, Planning Manager

Others

Susan Montgomery, SCAT

I. Open to the Public

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

II. Approval of the February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Chapdelain: I move approval of the February 6, 2013 meeting minutes.

Mr. Groom: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. FDOT Report

Chair Reiss noted he saw in the paper that FDOT was considering putting in islands on Tamiami Trail. He questioned the limits. Mr. Hutchinson responded it would be from 69th Avenue (Bay Drive) to Cortez Road. In that same area, FDOT has funded sidewalks and lighting in fiscal year 2016/2017. A public hearing will be held in the near future regarding the design with notification being provided to the property owners. It is a safety improvement with no landscaping being

1 provided. Chair Reiss stated he was concerned about the lack of landscaping. Ms. Parham stated
2 she would pass the concerns onto the appropriate FDOT staff.

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4 Chair Reiss re-ordered the agenda to item VI. (Once Around the Table)

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6 **VI. Once Around the Table**

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 - Chair Reiss the Players Performance Art Center has opened. He feels the Pink Palace
9 will be completed by the end of the year.
 - Ms. Montgomery reported that seven bus shelters in North Port were recently constructed
10 along Tamiami Trail
 - Ms. Sullivan stated that the light on SR 70/Tara Boulevard needed to be adjusted (doesn't
11 stay green long enough to cross).
 - With regard to SR 70 at US 41, in FY 2013/14 there is another safety project (intersection
12 improvement) which will involve putting in new pedestrian signals.
 - Mr. Groom reported that the 14th Street West CRA is exploring a "Paint Your Business
13 Program."
 - Mr. Hutchinson reported that at an orientation meeting with Councilman Roff, City of
14 Bradenton, he may request that the MPO ask FDOT to look into a pedestrian crossing
15 light where old Main Street crosses US 41.
 - Ms. Small stated the overlay district for the North Trail was approved this past Monday
16 evening. Mr. Chapdelain added that there is a second public hearing that is required
17 which will be May 6th; they approved it with a caveat of removing the administrative
18 approval portion from it.

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26 Mr. Hutchinson provided the PowerPoint presentation that was presented to the MPO Board at its
27 March 25, 2013 meeting.

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29 Chair Reiss asked the Committee if they wanted to send a letter to FDOT that they'd like to see
30 the above referenced project somewhat landscaped (enhanced design component on the islands).

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32 Ms. Sullivan: I move we send a letter.

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34 Ms. Small: I second the motion.

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36 MOTION CARRIED (FDOT abstained).

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39 **IV. Other Business and Updates**

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41 **a. SCAT Discussion Regarding Scenic Highway**

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43 Ms. Montgomery reported that she approached SCAT's director with a new logo for bus
44 shelters in Sarasota County on US 41. Chair Reiss suggested taking a look at the shelters at
45 the next meeting to further discuss the location and size of the logos.

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47 Discussion ensued regarding the lack of shelters and benches within Sarasota County. Ms.
48 Montgomery stressed that this matter was of top priority.

1 Mr. Van Pelt stated he would invite MCAT to attend the next Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway
2 committee meeting.

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4 **b. Scenic Highway Signs on Other FDOT Signs**

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6 Chair Reiss questioned if it were possible to get the scenic highway logo on FDOT signs
7 along the Trail. Ms. Parham stated that to put a logo on an FDOT sign would be confusing to
8 the motorist; therefore, FDOT tries to discourage this but perhaps place the logo on a bus
9 shelter. Ms. Parham suggested sending it to her and she would pass it on to the Traffic
10 Operations Department of FDOT.

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12 Discussion ensued regarding putting the logo on top of the route signs and adding the
13 wording of Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway (I-75 and I-275).

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16 **V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

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18 • Signs on Bus Shelters or Bus Signs

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21 **VI. Once Around the Table**

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23 Ms. Montgomery stated she would attend the next meeting in July.

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26 **VII. Date for Next Meeting**

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28 The next Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting will be July 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the MPO
29 Office.

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32 **VIII. Adjourn**

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34 The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.