

1 SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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4 8009 15th Street East
5 Sarasota, Florida 34243
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7 9:30 A.M.
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9 MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2017
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11 Chair Mayor Willie Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Paul Caragiulo,
12 Sarasota County, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks,
13 Office Manager, confirmed a quorum was present.
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15 **PRESENT**

16 **Sarasota County**

17 Commissioner Alan Maio

18 Commissioner Nancy Detert

19 Commissioner Paul Caragiulo

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21 **Manatee County**

22 Commissioner Betsy Benac

23 Commissioner Stephen R. Jonsson

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25 **City of Sarasota**

26 Commissioner Liz Alpert

27 Mayor Willie Shaw

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29 **Island Transportation Planning**

30 **Organization (ITPO)**

31 Mayor Dan Murphy, City of Anna Maria

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33 **City of Bradenton**

34 Councilman Patrick Roff

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36 **City of North Port**

37 Mayor Linda Yates

38 Vice Mayor Vanessa Carusone

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40 **City of Palmetto**

41 Vice Mayor Brian Williams for

42 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

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45 **Non-Voting Advisor**

46 L.K. Nandam, FDOT District One Secretary
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Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority

Commissioner Carlos Beruff

Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Jack Daly

Manatee County

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh

City of Bradenton

Councilman Gene Brown

City of Venice

Councilman Bob Daniels

MPO Staff

David Hutchinson, Executive Director

Mike Maholtz, Senior Transportation Planner

Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

Colleen McGue, Principal Planner

Leigh Holt, Planning Manager

Others

Sara Calhoun, CAC Vice Chair

Sage Kamiya, TAC Chair

Jesten Abraham, FDOT

Daniel Ohrenstein, BPTAC Chair

Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA

David Gwynn, FDOT

Victor Dobrin, Citizen

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81 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
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I. **MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chair, Ms. Sara Calhoun, reported on the activities of the June 5, 2017 CAC meeting.
2. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, Mr. Sage Kamiya, reported on the activities of the June 5, 2017 TAC meeting.
3. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Chair, Mr. Daniel Ohrenstein, reported on the activities of the June 5, 2017 BPTAC meeting.
4. Public Transportation Task Force (PTTF), Vice Chair, Mayor Linda Yates reported on the activities of the June 19, 2017 PTTF meeting.

II. **FDOT REPORT**

Mr. Jesten Abraham, MPO Liaison, reported on the following:

- ~ Announced the appointment of Mr. Mike Dew, FDOT Secretary.
- ~ Pedestrian improvements and crosswalks at SR 684 (Cortez) at 20th Street West and US 41 have been completed.
- ~ The Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-75 and University Parkway is up and running and will be fully completed this Fall.
- ~ An Open House is scheduled for June 20, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the North Port Public Library to allow citizens an opportunity to provide comments regarding the US 41 to Sumter Road widening project.
- ~ On June 27, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. property owners are invited to attend an open house at MTI Wagoner Auditorium in Bradenton regarding the construction of a noise barrier on I-75 near SR 70.

III. **MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. David Hutchinson reported on the following:

- ~ Noted additional handouts provided to Board Members.
- ~ Recognized Commissioner Nancy Detert and Councilman Bob Daniels for attending the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute in May.
- ~ July 13, 2017 the MPO along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be hosting a LAP (Local Agency Program), Title VI and ADA Non-Discrimination Training.
- ~ The FHWA Review Team will be at the MPO Office on August 14, 2017 to review the MPO process. A public meeting will also be scheduled for the evening of August 14, 2017.
- ~ The Sarasota/Manatee MPO was selected (1 of only 6 in America) by Transportation for America (T4America) to receive in depth hands on assistance with performance measures. The hands on technical support in meeting the new federal requirements will be at no cost to the MPO. The Sarasota/Manatee MPO is paired with the Hillsborough MPO for this project. More information may be found at www.t4america.org.
- ~ Ms. Alvimarie Corales-Cuadrado and Mr. Ryan C. Brown were recently hired as Multi Modal Transportation Planners for the MPO. Ms. Corales-Cuadrado has a Masters

1 in Urban Planning from the University of Florida (UF) and Mr. Brown is a Florida State
2 University (FSU) graduate with a Masters in Environmental Studies.

- 3 ~ The MPO is in the process of updating its Public Participation Plan (PPP) which will
4 be out for public review and then presented to the Board for approval.
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7 **IV. CHAIR'S REPORT**

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9 Chair Willie Shaw reported on the following:

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11 ~ Thanked Commissioner Betsy Benac for representing the MPO at the TBARTA and CFMPO
12 Alliance in Orlando.
13 ~ The Florida MPOAC will meet in July in Boca Raton in conjunction with the Floridians for
14 Better Transportation (FBT).
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17 **V. CONSENT SECTION**

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19 Chair Shaw entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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21 Commissioner Stephen Jonsson: I move approval of the consent agenda.

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23 Mayor Linda Yates: I second the motion.
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25 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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27 The consent items approved were:

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29 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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31 Approved the March 27, 2017 Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Regular Board
32 meeting.
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34 2. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

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36 Approved amending the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years (FY)
37 2016/2017 through 2017/2018 to reflect a funding amount increase and adjustments.
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39 3. MPO General Planning Consultant Professional Services Agreements

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41 Authorized MPO Chair to execute Professional Services Agreements and initial Task Orders
42 with selected firms.
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44 4. Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018

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46 Adopted Resolutions and authorized the Executive Director to submit grant applications and
47 related agreements to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and
48 authorized Chair to execute related agreements.
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51 **VI. BOARD ACTION**

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53 1. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING

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55 Please note that the following public hearing item was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or

reasonably thereafter and was advertised accordingly.

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018 Through Fiscal Year 2021/2022
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Colleen McGue, MPO)

Ms. Colleen McGue, MPO Staff, explained the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed and updated annually as part of the MPO urbanized area transportation planning process in accordance with state and federal statutes. It provides information to the public and implementing agencies with regard to the schedule of projects that include the MPO priorities.

Ms. McGue provided an overview of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- The process to develop the Draft FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP started in March 2016 when the MPO Board adopted its 2016 Project Priority List.
- That list was forwarded to the FDOT to prepare its Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program which includes roadway improvements, transportation alternatives, bridge, safety and public transportation projects (i.e. transit, aviation, port, intermodal and transportation disadvantaged program projects).
- The TIP also included regionally significant local projects from the Capital Improvement Programs of the MPO member jurisdictions.
- At the December 2016 MPO Board meeting, FDOT presented the Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program that incorporated the priorities that were set by the MPO Board in March 2016.
- The 2017/18-2021/22 Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program is incorporated into the FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program.
- There were several projects in the Draft TIP (with changes pending) that were previously requested and adopted by the MPO during the FY 2016/17-2020/21 Work Program development cycle and during the development of the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2017/18-2021/22. Those projects were referenced in the MPO Requested Changes to the Draft FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program document.
- The TIP must be submitted to FDOT by July 15, 2017.

Ms. McGue noted the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) recommended adoption of the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 TIP.

The Draft FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program may be found at http://bit.ly/SM_DRAFT_TIP2017_18.

Commissioner Alan Maio thanked the FDOT and Sarasota County Staff for getting the money that was lost back into the Laurel Trail project.

Vice Mayor Patrick Roff questioned the status of funding for the Roundabout at the very busy intersection of 15th Street and 9th Street. Secretary Nandam explained this project was originally programmed as a turn lane improvement project but once going through the review process FDOT determined a Roundabout is a better option. Due to the Roundabout costing more than intersection improvements and since FDOT made the decision to consider a Roundabout the Secretary stated FDOT will look at possibly applying State funding to the project to fill the gap once the Work Program is completed (after July).

Commissioner Betsy Benac requested clarification regarding the work that is underway on the DeSoto Bridge. Secretary Nandam stated maintenance is being performed on the

1 DeSoto Bridge, mainly underneath, therefore should not interfere with traffic; if the work
2 becomes more significant FDOT will send out a public advisory.

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4 Chair Shaw opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Shewa closed
5 the Public Hearing.

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7 Commissioner Nancy Detert: I move Board adoption of the TIP with requested
8 changes.

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10 Commissioner Betsy Benac: I second the motion.

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

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14 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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16 2. 2017 Project Priorities (Leigh Holt, Colleen McGue & Mike Maholtz, MPO)

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18 Ms. Leigh Holt AND Ms. Colleen McGue, MPO provided an overview of the 2017 Project
19 Priorities.

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- 22 • Each year the MPO Board adopts an annual list of Project Priorities. Once adopted,
23 the Project Priority Lists are submitted to FDOT for its direction and guidance in
24 programming projects in the next tentative Five Year Work Program (Fiscal Years
25 2018/2019 □2022/2023).
 - 26 • MPO member jurisdictions submitted applications for prioritization that have been
27 reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Project Prioritization
28 Subcommittee based upon criteria adopted by the MPO Committees and MPO Board
29 in April 2017.
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31 • The final adopted Project Priority List will become part of the Fiscal Year (FY)
32 2018/2019 □2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is the
33 major planning document for securing state and federal funding and will include
34 projects programmed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as a result
35 of this project prioritization process.
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37 Mr. Victor Dobrin, Citizen, expressed concern with pedestrian and vehicle safety on US 41
38 and the entrances of the West Villages and Island Walk Communities in the City of North
39 Port and requested improvements from the FDOT regarding same. Secretary Nandam
40 responded that FDOT has approved a traffic signal for that intersection but it is the
41 developer's responsibility to design and install the traffic signal which they are working on.

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43 Commissioner Alan Maio: I move MPO Board adoption of the 2017 Project
44 Priorities.

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46 Commissioner Betsy Benac: I second the motion.

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48 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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50 3. Sarasota County's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 and 5339 Grant
51 Application (Lavender Suarez, SCAT)

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53 Ms. Sarah Blanchard, Sarasota County, explained Sarasota County will be applying for a
54 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program Grant and Title 49 USC Section 5339 Bus

1 and Bus Facilities with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which will provide for capital
2 assistance to Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT). Sarasota County is seeking a motion for
3 MPO endorsement of the Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Program of Projects.

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5 Mayor Linda Yates: I move MPO Board endorsement Sarasota County Area Transit
6 Program of Projects.

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8 Commissioner Alan Maio: I second the motion.

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10 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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13 **VII. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (May Require Board Action)**

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15 1. Central Manatee Network Alternative Analysis (CMNAA) (FDOT Project Team)

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17 FDOT District One is conducting the Central Manatee Network Alternatives Analysis Study
18 (CMNAA) in partnership with:

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20 Sarasota/Manatee MPO
21 Manatee County
22 Cities of Palmetto and Bradenton
23 FDOT Central Office (OEM)
24 Local entities, and other stakeholders
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26 The goal is to identify and program a series of transportation projects that improve both
27 local and regional mobility for all users while supporting the long term multi-modal vision for
28 the communities of Bradenton and Palmetto.

29 The recommendations of this project will seek to provide study area residents safer and
30 improved access to jobs, schools, shopping, and social services, and improved regional
31 mobility for all users.

32 An update on the Study, including recommendations, will be presented in October.

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34 2. FDOT Barrier Island Traffic Study Update (FDOT Project Team)

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36 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a study to examine the
37 feasibility of improving the overall transportation infrastructure, including traffic operations
38 and circulation, on the Sarasota/Manatee Barrier Islands as well as island-to-mainland
39 connections.

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41 To ensure a comprehensive approach, this study must evaluate a variety of elements
42 including: travel patterns of users on the islands, trips on and off the islands, destination
43 points, existing transit service, existing parking facilities, bicycle/pedestrian facilities and
44 needs, and land development codes.

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46 A unique element that must be considered for this study is event operations planning in
47 relation to seasonal visitors. It is also recognized that off island improvements may be
48 evaluated in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The study will be comprised of three
49 phases:

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51 *Phase 1* will include reviewing available studies/transportation plans that have
52 been performed and summarizing the recommendations.
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1 *Phase 2* of the project will include observations, collection of traffic data, review
2 of land use, parking studies, etc. Review of these elements will lead to
3 identification of the issues present on the islands.
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5 *Phase 3* will include a transportation management plan and recommendations to
6 improve the current infrastructure issues, if needed, based on conclusions made
7 during Phase 2.
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9 3. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) (Commissioner Betsy Benac,
10 Manatee County)
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12 Commissioner Betsy Benac and Mr. Ray Chiaramonte reported on the following:
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- 14 ~ A Bill was passed that changed TBARTA from a "Transportation" Authority to a
15 "Transit" Authority: Tampa Bay Area Transit Authority (TBARTA).
- 16 ~ TBARTA will have a Board comprised of new Members at its next meeting.
17 Sarasota County is no longer a member agency.
- 18 ~ No additional funding was awarded to TBARTA for transit planning.
- 19 ~ Received presentations on Legislative changes at the Chairs Coordinating
20 Committee (CCC) meeting.
- 21 ~ The Florida Greenway and Trails Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 in
22 Cape Coral.
- 23 ~ Working with Commuter Assistance in Districts One and Seven regarding the van
24 program.
- 25 ~ TBARTA is in the process of updating its Public Participation Plan.
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28 **VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**
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- 30 ■ Mayor Dan Murphy stated he is impressed with the MPO and its process.
- 31 ■ Commissioner Nancy Detert thanked the Secretary and the FDOT for reworking the design of
32 the Roundabout in Venice; the citizens are happier now.
- 33 ■ Vice Mayor Liz Alpert requested to be notified of upcoming stakeholders meetings regarding
34 the Island Study.
- 35 ■ Commissioner Betsy Benac stated the new approach to the TIP is very good; to have
36 projects listed in many programs is the right approach.
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39 **IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**
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41 The MPO Board will not meet in July or August; the next regular meeting will be held on
42 September 25, 2017 at the Holiday Inn-Sarasota Airport, 8009 15th Street East, Sarasota,
43 Florida.
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45 *Please Note:* A Public Meeting for the Federal Certification of the Sarasota/Manatee
46 MPO will be held on August 14, 2017. Details will be sent out.
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49 **X. ADJOURNMENT**
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51 Chair Willie Shaw adjourned the meeting at 11:48 p.m.
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NO STENOGRAPHIC RECORD BY A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER WAS MADE OF THIS MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, ANY PERSON WHO MAY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISIONS INVOLVING THE MATTER HEREIN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE AT THIS MEETING UPON WHICH ANY APPEAR IS TO BE BASED.

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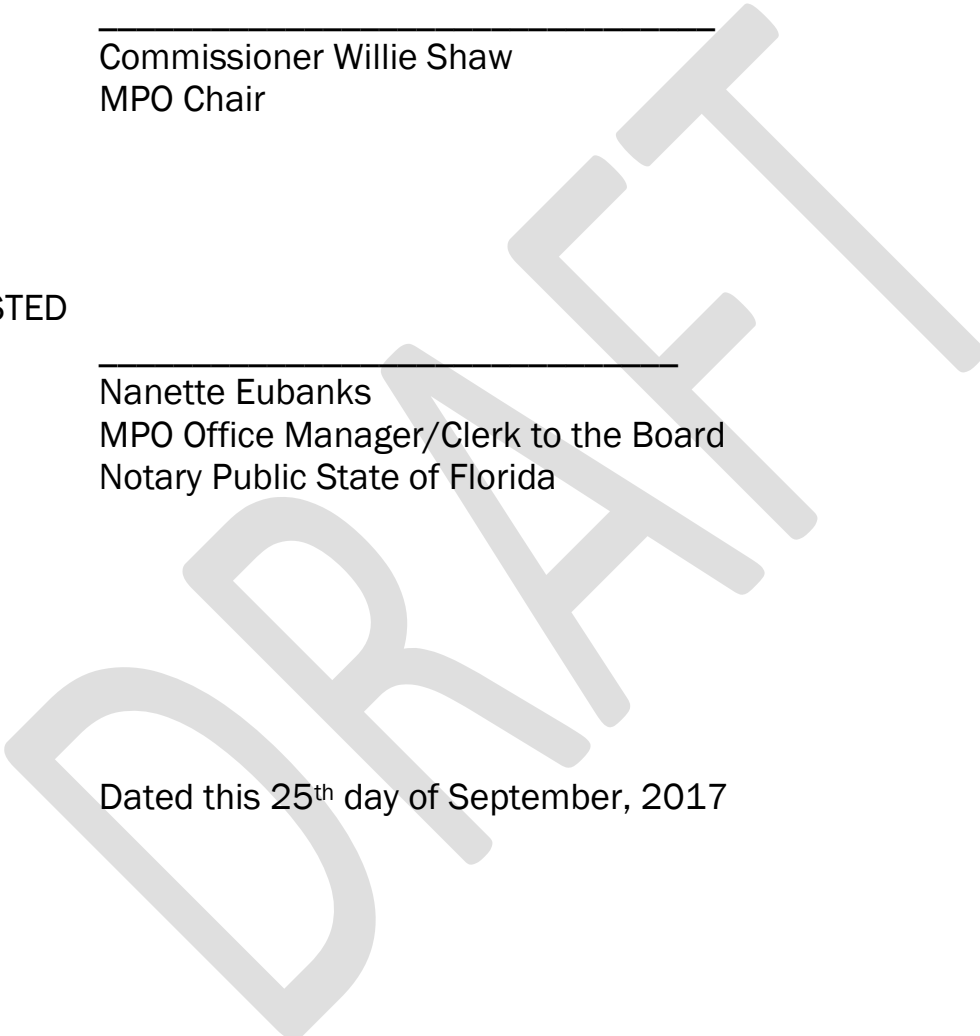
Commissioner Willie Shaw
MPO Chair

ATTESTED

BY:

Nanette Eubanks
MPO Office Manager/Clerk to the Board
Notary Public State of Florida

Dated this 25th day of September, 2017



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