

1 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
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7 **9:30 A.M.**  
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9 **MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2016**  
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11 Chair Roff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Charles Hines, Sarasota County,  
12 provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager,  
13 confirmed a quorum was present.  
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15 **PRESENT**

16 **Sarasota County**

17 Commissioner Alan Maio  
18 Commissioner Paul Garagiulo for  
19 Commissioner Christine Robinson  
20 Commissioner Charles Hines  
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22 **Manatee County**

23 Commissioner John Chappie, for  
24 Commissioner Betsy Benac  
25 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh  
26 Commissioner Larry Bustle  
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28 **City of Bradenton**

29 Councilman Patrick Roff  
30 Councilman Gene Brown  
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32 **City of Sarasota**

33 Commissioner Susan Chapman  
34 Mayor Willie Shaw  
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36 **City of North Port**

37 Commissioner Linda Yates  
38 Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco for  
39 Mayor Jacqueline Moore  
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41 **City of Venice**

42 Councilman Bob Daniels  
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44 **Island Transportation Planning**  
45 **Organization (ITPO)**

46 Mayor Bob Johnson, Holmes Beach  
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**City of Palmetto**

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

**Non-Voting Advisors**

Laura Herscher, FDOT for  
Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

**ABSENT**

**Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**

Commissioner Carlos Beruff

**Town of Longboat Key**

Commissioner Jack Daly

**MPO Staff**

David Hutchinson, Executive Director  
Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner  
Leigh Holt, Planning Manager  
Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

**Others**

Jordan Leep, CAC Chair  
Paula Wiggins, TAC Chair  
Tom Denslow, BPTAC Chair  
Roxann Lake, FDOT  
Ray Chiamonte, TBARTA  
Sandy Gilbert, Citizen  
Catherine Hartley, City of Bradenton  
David Jones, FDOT

1 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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- 3 1. Mr. Sandy Gilbert, Citizen, expressed opposition to the Tara Bridge, which is in the MPO's
- 4 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), stating it would create more traffic issues through
- 5 a neighborhood.
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8 **II. CAC/TAC CHAIR'S REPORT**

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10 Mr. Jordan Leep, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported on the activities of the June 2,

11 2016 CAC meeting.

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13 Ms. Paula Wiggins, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, reported on the activities of the

14 June 13, 2016 TAC meeting.

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16 Mr. Tom Denslow, Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Chair, reported on the

17 activities of the June 9, 2016 BPTAC meeting.

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20 **III. PTTF REPORT (Public Transportation Task Force)**

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22 Mayor Groover Bryant, PTF Chair, reported on the following:

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- 24 ~ Received a report from Mr. Richard Shine, FDOT, regarding the end of the State's Fiscal
  - 25 Year.
  - 26 ~ Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will be presenting the Final Comprehensive
  - 27 Operations Analysis (COA), the Liberty Pass Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for
  - 28 September, 2016 and the new Fiscal Year budget to the Sarasota County Board of County
  - 29 Commissioners on July 12, 2016.
  - 30 ~ SCAT is putting 10 new buses in service.
  - 31 ~ Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) implemented Skyway ConneXion on April 1, 2016;
  - 32 this service will take passengers between Bradenton and St. Petersburg/Pinellas County-Bay
  - 33 Pines Hospital.
  - 34 ~ MCAT presented an overview of the Universal Access Pass Agreements; this program is a
  - 35 three party agreement between Manatee County, Sarasota County, and two local colleges
  - 36 (Ringling College of Art and Design and New College of Florida), which allows students,
  - 37 faculty, and staff to ride Manatee County and Sarasota County fixed route bus service for
  - 38 free when presenting a valid College issued ID.
  - 39 ~ The next regular PTF meeting will be held September 26, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. at the MPO
  - 40 Office.
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43 **IV. FDOT REPORT**

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45 Ms. Laura Herscher, FDOT, on behalf of Secretary Hattaway, announced her recent marriage and

46 promotion to Intermodal Systems Administrator; Jennifer Stultz previously held this position.

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48 Ms. Roxann Lake reported on the following:

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- 50 ~ FDOT has funding for safety modification to the roundabout at Jacaranda.
  - 51 ~ Construction on SR 789/Coon Key Bridge will halt over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.
  - 52 ~ Sidewalks and signage are being installed on US 41 in Manatee County.
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1 **V. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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3 Mr. David Hutchinson reported on the following:

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5 ~ Announced Manatee County Neighborhood Services has applied for a \$5,000 grant to be used  
6 for a “Ciclovia”, Spanish term for the closing of certain streets to automobiles for an “open  
7 streets” event. Manatee County is in the process of determining the location for the event,  
8 possibly in Bradenton.  
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11 **VI. CHAIR’S REPORT**

12 Chair Roff reported on the following:

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15 ~ The upcoming Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority’s (TBARTA) Joint Chairs  
16 Coordinating Committee (CCC) will be attended by Mayor Willie Shaw on July 15, 2016.  
17 ~ Along with David Hutchinson will attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory  
18 Council (MPOAC) Freight Committee meeting in St. Pete Beach on July 18, 2016.  
19 ~ May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the Chair and Mayor Willie Shaw, under of the Manasota League of  
20 Cities/Florida League of Cities, attended a White House briefing in Washington, D.C. where  
21 many issues regarding infrastructure were addressed.  
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24 **VII. CONSENT SECTION**

25 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move approval of the consent agenda.

26 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I second the motion.  
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28 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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30 The consent items approved were:

31 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

32 The April 25, 2016 Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Regular Board meeting were  
33 approved.  
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35 2. Federal Transit Administration Section 5305 (d) Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017

36 Adopted Resolution No. 2016-03 authorizing Staff to file a grant application and any related  
37 agreements with the FDOT who is the Administrator of these funds.  
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39 3. Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017

40 Approved and authorized Staff to execute the Grant.  
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42 4. Technical Support Work Task Assignment Authorization

43 Authorized the Chair to execute Task Assignments for each consultant.  
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1 **VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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3 **Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or**  
4 **reasonably thereafter and have been advertised accordingly.**  
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- 6 1. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Through Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Transportation  
7 Improvement Program (TIP) (Colleen McGue, MPO)  
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9 Ms. Colleen McGue, MPO Staff, provided an overview of the TIP Amendments brought forward  
10 by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):  
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- 12 ➤ **FPN #201032-6 I-75 at SR 64 in Manatee County:** \$50,933,303 in State funds  
13 advance into FY 2017. The project length is being increased from .807 miles to 2.476  
14 miles.  
15 ➤ **FPN #435349-1 US 41 Green Bridge Multi-Use Path in Manatee County:**  
16 Environmental phase added in FY 2016 and FY 2018.  
17 ➤ **FPN #438374-1 US 41 from 301 Boulevard to 21st Avenue in Manatee County:**  
18 New Safety project in FY 2017.  
19 ➤ **FPN #433550-1 US 41 from Blackburn Point Road to Stickney Point Road in**  
20 **Sarasota County:** Environmental phase added in FY 2016 and FY 2017. The project  
21 length is being increased from 3.906 miles to 6.343 miles.  
22 ➤ **FPN #433552-1 US 41 from Sumter Blvd to Ortiz Blvd in Sarasota County:**  
23 Environmental phase added in FY 2017.  
24 ➤ **FPN #433608-2 Myrtle Street in Sarasota County:** Environmental Phase added in  
25 FY 2017 and FY 2018.  
26 ➤ **FPN #434961-1 SR 45 (US 41) Tamiami Trail from Palermo Place to Venice**  
27 **Avenue:** Environmental Phase added in 2017.  
28 ➤ **FPN # 436567-1 SR 758 (Bee Ridge Road) from Bond Place to Cattlemen Road:**  
29 Environmental Phase added in 2017.  
30 ➤ **FPN #438371-1 US 301 from Fruitville Rd to 10th Street:** Environmental Phase  
31 added in FY 2017.  
32 ➤ **FPN #438959-1-84-01 FTA Section 5310:** Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons  
33 with Disabilities- Operating in the amount of \$156,981 with a local match of \$156,981  
34 as this project has been selected during the competitive application process for  
35 funding. The funds were apportioned to the state in FFY 2015 and were programmed  
36 late in the state FY 15/16.  
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38 Chair Roff opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Roff closed  
39 the Public Hearing.  
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41 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I move approval of the TIP Amendments.  
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43 Councilman Bob Daniels: I second the motion.  
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45 Chair Roff noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.  
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47 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
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- 49 2. Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 – FY 2020/2021 Transportation Improvement  
50 Program (TIP) (Colleen McGue, MPO)  
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52 Ms. Colleen McGue, MPO, provided an overview of the FY 2016/2017 – FY 2020/2021 TIP.  
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54 Mr. David Hutchinson, MPO, referenced a letter from Sarasota County Public Works requesting

1 to continue with Project #435401, Trail Bridge over Laurel Road Legacy Trail and to move the  
2 funding for this project from Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 to FY 2018 in order to resolve utility  
3 conflict issues in the design of the project.  
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5 Chair Roff opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Roff closed  
6 the Public Hearing.  
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8 Councilman Bob Daniels: I move approval of the TIP along with the  
9 request made by Sarasota County.

10 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I second the motion.  
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12 Chair Roff noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.  
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14 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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18 **IX. BOARD ACTION**

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20 1. Regional Project Priorities (Leigh Holt, MPO)  
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22 Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Regional Project  
23 Priorities:  
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25 The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and  
26 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have identified *Regional Models of*  
27 *Cooperation* as an important emphasis area for all MPOs to enhance the effectiveness of  
28 transportation decision making.  
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30 Improved multi-jurisdictional coordination can reduce project delivery times and increase the  
31 efficient use of resources, particularly in urbanized areas that are served by multiple MPOs.  
32 Prioritization of regional projects is used to direct state and federal funds to local priorities.  
33 Florida Statute requires partnering communities to:  
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35 1) Form a regional transportation area defined by an interlocal agreement. Eligible  
36 partners include:  
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- 38 • *Two or more contiguous MPOs:* Sarasota/Manatee MPO has two  
39 separate interlocal agreements for regional coordination. The first is with  
40 Polk County TPO and the second is with Charlotte County-Punta Gorda  
41 MPO.
- 42 • *A multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant*  
43 *to law:* Sarasota/Manatee MPO is part of the six-county Tampa Bay Area  
44 Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Metropolitan Planning  
45 Organization (MPO) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) as defined  
46 by the Florida legislature in 2016.  
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48 2) To develop a regional transportation plan that identifies and prioritizes regionally  
49 significant facilities:  
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- On April 27, 2015, the Sarasota/Manatee MPO reviewed and adopted a revised Regional Multimodal Transportation System Map. This network is part of the approved Sarasota/Manatee 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and has been provided to all regional partners.

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO has been working across jurisdictional boundaries to set regional priorities for many years. Working to coordinate with all three partnership groups, the following categories of projects have been identified for regional prioritization: *Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)*, *Regional Transportation Alternative Projects (RTAP)*, *Shared Use Non-motorized Trails (SUN Trails)* and *TBARTA MPOs CCC Regional Project Priorities*.

Commissioner Vanesa Baugh: I move to approve the proposed Regional Project Priorities for road and trail projects.

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Federal Earmark Repurposing (Leigh Holt, MPO)

Ms. Leigh Holt provided an overview of the Federal Earmarks:

The 2016 U.S. Department of Transportation appropriations act included a provision allowing states to reassign unspent federal transportation earmarks made prior to 2005. The repurposed funds may be obligated to a new or existing project within 50 miles of the original earmark designation. Funds may be used for any Surface Transportation Block Grant eligible project.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has the final authority to select projects and must submit requests by August 15, 2016. FDOT's Federal Aid Management Office has instructed FDOT District Offices to "*consult with their respective MPOs and local governments regarding repurposing funds for earmarks which were originally within the geographic area of a particular MPO or local government, before making a decision as to which project(s) will receive the repurposed funds.*"

The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County have reviewed federal earmarks available for repurposing and have identified current projects for repurposing of funds as outlined on the attached chart.

Mr. David Hutchinson, MPO, clarified that the repurposing of the earmarks is up to the state; therefore the MPO is asking the state (FDOT District One) to look at these and to consider asking Central Office in Tallahassee to request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) the repurposing of these earmarks for Myrtle Street, River Road and the Legacy Trail.

Councilman Bob Daniels: I move to support the repurposing Federal Earmarks for Myrtle Street, River Road and the Legacy Trail.

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**X. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (May Require Board Action)**

1           1. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project (David Jones, FDOT)

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3           Mr. David Jones, FDOT, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
4           Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project in Bradenton:

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6           - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is designing medians on 8<sup>th</sup>  
7           Avenue West in Bradenton between 14<sup>th</sup> Street West and 9<sup>th</sup> Street West for  
8           pedestrians.  
9           - This project also creates dedicated turn lanes at most of the intersections. In  
10           addition, more vehicle storage is provided for the eastbound left-turning traffic at the  
11           8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West/9<sup>th</sup> Street West intersection.  
12           - Currently pedestrians are crossing 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West anywhere they choose to cross.  
13           - The medians will help “funnel” pedestrians to designated crossings making the  
14           roadway safer for pedestrians and motorists.

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16           Discussion ensued regarding the design of the safety improvements along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and their  
17           effectiveness.

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19           Ms. Catherine Hartley, City of Bradenton, expressed concern with pedestrian safety along 8<sup>th</sup>  
20           Avenue West.

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22           2. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP 21)/Fixing America’s Surface  
23           Transportation Act (FAST Act) Performance Measures

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25           Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO Staff, provided a status report on new federally required performance  
26           measures and FDOT’s plans for implementation:

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28           ~ At the April 25, 2016 MPO Board meeting, Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee  
29           County Board of County Commissioners, suggested the MPO consider submitting  
30           comments on the National Highway System (NHS), freight, and air quality  
31           performance measures currently being developed by the Federal Highway  
32           Administration (FHWA).  
33           ~ Two federal transportation acts, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
34           (MAP 21) and the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), make  
35           changes to the federally funded transportation program by requiring transition to a  
36           performance-driven, outcome-based program.  
37           ~ As part of this performance-based approach, MPOs and local jurisdictions are  
38           required to link achievement of performance targets to the investment priorities  
39           contained in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).  
40           ~ The purpose of performance measures are to:  
41           o Provide a greater level of transparency and accountability  
42           o Improve project decision making  
43           o More efficiently invest federal transportation funds  
44           ~ The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit  
45           Administration (FTA) published the final rules for states and MPOs on May 27,  
46           2016 with an effective date of June 27, 2016.  
47           ~ Map 21 mandates that MPOs comply with the new planning rules within two years.  
48           ~ The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other plans must reflect the  
49           new rules by June 27, 2018.  
50           ~ The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Metropolitan  
51           Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) have been working closely  
52           together to identify statewide data sets that can be used to set performance targets.  
53           ~ Over the next six months, the Sarasota/Manatee MPO will begin collecting and  
54           reviewing readily available data sets at the local level to facilitate a smooth

1 transition to these future funding requirements.  
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3 There are concerns at the MPO and state levels about the proposed NHS, freight, and air quality  
4 Transportation Performance Measures (TPMs). While the reporting requirements fall to the  
5 states, comments from MPOs are still appropriate.  
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7 Mr. David Hutchinson, MPO, reported on an additional notice of proposed rulemaking: MPO  
8 Coordination and Planning Area Reform and suggested that comments from the Board would be  
9 appropriate.

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11 Commissioner Vanesa Baugh: I move to authorize Staff to submit comments to  
12 Federal Highway Administration by August 20,  
13 2016 Deadline in support of MPOAC and FDOT  
14 comments currently being developed.  
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16 Councilman Bob Daniels: I second the motion.  
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18 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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21 **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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23 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)  
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25 Mr. Ray Chiramonte, TBARTA Executive Director, announced that on July 1, 2015 Legislative  
26 changes will bring FDOT District One in as an advisor.  
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29 **XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**  
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31 No comments were received from the Members.  
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33 **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE**  
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35 The MPO Board will not meet in July or August; the next regular MPO meeting will be held  
36 September 26, 2016, at the Holiday Inn, 8009 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota, Florida 34243.  
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39 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
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41 Chair Roff adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.