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SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



9:30 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager, confirmed a quorum was present.

PRESENT

Sarasota County

Commissioner Christine Robinson
Commissioner Charles Hines
Commissioner Alan Maio

Manatee County

Commissioner Vanesa Baugh
Commissioner John Chappie for
Commissioner Larry Bustle
Commissioner Betsy Benac

City of North Port

Commissioner Linda Yates
Vice Mayor Jacqueline Moore

City of Venice

Councilman Jim Bennett

City of Bradenton

Councilman Patrick Roff
Councilman Gene Brown

City of Palmetto

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

Island Transportation Planning

Organization (ITPO) Holmes Beach

Mayor Bob Johnson

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City of Sarasota

Mayor Willie Shaw
Commissioner Susan Chapman

Non-Voting Advisor

Chris Smith for
Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

ABSENT

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority

Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Jack Daly

MPO Staff

David Hutchinson, Executive Director
Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager
Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner
Mike Maholtz, Senior Transportation Planner

Others

Dorian Popescu, CAC Chair
Claude Tankersley, TAC Vice Chair
Jeff Diemer, FDOT
Vicki Nighswander, Citizen
Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group
Jonathan Paul, Sarasota County
Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA
James Simmons, American Marine University
Edward Goff, Citizen

Chair Bennett, on behalf of the MPO Board, read a Proclamation honoring Mr. Rod Warner's outstanding service with the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee that will be presented to Mr. Warner's family. Former Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority Commissioner, Jack Rynerson, was recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO.

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3 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
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5 Mr. Ed Goff, Citizen, requested consideration for elements of the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Master
6 Plan in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to be moved to the MPO's Project Priority List.
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8 **II. CAC/TAC/BPTAC CHAIR'S REPORT**
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- 10 1. Mr. Dorian Popescu, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported on the activities of the
11 September 3, 2015 CAC meeting.
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13 2. Mr. Claude Tankersley, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Vice Chair, reported on the
14 activities of the September 14, 2015 TAC meeting.
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16 3. The Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) did not meet in September,
17 therefore a report was not provided.
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20 **III. PTTF REPORT (Public Transportation Task Force)**
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- 22 1. Councilman Jim Bennett, PTTF Vice Chair, reported on the following:
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24 ~ Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, City of Palmetto, will serve as 2016 Chair
25 ~ Commissioner Linda Yates, City of North Port will serve as 2016 Vice Chair
26 ~ Received reports from Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT), Manatee County Area
27 Transit (MCAT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
28 ~ Mr. Mike Maholtz, MPO Staff, reported on the Long Range Transportation Plan Update
29 ~ The next regular meeting of the PTTF will be December 14, 2015, at 8:15 a.m. in the
30 MPO Office
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33 **IV. FDOT REPORT**
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35 Mr. Chris Smith and Jeff Diemer, FDOT, reported on the following:
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- 37 ~ FDOT's Five Year Draft Tentative Work Program will be presented to the Board at its
38 October 26, 2015 meeting. Public Hearings will be held on October 12th through October
39 16th and more information may be found at www.swflroads.com.
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41 Commissioner Benac expressed concern and questioned the drastic change in the draft
42 Transportation Improvement Program dated March 16, 2015: Sarasota/Manatee MPO Identified
43 Operations Improvements Funding, FPN#1961421 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020, \$5,192,830.00 in
44 the outer year, but the most recent copy of the Adopted Work Program FY 2015/2016-2019/2020
45 (8/24/15) changes that \$5.1 million to \$161,000.00. Mr. Smith stated he would research and report
46 back.
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48 Discussion ensued regarding this same concern coming forward last year. It was determined for the
49 "funding issue" to be a future agenda item.
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52 **V. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
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54 Mr. Hutchinson reported on the following:

- Councilman Roff presented the 2015 MPO Legislative Priorities and Positions to the Manatee County Legislation Delegation on August 24, 2015.
- Chair Bennett will present the 2015 MPO Legislative Priorities and Positions to the Sarasota County Legislation Delegation on October 2, 2015
- Attended the Manatee Chamber Retreat along with Secretary Hattaway and representatives from the City of Palmetto, City of Bradenton, Manatee County and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR).
- Along with Chair Bennett attended the MPOAC meeting.
- FDOT has expressed disappointment with the attendance at the public meeting regarding the 15th Street East/US 301 Boulevard East Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and has scheduled a second public meeting for October 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be held at the same location (Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church).
- In the process of scheduling the annual joint meeting between the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO.
- Noted the 2016 Meeting Schedule of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO provided to Members.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bennett reported on the following:

- Noted the Executive Director Evaluation form provided to the Members for review and comment; same will be placed on a future agenda for the Board's approval.
- As previously mentioned by Mr. Hutchinson attended the MPOAC meeting where the majority of the meeting centered around a process redefining the goals for the MPOAC.
- Suggested for consideration of the newly appointed Chair(s) attending future MPOAC meetings.

VII. CONSENT SECTION

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

Mayor Shaw: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The consent items approved were:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the July 27, 2015 Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Regular Board meeting.

2. Appointments/Reappointments to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (Colleen McGue, MPO)

The MPO ratified to the CAC of the reappointments of Mr. Gerald Noeske and Mr. Stanley Hochman representing Manatee County At-Large, the appointments of Mr. Brian Atkins (At-Large Minority), Ms. Sara Calhoun (At-Large), Mr. Eugene Schiller (Unincorporated) and Mr. Richard DeGennaro (Unincorporated) also representing Manatee County. Also the appointment of Mr. Christian Cotter, representing (Unincorporated) Sarasota County.

1 **ADDENDUM**

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3 2. Appointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

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5 Appointed Ms. Eileen Walsh Normile to the CAC representing the City of Sarasota.

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8 **VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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10 Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or
11 reasonably thereafter and have been advertised accordingly.

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13 1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments Authorization of Roll Forward
14 Projects (Colleen McGue, MPO)

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16 Ms. McGue explained this amendment was brought forward by the Florida Department of
17 Transportation requesting changes to the current adopted FY 2015/2016-2019/2020 TIP which
18 include the authorization of three (3) new projects, as well as several “Roll Forward” projects
19 and one deletion. The new projects include:

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21 1) **Project 4377141:** Drainage improvements on SR 45 (US 41/US Business 41) from
22 North of Bayshore Gardens Parkway to South of 60th Avenue West in Manatee
23 County. This project is funded with DIH (District in House) funds.
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25 2) **Project 4377151:** Drainage improvements on SR 45A (US 41) from Hatchett Creek
26 to Ridgewood Avenue in Sarasota County. This project is funded with DIH
27 (District in House) funds.
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29 3) **Project 4372311:** Landscaping on SR 789 (John Ringling Parkway) from Bird Key
30 Drive to Coon Key Bridge in Sarasota County. This project is funded with LF
31 (Local Funds) and D (Unrestricted State Primary) funds.
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33 Chair Bennett opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Bennett closed
34 the Public Hearing.

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36 Commissioner Baugh: I move to approve.

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38 Mayor Shaw: I second the motion.

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40 Chair Bennett noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.

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42 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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44 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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46 Ms. Vicki Nighswander, Citizen, requested crash data and safety requirements being considered in all
47 aspects of road construction/improvements and new development.

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50 **IX. BOARD ACTION**

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52 1. Amendment to the MPO Bylaws

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54 Mr. Hutchinson explained the proposed amendment is to amend the MPO’s Bylaws to allow for
55 the election of the Chair and Vice Chair at a meeting of the MPO Governing Board held within

1 the last quarter of the year as indicated in the proposed amendment language provided by MPO
2 legal counsel.

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4 Mayor Groover Bryant: I move to amend the Bylaws.

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6 Commissioner Maio: I second the motion.

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8 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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10 2. 2016 MPO Legislative Policy and Issues Committee

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12 Mr. Hutchinson explained the Committee will develop the MPO's 2016 Legislative Policy
13 Positions and Issues for the 2016 Florida Legislative Session and has historically been
14 comprised of at least two Board Members from each of the two county areas.

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16 MPO Board Members that wish to serve on the Committee will contact Mr. Hutchinson.

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

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21 1. Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) First Draft of the Financially Feasible Plan for the 2040 Long
22 Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning
23 Organization (MPO) (Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group)

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25 Mr. Mike Maholtz, MPO Staff, and Mr. Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group, presented an
26 overview of the 2040 Financially Feasible Plan:

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28 ~ The Strategic Mobility Plan (2040 Long Range Transportation Plan) is a strategic document
29 for multimodal transportation investments to support and strengthen the region's economic
30 vitality, livability, and environment over the next 25 years.
31 ~ Over this past year the Citizens, Technical, and Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory
32 Committees of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
33 Steering Committee, 209 participants of 21 different focus groups, 35 attendees at a public
34 workshop, and over 3,700 visitors to the Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) website have all
35 contributed to the development of the Draft Financially Feasible Plan of multimodal
36 improvements to be funded through the year 2040.
37 ~ The list includes projects that can be funded with Federal & State revenues and projects that
38 are anticipated to be completed using Local Impact Fee/Mobility Fee revenues or Developer
39 Commitments and projects funded on the State's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).
40 ~ This first Draft 2040 MPO Financially Feasible Plan was presented for Board review and
41 comment in order to move forward to the final draft and begin development of the federally
42 required performance measures and targets.
43 ~ With the Board's approval, the final draft will be released to the general public for the
44 federally required 30 day public comment period.
45 ~ At its December 2015 meeting the Board will be asked to adopt the 2040 LRTP.

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47 Board comments and those that the Committees have provided of the First Draft will be
48 incorporated into a final draft that will be returned to the MPO Board at its October 26, 2015
49 meeting. More information and the Plan may be found at www.MyMPO.org.

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51 2. Sarasota County Mobility Plan (Jonathan Paul, Sarasota County)

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53 Sarasota County recently adopted a Mobility Plan and Mobility Fee. The Mobility Plan
54 establishes multi-modal improvement corridors in Sarasota County. The Mobility Fee provides

1 for the funding of bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and roadway facilities and is intended to replace
2 the county's road impact fee, which currently only funds roadway improvements. Mr. Jonathan
3 Paul, Sarasota County Staff, provided a presentation regarding Sarasota County's Mobility Plan;
4 the presentation will be proved to the Members.
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6 3. American Marine University (James R. Simons, American Marine University)
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8 Mr. Simons, American Marine University, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the
9 American Marine University; same will be provide to the Board.
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12 **XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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14 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)
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16 Mr. Ray Chiaramonte reported on the following:
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- 18 ~ TBARTA's Master Plan has been presented to all seven (7) counties in the
19 TBARTA area
- 20 ~ Working to get the Chair's Coordinating Committee (CCC) plan and TBARTA's
21 plan for regional roadways the same; there are many differences
- 22 ~ Attempting to identify federal funds for a regional bus system
- 23 ~ Working on "One Bus Away" technology where riders will be able to utilize their
24 cell phones to determine where the bus is and estimate bus arrival times
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27 **XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**
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29 Councilman Roff announced on October 6th and 7th he will be part of the Florida League of Cities
30 delegation lobbying in Tallahassee and will be speaking to every Congressman from Florida, two
31 State Senators and will attend a White House briefing. Also, for the third year in a row, the
32 Delegation will be asking for a long term funding plan for transportation.
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35 **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
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37 The next regular meeting will be held October 26, 2015, at the Holiday Inn, 8009 15th Street East,
38 Sarasota, Florida 34240.
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41 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**
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43 Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:41 p.m.
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