

1 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
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3
4 *Port Manatee Intermodal Center*
5 **1905 Intermodal Circle**
6 **Palmetto, Florida 34221**

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8 **9:30 A.M.**
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10 **MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2016**
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12 Chair Roff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County,
13 provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager,
14 confirmed a quorum was present.
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16 **PRESENT**

17 **Sarasota County**

18 Commissioner Alan Maio
19 Commissioner Christine Robinson
20 Commissioner Charles Hines
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22 **Manatee County**

23 Commissioner Betsy Benac
24 Commissioner Larry Bustle
25 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh
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27 **City of Bradenton**

28 Councilman Patrick Roff
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30 **City of Sarasota**

31 Commissioner Susan Chapman
32 Mayor Willie Shaw
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34 **City of North Port**

35 Commissioner Linda Yates
36 Mayor Jacqueline Moore
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38 **City of Venice**

39 Councilman Bob Daniels
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41 **City of Palmetto**

42 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant
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44 **Island Transportation Planning**

45 **Organization (ITPO)**
46 Mayor Bob Johnson, Holmes Beach
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Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Jack Daly

City of Bradenton

Councilman Gene Brown

Non-Voting Advisor

Chris Smith, FDOT District One

ABSENT

Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority

Commissioner Carlos Beruff

MPO Staff

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

Others

Kafi Benz, CAC Vice Chair
Paula Wiggins, TAC Chair
Tom Denslow, BPTAC Chair
Roxann Lake, FDOT
Bessie Reina, FDOT
Lou Costa, Citizen
Lou Dorff, Citizen
Ray Chiaramonte, TBARTA
Wiley Page, Atkins
Mike Adams, Atkins
Bob Frey, THEA

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2 Chair Roff presented Commissioners Larry Bustle, Manatee County, and Christine Robinson, Sarasota
3 County, with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the MPO Board.
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5 Chair Roff recognized Commissioner John Chappie, Manatee County, and Mr. Chris Smith, FDOT, and
6 thanked Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director, Port Manatee for hosting the Board Meeting.
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9 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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11 Mr. Lou Dorf and Mr. Lou Costa, Citizens, distributed information regarding the FDOT Traffic
12 Study for US 41 in the City of Sarasota, and questioned traffic count methodology and seasonal
13 adjustment factors and \$20 million could be spent for a solution that will not improve the peak
14 season gridlock.
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16 Commissioner Hines, Sarasota County, requested a future agenda item regarding traffic count
17 methodology and whether including the Peak Season Conversion Chart of the Traffic Study. Mr.
18 Chris Smith, FDOT, stated FDOT Technical Staff will provide a presentation at a future meeting.
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20 Commissioner Susan Chapman: I move to have FDOT present methodology regarding peak
21 season at the December, 2016 MPO Board meeting.
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23 Mayor Willie Shaw: I second the motion.
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25 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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28 **II. CAC/TAC CHAIR'S REPORT**

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30 1. Ms. Kafi Benz, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chair, reported on the activities of the
31 October 6, 2016 CAC meeting.
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33 2. Ms. Paula Wiggins, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, reported on the activities of
34 the October 10, 2016 TAC meeting.
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36 3. Mr. Tom Denslow, Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) Chair, reported on
37 the October 3, 2016 BPTAC meeting.
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40 **III. FDOT REPORT**

41 Mr. Chris Smith, FDOT, had nothing to report on.
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45 **IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

46 Mr. David Hutchinson reported on the following:
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- 49 ~ Provided an update and additional comments on the proposed USDOT, FHWA, on the
50 proposed rule regarding MPO Regional Coordination.
51 ~ Staff continues to develop Performance Measures and Goals.
52 ~ The Barrier Island Study is identified and included in a TIP Amendment in the current year.
53 ~ There is no Sun Trail funding in the cycle, will continue to pursue.

- 1 ~ TBARTA Study regarding the potential consolidation of the MPOs within the Tampa Bay
- 2 Region are pursuing and seeking funds; same will be on the December MPO Board agenda.
- 3 ~ The MPOAC Meeting was cancelled due to the storm and the next meeting will be in January,
- 4 2017.

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7 **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

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9 Chair Roff reported on the following:

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11 ~ Announced that the Freight and Economic Summit will follow the MPO Board Meeting.
- 12 ~ Noted that he has a conflict with the December 12, 2016 MPO Board Meeting and would not
- 13 be able to attend; Recommended Mayor Shaw for the 2017 MPO Chair and Commissioner
- 14 Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, for Vice Chair.
- 15 ~ Thanked Port Manatee for hosting the MPO Board Meeting.

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17 Discussion ensued regarding funding and acquisition costs for the Sun Trail. Mr. David Hutchinson,

18 Executive Director, explained the funding went to shovel ready projects and Leigh Holt, Planning Manager,

19 provided further details. MPO Staff will prepare a summary document for the Board.

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22 **VI. CONSENT SECTION**

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

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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:

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32 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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34 The September 26, 2016 Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Regular Board meeting were

35 approved.

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38 **VII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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40 **Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or**

41 **reasonably thereafter and have been advertised accordingly.**

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43 1. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Through Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Transportation

44 Improvement Program (TIP) (Colleen McGue, MPO)

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46 Ms. Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the TIP Amendments:

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48 ➤ **FPN #440120-1 CORTEZ ROAD (SR 684) INTERSECTION LIGHTING**
- 49 **RETROFIT: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety**
- 50 **Funds (Manatee County).**
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52 ➤ **FPN #440122-1 US 301 INTERSECTION LIGHTING RETROFIT: Preliminary**
- 53 **Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety Funds (Manatee**
- 54 **County).**
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- **FPN #440137-1** 1ST STREET/TAMIAMI TRAIL (US 19) INTERSECTION LIGHTING RETROFIT: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety Funds (Manatee County).
- **FPN #440133-1** 14TH ST W (SR 45) INTERSECTION LIGHTING RETROFIT: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety Funds (Manatee County).
- **FPN #440409-1** PURCHASE SCHOOL ZONE EQUIPMENT IN MANATEE COUNTY: Construction Phase in FY 2017 \$238,000 in Safe Routes to Schools Funds.
- **FPN #440411-1** SARASOTA/MANATEE BARRIER ISLAND STUDY: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$540,000 in State Funds and \$135,000 in Surface Transportation Funds (Manatee County).
- **FPN #436551-1** SR 684 FROM east of 123rd St. W. to 86th St. W.: Safety project limits extended (originally from 119th St West to 86th St West in Manatee County).
- **FPN #435450-1** TRAIL BRIDGE OVER LAUREL ROAD LEGACY TRAIL: Railroad and Utilities Phase in FY 2017 \$369,423 in Advanced Construction Surface Transportation Funds (Sarasota County).
- **FPN #440118-1** CLARK ROAD (SR 72) INTERSECTION LIGHTING RETROFIT: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety Funds (Sarasota County).
- **FPN #440126-1** FRUITVILLE ROAD (US 41) INTERSECTION LIGHTING RETROFIT: Preliminary Engineering Phase in FY 2017 \$10,000 in Highway Safety Funds (Sarasota County).
- **FPN #434610-1** SARASOTA COUNTY FTA SECTION 5307 OPERATING ASSISTANCE: Grants and Miscellaneous Phase in FY 2017 \$465,037 in FTA funds and \$465,037 in local funds.
- **FPN #438371-1** US 301 from Mound St. to 10th St: Safety project limits extended (originally from Fruitville Rd to 10th St in Sarasota County).

ADDENDUM

Ms. McGue noted there was an Addendum to this item:

- Add Right-of-Way funding in Current Year (FY 2016/2017) for I-75 at U.S. 301 Interchange

Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice, asked what happened to the landscaping for Laurel Road and I-75. Mr. David Hutchinson responded it is in the current year of the Work Program.

Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, questioned if 75th off Cortez and Manatee, the land side, was incorporated into the Barrier Island Study. Mr. Chris Smith, FDOT, answered yes. Mr. David Hutchinson, Executive Director, noted an email was received from Secretary Hattaway validating same.

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2 Commissioner Benac asked if the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) for a bridge on
3 Longboat Key, from north shore to Coquina Beach, was a new project. Ms. Colleen McGue,
4 Transportation Planner, noted that bridge projects are their own and are not prioritized by the MPO;
5 the bridge referenced had been damaged and is in the system for repairs.

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7 Discussion ensued regarding the procedures and funding to get bridges replaced/built, especially the
8 Cortez Bridge. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, will report in December regarding the replacement of the
9 Cortez Bridge.

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11 Chair Roff opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Roff closed the Public
12 Hearing.

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14 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move approval of the TIP Amendments and
15 Addendum.

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17 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I second the motion.

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19 Chair Roff noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.

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21 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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24 **VIII. BOARD ACTION**

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26 1. Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Five Year Draft Tentative Work Program

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28 Ms. Bessie Reina, FDOT, presented a video regarding the Draft Tentative Work Program
29 covering Fiscal Years 2017/2018 – 2021/2022.

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31 Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, stated the project at 63rd Avenue and 33rd Street
32 East, previously had approximately \$1 million for construction and is now reflects \$749,000 and
33 asked the reason for the decrease. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, responded the \$250,000 has been
34 added back into the project but not in time to be reflected in the Work Program; it will be
35 reflected in December.

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37 Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, also pointed out that the 15th Street East project
38 and the DeSoto Bridge Replacement are not in the Work Program. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT,
39 commented taking those projects out of the Central Manatee Network Alternatives Analysis
40 (CMNAA) would be premature now; once the study is finished they could possibly be placed in
41 the Work Program during the next cycle.

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43 Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, expressed concern with the funding for 15th Street
44 East. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, stated another \$1 million has been added to supplement the
45 design in FY 2018 and \$4.3 million in Right-of-Way (ROW) funds in the outer year. (Same will
46 be reflected in the December version of the Work Program)

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48 Commissioner Betsy Benac asked when the CMNAA would be completed. Mr. David
49 Hutchinson, Executive Director, stated the study is behind schedule and that a new consultant for
50 Phase 2 should be on board with the FDOT by early 2017.

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52 Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, suggested for Mr. Marshall Hampton, FDOT, to provide an update to
53 the Bridge regarding the bridges and the process.
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1 Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, asked if FDOT is interacting with Manatee County
2 Area Transit (MCAT) and Sarasota County Area transit (SCAT) regarding the
3 construction/placement of the bicycle lanes and sidewalks were being included in the projects.
4 Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, assured the Board that the FDOT is working very closely with MCAT
5 and SCAT.
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7 Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice, stated he did not see the \$1 million for the Bold
8 Landscaping for the exit at I-75 and Laurel Road, which had been included in the old Work
9 Program. Ms. Bessie Reina, FDOT, responded the funding is in the Current Year of the Work
10 Program.
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12 Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice, questioned the status of the \$500,000 in funding for
13 intersection improvements (turn lanes) at Pinebrook and Edmonson. Mr. David Hutchinson,
14 Executive Director, responded those funds are also in the current year.
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16 Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice, asked about the 300,000 in funds for a bicycle lane on
17 Benderson Road. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, answered those funds are in the current year.
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19 Ms. Bessie Reina, FDOT, announced that all comments regarding the new Work Program should
20 be to the FDOT by the middle of December.
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22 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, questioned the amount of \$8,444,673 in
23 2021/2022 for FPN#196421, Manatee MPO Identified Operation Improvements Funding. Ms.
24 Bessie Renia, FDOT, explained that with the passing of the FAST Act all MPO's receive more
25 funding and that these funds are being allocated to projects.
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27 Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, asked the status of the construction of a traffic
28 signal at the intersection of SR 70 ad Greenbrook in November of 2016. Ms. Bessie Reina,
29 FDOT, said she would report back via email.
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31 Commissioner Christine Robinson, Sarasota County, asked if the sidewalks at Jacaranda and
32 south of Border Road were programmed for this year. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, responded that
33 project should still be in the Work Program and will report back.
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35 Regarding the left turn lane at Pinebrook and Edmondson that Councilman Bob Daniels, City of
36 Venice, had asked about, Commissioner Christine Robinson, Sarasota County, pointed out the
37 City of Venice had wanted to move that funding and asked if the funding was moved back in.
38 Councilman Daniels responded the project is in limbo currently.
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40 Commissioner Christine Robinson, Sarasota County, requested clarification of FDOT's plan
41 regarding Beach Road and Midnight Pass (SR 578) project. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, stated
42 she would confer with FDOT's Safety Office and then report back.
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44 Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, requested clarification of FDOT's plan regarding
45 two intersections, Stickney Point, and Midnight Pass. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, stated she
46 would confer with FDOT's Safety Office and report back.
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48 Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, questioned the deletion of the right turn lane at
49 SR 70 and US 301. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, will follow up and report back.
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51 Ms. Christine Robinson, Sarasota County, requested clarification regarding the sidewalk project
52 on Jacaranda. Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, will research and report back.
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54 Mr. David Hutchinson, Executive Director, encouraged Members to present questions to their
55 staff and MPO Staff for follow up for a recap at the December meeting.

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2 **IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (May Require Board Action)**
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4 1. Performance Measures: Freight & Economic Development (Mike Maholtz, MPO)
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6 MPO Staff, Senior Transportation Planner, Mike Maholtz, introduced this topic and MPO
7 consultants, Mr. Michael Adams and Mr. Wiley Page, of Atkins Global who provided an update:
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9 ~ Two federal transportation acts, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP
10 21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), make changes to
11 the federally funded transportation program by requiring transition to a performance-
12 driven, outcome-based program.
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14 ~ As part of this performance-based approach, MPOs and local jurisdictions are required
15 to link achievement of performance targets to the investment priorities contained in the
16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of performance measures is
17 to:
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- 19 • Provide a greater level of transparency and accountability
- 20 • Address national transportation goals
- 21 • Improve project decision making
- 22 • More efficiently invest federal transportation fund
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24 ~ The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration
25 (FTA) have not published the final Freight Program rules for states and MPOs. Once
26 published, MPOs must comply with the new freight planning rules within two years.
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28 2. Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) Autonomous/Connected Vehicles (Bob
29 Frey, THEA)
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31 Mr. Bob Frey, THEA, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the THEA A/C vehicles:
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- 33 - The Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) is bringing innovative
34 connected vehicle technology to downtown Tampa to make transportation safer,
35 smarter, and greener.
- 36 - Funded by a \$21 million contract with the Federal Highway Administration
37 (FHWA), the project is expected to reduce the risk of crashes, enhance traffic
38 flow, and even shrink the city's carbon footprint.
- 39 - In partnership with other local agencies and businesses, THEA will outfit
40 automobiles with communication devices so they can exchange safety and traffic
41 information with each other and with crosswalks, traffic signals and other
42 elements of the infrastructure.
- 43 - The messages exchanged can help enhance traffic signal timing, reduce wrong
44 way entries on the Lee Roy Selmon Reversible Express Lanes, and improve
45 pedestrian safety.
- 46 - The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) and the TECO Line
47 Streetcar System also plan to install equipment in buses and trolleys to warn
48 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians in their path, and to communicate with traffic
49 signals to help improve trip times.
- 50 - Pedestrians will be able to participate in the program by downloading apps to
51 their smartphones.
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53 Tampa is among the first cities in the nation to implement connected vehicle technology on real city
54 streets. In fact, Tampa was one of just three sites to be selected for FHWA's Connected Vehicle

1 Pilot Deployment Program, which aims to spur innovation among early adopters of connected
2 vehicle applications. The four-year effort began in September 2015 and is currently in the planning
3 phase. Implementation is expected to begin in the fall of 2016.
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6 **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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8 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)
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10 Mr. Ray Chiamonte, TBARTA Executive Director, reported on the following:
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- 12 ~ Announced Van Pools have increased to 100 in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties
- 13 ~ The DeSoto Bridge and River Road projects were acted upon by TBARTA Chairs
14 Coordinating Committee (CCC) and is a top priority.
- 15 ~ Regarding Trails, \$44 million has been allocated for 2016/2017.
- 16 ~ The next TBARTA meeting will be held October 28, 2016 at the Tampa International
17 Airport (TIA) where a tour will be provided.
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20 **XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

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- 22 • Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County, noted a tax increase on the upcoming ballot
23 for Manatee County and the possibility of funding trails with same.
- 24 • Commissioner Linda Yates, City of North Port, noted Secretary Billy Hattaway's retirement
25 and expressed appreciation to the Secretary for the work he has done.
- 26 • Commissioner Bob Daniels, City of Venice, thanked Councilman Patrick Roff for his
27 service as MPO Chair.
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30 **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

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32 The MPO will recess in the month of November; the next meeting of the MPO will be December 12,
33 2016.
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36 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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38 Chair Roff adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.
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42 **NOTICE**

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44 **The Sarasota/Manatee MPO Freight and Economic Development Summit was held from**
45 **12:30 to 3:00 p.m. following the MPO Board Meeting. An optional Port tour was made**
46 **available at 3:00 p.m.**
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