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2 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
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10 **9:30 A.M.**

11 **MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014**

12 Chair Bustle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and provided the invocation followed by the Pledge
13 of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager, confirmed a quorum was present.
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15 <u>PRESENT</u>	16	
17 <u>Sarasota County</u>	47	
18 Commissioner Alan Maio	48	
19 Commissioner Christine Robinson	49	<u>Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority</u>
20 Commissioner Charles Hines	50	Commissioner Jack Rynerson
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22 <u>Manatee County</u>	52	<u>Town of Longboat Key</u>
23 Commissioner John Chappie	53	Commissioner Phill Younger
24 Commissioner Larry Bustle	54	
25 Commissioner Betsy Benac	55	<u>Non-Voting Members</u>
26	56	Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One
27 <u>City of Sarasota</u>	57	
28 Vice Mayor Susan Chapman	58	<u>MPO Staff</u>
29 Mayor Willie Shaw	59	Michael Howe, Executive Director
30	60	Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager
31 <u>City of North Port</u>	61	David Hutchinson, Planning Manager
32 Commissioner Linda Yates	62	Mike Maholtz, Senior Transportation Planner
33 Vice Mayor Jacqueline Moore	63	Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner
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35 <u>City of Venice</u>	65	<u>Others</u>
36 Councilman Jim Bennett	66	Alex DavisShaw, TAC Chair
37	67	Stanley Hochman, CAC Chair
38 <u>City of Bradenton</u>	68	Claude Tankersley, BPTAC Chair
39 Councilman Patrick Roff	69	Roxann Lake, FDOT
40 Councilman Gene Brown	70	Laura Lockwood, FDOT
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42 <u>City of Palmetto</u>	72	Lou Costa, Citizen
43 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant	73	Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group
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45 <u>Island Transportation Planning</u>	75	Michael Hartenstine, Citizen
46 <u>Organization (ITPO) Bradenton Beach</u>	76	
47 Mayor Bill Shearon		
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50 Chair Bustle recognized and welcomed Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County, Commissioner Vanesa
51 Baugh, Manatee County, Councilman Gene Brown, City of Bradenton and Jacqueline Moore, City of North
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11 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

1. Mr. Lou Costa, Citizen, thanked FDOT and Secretary Hattaway for taking the first step regarding addressing the concerns of the Coon Key Bridge.
2. Mr. Jim Tollerton, Citizen, expressed concerns with the median closing on Hansen Street and US 41 and requested for the construction funding to be withdrawn from the Work Program.

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20 **II. CAC/TAC/BPTAC CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Stanley Hochman, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported on the activities of the December 4, 2014 CAC meeting.

Ms. Alex DavisShaw, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, reported on the activities of the December 8, 2014 TAC meeting.

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36 **III. PTTF Report (Public Transportation Task Force)**

Commissioner Jack Rynerson, PTTF Chair, reported on the following:

- ~ Mr. Richard Shine, FDOT, provided updates.
- ~ The Trolley on Anna Maria Island had a million riders and funding is in place and strong.
- ~ Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) and Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) are working on updating their routes.
- ~ MCAT's new fare system is successful.
- ~ The University Town Center Mall route has low ridership, but it usually takes 3 years for a route to mature.
- ~ MCAT is working on a route to Lakewood Ranch from SR 64 and SR 70.
- ~ Additional Service to North Port will be enhanced over the future.
- ~ MCAT is in the process of purchasing over 200 bus shelters with solar panels that will be utilized for lighting.

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44 **IV. FDOT REPORT**

Secretary Hattaway announced FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad has resigned; the Commission has a short list of possible replacements that will go to the Governor for consideration.

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53 **V. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Howe and reported on the following:

- Commended Secretary Hattaway for being honored with an article by the "GOVERNING."
- Noted the 2015 Sarasota/Manatee MPO Meeting Schedule had been included in the Members' agenda packets.

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2 **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**
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4 Chair Bustle had nothing to report on.
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7 **VII. ELECTION OF 2015 OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS**
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9 1. Election of Chair from Sarasota County, Inclusive of Municipalities within Sarasota County
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11 Chair Bustle: I move to nominate Councilman Bennett.
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13 Commissioner Chappie: I second the nomination.
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15 Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed for nominations.
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17 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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19 2. Election of Vice Chair from Manatee County, Inclusive of Municipalities within Manatee
20 County
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22 Commissioner Benac: I move to nominate Councilman Roff.
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24 Councilman Bennett: I second the nomination.
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26 Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed for nominations.
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28 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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30 3. Appointment of Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and
31 Chairs Coordinating Committee of Central Florida (CCC) Representatives of MPO
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33 Councilman Bennett will continue to serve on the MPOAC and CCC.
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36 **VIII. CONSENT SECTION**
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38 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move approval of the consent agenda.
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40 Commissioner Yates: I second the motion.
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42 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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44 The consent items approved were:
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46 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
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48 The October 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board Meeting were
49 approved.
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51 2. Appointments to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
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53 Ratified the appointments of Mr. Jeremy Whatmough and Mr. Jay Goodwill representing
54 Sarasota County and Mr. Jack Robson representing the City of Venice to the CAC.
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1 3. Appointments to the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

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3 Ratified the appointment of Ms. Angela Garland, Citizen Representative, to the BPTAC.

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6 **IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING**

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8 **Please note that the following public hearing item was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or reasonably**
9 **thereafter and was advertised accordingly.**

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11 1. Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/2015 – FY 2018/2019 Transportation Improvement
12 Program (TIP)

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14 Ms. Colleen McGue, Transportation Planner, explained there are two (2) proposed TIP
15 amendments brought forward by the Florida Department of Transportation to the
16 following projects:

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18 ➤ FPN #436514-1 – City of Bradenton Safe Sidewalks to schools; \$878,209
19 construction funding addition in 2015
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21 ➤ FPN #429875-1 – Beach Road at Beachway Drive, Sarasota County, Pedestrian
22 Safety Project; \$312,372 project deletion
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25 Chair Bustle opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Bustle closed the
26 Public Hearing.

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28 Councilman Bennett: I move to approve the two (2) amendments to the TIP with an
29 additional set of amendments: 1) Removal of FPN# 4300411,
30 Indian Avenue Intersection Improvements in Venice; and 2)
31 The addition of FPN# 4350921, Downtown enhancement
32 project that is scheduled for Fiscal Years (FY) 2018/2019
33 moved to the current Fiscal Year.

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35 Councilman Roff: I second the motion.

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37 Discussion ensued regarding if design for the downtown enhancement project has been
38 completed and the possible consolidation of the 3 projects. Ms. Lake stated FDOT is unsure if
39 the projects could be consolidated and suggested deferring at this time. Commissioner Robinson
40 requested to table until she has met with Sarasota County Staff to determine if they have shovel
41 ready projects in unincorporated Sarasota County. Councilman Bennett stated the City of
42 Venice passed a Resolution in favor of this project and will forward same to the Sarasota
43 County Commission for their review. Councilman Bennett withdrew the motion.

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45 Chair Bustle opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Bustle closed the
46 Public Hearing.

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48 Chair Bustle noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.

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50 Commissioner Chappie: I move to approve the two (2) TIP Amendments presented.

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52 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I second the motion.

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5 **X. BOARD ACTION**
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7 1. Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Five Year Tentative Work Program
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9 Ms. Lockwood explained FDOT is in the process of developing its Draft Tentative Five Year
10 Work Program for FY 2015/2016-2019/2020. The Tentative Work Program is based, in part,
11 upon the priorities approved at the June 23, 2014 MPO Board meeting. Ms. Laura Lockwood
12 provided a presentation regarding the Work Program.
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14 Commissioner Younger requested for the sidewalks project on Longboat Key (FM# 4369861) be
15 moved to the 2016/2017 period and the funds from 2019/2020 to be moved up in order to better
16 reflect that. Ms. Lake commented FDOT is working to get the project completed sooner.
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18 Commissioner Benac requested moving from FY 2018/2019 the landscaping project (FM#
19 2012776) on I-75 at the University Parkway interchange to coincide with the completion of the
20 Diverging Diamond interchange project.
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22 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant requested moving the addition of right turn lanes on US 41
23 Business from 3rd Avenue to Manatee Avenue in downtown Bradenton (FM# 4365091).
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25 Chair Bustle requested consideration of allocation funding for Right-of-Way and construction of
26 15th Street improvements in Manatee County (PM# 5313502).
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28 Commissioner Robinson wanted to ensure that additional and ongoing public information,
29 outreach and communication with residents and property owners continued regarding the
30 Hansen Street project (FM# 4347281).
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32 Mayor Shearon requested the Myrtle Street project to be moved to the current Fiscal Year.
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34 Mr. Michael Hartenstine, Citizen, expressed opposition to the closing of the median on Hansen
35 Street and US 41.
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37 Commissioner Younger: I move project# 4369861 that shows construction funding
38 in FY 2018/2019 those funds be moved up to the 2016/2017
39 period which better reflects the understanding with FDOT
40 to move forward with this project.
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42 Commissioner Chappie: I second the motion.
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44 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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46 Councilman Bennett: I move for endorsement of FDOT's Work Program.
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48 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I second the motion.
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50 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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52 2. Strategic Mobility Plan Socio Economic (SE) Data Population and Employment Forecast
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1 Mr. Mike Maholtz, MPO, explained the Strategic Mobility Plan (aka 2040 Long Range
2 Transportation Plan) is a strategic document for multimodal transportation investments to
3 support and strengthen the region's economic vitality, livability and environment over the next
4 25 years. A critical component in the plan development is forecasting the population and
5 employment in the region, and where they are going to live and work. Over the past two months
6 MPO staff has worked with planning staff from both counties and all the municipalities to
7 develop and allocate the future population and employment increase in the region.
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9 Mr. Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation:

- 10 ~ Tables, charts, and maps showing the 2010 population and employment from
- 11 Census and local sources,
- 12 ~ The amount and location of the growth forecasted by 2040
- 13 ~ The resulting 2040 population and employment.
- 14 ~ Tables identifying the population and employment totals
- 15 ~ Maps identifying the location of that growth developed in coordination with City
- 16 and County staff
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18 Councilman Roff: I move MPO Board endorsement of the SE Data for use in
19 the 2040 LRTP.

20 Mayor Groover Bryant: I second the motion.

21 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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25 3. I-75 Signage Guiding Visitors and Athletes to Nathan Benderson Park

26 Discussion ensued regarding a request from Sarasota County regarding changes to signage on I-
27 75 to include the Nathan Benderson Park Rowing Facility; it was determined that more
28 research is needed regarding the possibility of removing the "Dog Track" from the signage.
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31 4. Sarasota/Manatee MPO's 2015 Legislative Priorities

32 Councilman Bennett: I move approval of the MPO's proposed 2015 Legislative Priorities.

33 Commissioner Rynerson: I second the motion.

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37 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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40 **XI. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (May Require Board Action)**

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42 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Work Session (Mike Maholtz, MPO)

43 Mr. Mike Maholtz, Senior Transportation Planner, explained that every five years the
44 Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develops a new Long Range
45 Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a basis for allocated federal transportation funding to projects of
46 importance to the Sarasota-Bradenton region. The plan also serves as a framework for
47 coordinated transportation planning in the greater West Central Florida region and among the
48 state, transit agencies and various departments of the MPO's member local governments. The
49 process of developing each new LRTP builds upon a foundation established by the currently
50 adopted plan (with a horizon year of 2035) along with local government comprehensive
51 plans and the State of Florida's adopted Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) plan, and extends
52 to the planning horizon another five years into the future.
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1 Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, provided an overview:
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- 3 ~ The *Strategic Mobility Plan* – the name established for the new LRTP – presents an
4 opportunity for the MPO and its partners to strategically address existing and
5 emerging issues related to economic development, growth and land use planning,
6 environmental considerations, demographic changes, traffic congestion and barriers
7 to access, and the critical element of how to fund and finance transportation
8 projects. The focus of the plan is what should happen in the next 6-10 (next 5 years
9 already programmed) years for transportation in the region, and how that
10 strengthens existing funding commitments and sets the vision through the year 2040.
11 ~ MPO Staff and its LRTP consultant, Renaissance Planning Group, will facilitate a
12 workshop discussion among MPO Board Members to provide information on the
13 LRTP requirements and foster a dialogue on the Board's expectations for what the
14 plan will address and achieve.
15 ~ This will be used to guide the Strategic Mobility Plan.
16 ~ The workshop will focus on clarifying the MPO's policy perspective to identify
17 areas and issues of emphasis for the Strategic Mobility Plan, define key goals and
18 objectives, and provide initial input on development of a performance-based,
19 outcome-driven planning process.
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- 21 2. West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Chairs Coordinating
22 Committee (CCC)/Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)
23 Michael Howe, MPO
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25 Discussion of potential consolidation/merger of the CCC and TBARTA will be continued at a
26 future Board Meeting.
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29 **XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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31 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)
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33 There was not a TBARTA report.
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36 **XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

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38 ➤ Commissioner Chappie requested an update regarding the project at 59th Street West to 75th
39 Street West on Manatee Avenue. Ms. Lake, FDOT, stated she would follow up and report
40 back regarding same.
41 ➤ Commissioner Chappie requested a report on the Cortez Bridge and the using of Federal
42 Funds that would negatively impact the National Historic Village of Cortez.
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45 **XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE**

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47 A joint meeting with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO will be held January 26, 2015 at the
48 Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, Florida.
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51 **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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53 Chair Bustle adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.
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