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2 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

3 **Holiday Inn**
4 8009 15th Street East
5 Sarasota, Florida
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7 **MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2013**
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9 Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Councilman Jim Bennett, City of Venice,
10 provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager,
11 confirmed a quorum was present.
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13 **PRESENT**

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15 **Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**

16 Commissioner Jack Rynerson

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18 **Sarasota County**

19 Commissioner Joe Barbetta

20 Commissioner Christine Robinson

21 Commissioner Nora Patterson

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23 **Manatee County**

24 Commissioner John Chappie

25 Commissioner Larry Bustle

26 Commissioner Betsy Benac

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28 **City of Sarasota**

29 Commissioner Susan Chapman

30 Mayor Shannon Snyder

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32 **City of North Port**

33 Commissioner Linda Yates

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35 **City of Venice**

36 Councilman Jim Bennett

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38 **City of Bradenton**

39 Councilman Patrick Roff

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41 **Island Transportation Planning**

42 **Organization (ITPO) Bradenton Beach**

43 Mayor Bill Shearon
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City of Palmetto

Commissioner Brian Williams For

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

Non-Voting Members

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

Commissioner Cheryl Cook For

Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco, City of
North Port

ABSENT

Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Phill Younger

MPO Staff

Michael Howe, Executive Director

Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

David Hutchinson, Planning Manager

Mike Maholtz, Transportation Planner

Others

Sage Kamiya, TAC Chair

Ken Maturo, CAC Chair

Jennifer Stults, FDOT

Roxann Lake, FDOT

Alex Davis Shaw, City of Sarasota

Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group

Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County and 2013

BPTAC Chair

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County

Larry Cohen, Citizen

Michael Hartenstine, Citizen

Ronnie Snyder, Citizen

Rod Warner, Citizen

83 **I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
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85 Mr. Ronnie Snyder, Citizen, expressed concern with the lack of lighting along University Parkway
86 and the potential increase in traffic due to the completion of the new mall at University and I-75
87 and the international rowing competition.
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2 Chair Patterson welcomed and recognized Mayor Bill Shearon, Bradenton Beach-ITPO, Commissioner
3 Cheryl Cook, City of North Port and Commissioner Brian Williams, City of Palmetto.
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6 **II. CAC/TAC/BPTAC CHAIR'S REPORT**
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8 Mr. Ken Maturo, 2013 CAC Chair, reported on the activities of the December 5, 2013 CAC meeting.
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10 Mr. Sage Kamiya, 2013 TAC Chair, reported on the activities of the December 9, 2013 TAC
11 meeting.
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13 Ms. Paula Wiggins, 2013 BPTAC, reported on the activities of the December 1, 2013 BPTAC
14 meeting.
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16 **III. FDOT REPORT**
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18 Secretary Hattaway reported on the following:
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- 20 - Leading the Secretary's initiative on improving bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout
21 Florida.
- 22 - Formed a Bicycle/Pedestrian Policy Team to work on long term changes that are needed in
23 order to achieve safety improvement goals.
- 24 - Through this process, the FDOT has completely redefined its Bicycle/Pedestrian program in
25 Florida.
- 26 - Every District now has a full time Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator and Bicycle/Pedestrian
27 Safety Program Specialist.
- 28 - The Program has also been redefined at FDOT's Central Office to increase the emphasis of
29 safety in the two areas.
- 30 - The Team meets monthly and is in the process of developing a Complete Streets Policy and
31 Implementation Plan for the State of Florida on the State road system.
- 32 - The increased use of modern roundabouts on the State road system and has proposed to the
33 Secretary a minimum of 2 modern roundabouts in planning and design within FDOT's Five
34 Year Work Program in each of the 7 FDOT Districts.
- 35 - In the process of rolling out US bicycle routes on US 90 and US 1; US 90 from the Alabama
36 line to Jacksonville; and US 1 from the Georgia line to the Keys.
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38 Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, reported on the following:
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- 40 - Regarding the request for streetlights along University Parkway, L.K. Nandum, FDOT, has
41 spoken with Sage Kamiya, Manatee County, and Jim Harriott, Sarasota County regarding
42 performing a joint lighting justification analysis to see if same would be justified. The
43 analysis will be completed in January or February of 2014 and Mr. Kamiya will report back
44 to the Board regarding the results.
- 45 - FDOT is waiting for language from Manatee County for the sign to be placed on I-75
46 announcing the Rowing Facility.
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48 **IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
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50 Mr. Howe reported on the following:
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- 52 - Along with Councilman Jim Bennett, attended West Central Florida's Chairs Coordinating
53 Committee (CCC) .

- Thanked Councilman Bennett for attending the numerous meetings throughout the year on behalf of the MPO Board.
- Referenced a letter provided to the Members (received after the MPO Agenda mail out) from Mayor Shannon Snyder, City of Sarasota, regarding Resolution No. 14R-2398, adopted by the City of Sarasota Commission requesting the MPO Board's assistance in obtaining Federal support for an accelerated schedule for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of roundabouts on US 41 at 10th and 14th Streets. The request is based on the City Commission's desire to have those roundabouts completed prior to September 1, 2017 or the start of the World Rowing Championships.

Mayor Snyder: I move the Board support to have FDOT accelerate right-of-way acquisition and have the right-of-way completed by September, 2015.

Commissioner Benac: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Thanked Commissioner Bustle for his presentation of the MPO's Legislative Positions to the Manatee Delegation.
- Noted the 2014 MPO Meeting Calendar provided to the Members.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Patterson had nothing to report on.

VI. ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Election of Chair from Manatee County, Inclusive of Municipalities within Manatee County

Chair Patterson opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Barbetta: I move to nominate Commissioner Bustle for Chair.

Mayor Snyder: I second the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Patterson closed the floor for nominations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Election of Vice Chair from Sarasota County, Inclusive of Municipalities within Sarasota County

Chair Patterson opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Williams: I move to nominate Mayor Snyder for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Chappie: I second the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Patterson closed the floor for nominations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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2 3. Appointment of Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and
3 Chairs Coordinating Committee of Central Florida (CCC) Representatives of MPO
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5 It was the consensus of the Board for Councilman Bennett to continue to represent the Board
6 on the MPOAC and CCC.
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8 **VII. CONSENT SECTION**
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10 Commissioner Benac questioned the final Legislative Priorities not being included with the meeting
11 minutes. The October 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes were pulled and will be presented (with the
12 Legislative Positions attached) for approval at the next meeting.
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14 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
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16 Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda.
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18 Commissioner Snyder: I second the motion.
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20 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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22 The consent items below were approved with the removal of the October 28, 2013 minutes:
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24 2. Manatee County Transportation Disadvantaged (MTD) Local Coordinating Board (LCB)
25 Appointment
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27 Approved the appointment of Mr. Paul Welch as the Representative for the Disabled on the
28 Manatee Transportation Disadvantaged LCB.
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30 3. Sarasota County Transportation Disadvantaged (MTD) Local Coordinating Board (LCB)
31 Appointment
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33 Approved the appointment of Mr. Jeremy Whatmough as the Citizen Advocate Representative
34 on the Sarasota County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB.
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37 **VIII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING**
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39 **Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. or**
40 **reasonably thereafter and have been advertised accordingly.**
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42 1. Amendments to the FY 2013/2014 – 2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
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44 Mr. Hutchinson explained these amendments brought forward by FDOT (dated November 15,
45 2013 and November 18, 2013) are requesting the addition of, deletion of or changes to these
46 projects:
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- 48 1) Add a new project for the SR 789 sidewalk in the City of Holmes Beach
49 2) Deletion of Previous SR 789 – enhancement/landscaping project
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51 If approved by the MPO Board, the listed projects will be added in the current adopted FY
52 2013/2014-2017/2018 TIP.

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2 Commissioner Chappie stated there had been discussion at the Island Transportation
3 Planning Organization Meeting (ITPO) meeting regarding the description and the
4 changes/deletions of the project; he wants to ensure that the City of Holmes Beach gets
5 what they are asking for and would like to know what exactly the project entails.
6 Roxann Lake, FDOT District One Liaison, stated the new project: will have sidewalk
7 along the east side of SR 789, from 27th Street to Gulf Drive; the sidewalk will be up to
8 8 feet wide, will be divided among the eastside of SR 789 from Gulf Drive to SR 64;
9 trolley stop pads and shelters will be provided at 27th Street, the northwest corner at Gulf
10 Drive; and signalized intersection at east side at the Gulf Drive signalized intersection
11 northwest corner.

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13 Chair Patterson opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward from the public Chair
14 Patterson closed the Public Hearing.

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16 Chair Patterson noted this item requires a vote by the show of hands.

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18 Commissioner Chappie: I move to approve the TIP Amendments deleting project
19 #428120-1 (SR 789-enhancement/landscaping project) and
20 adding project #434943-1 (SR 879 sidewalk in the City of
21 Holmes Beach).

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23 Mayor Shearon: I second the motion.

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25 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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27 2. Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment

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29 This item was deferred to the January 27, 2014 meeting.

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32 **IX. BOARD ACTION**

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34 1. FDOT's Five Year Work Program

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36 FDOT is in the process of developing its Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for FY
37 2014/2015-2018/2019. The Tentative Work Program is based, in part, upon the priorities
38 approved at the June 24, 2013 MPO Board meeting.

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40 FDOT presented highlights of the Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for comments and
41 questions.

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43 Chair Patterson opened the floor for public comments.

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45 1. Mr. Larry Cohen, Citizen, as a business owner expressed opposition to the closing of a
46 median opening at US 41 and Hansen Street; stating it would have a negative effect on his
47 business.

48 2. Mr. Michael Hartenstine, Citizen, also opposed the closing of a median opening at US 41
49 and Hansen Street.

50 3. Mr. Rod Warner, Citizen expressed opposition to the closing of the median.

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52 Having no one else come forward, Chair Patterson closed the floor for public comments.

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2 Regarding Item # 16, Traffic Operations Enhancement, on page 8 of the Manatee County Work
3 Program, lighting from on SR 64 (Manatee Avenue West from 59th Street to 75th Street,
4 Councilman Roff requested confirmation that construction for same would be 2014/2015. Ms.
5 Lake responded yes that is correct.
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7 Chair Patterson questioned the type of improvements that are to be done on Beach Road at
8 Beachway Drive; page 4 of Sarasota's Work Program. Ms. Lake answered the improvements
9 are a bus pull out with pedestrian walkway to the beach complex.
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11 Chair Patterson requested clarification regarding a roundabout on Beach Road. Ms. Lake stated
12 the roundabout would be at SR 758 and Beach Road. Discussion ensued regarding the need for
13 more public outreach and a roundabout creating congestions, especially during season.
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15 Discussion ensued regarding the Hansen Street median closure and potential negative effect to
16 local businesses and residents. Ms. Lake stated that the closure is due to safety and will contact
17 FDOT's Safety Office and will report back the findings.
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19 Mayor Snyder: I move the Hansen Street at US 41 be removed from the Work
20 Program.
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22 Councilman Roff: I second the motion.
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24 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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26 Mayor Snyder: I move approval of the Work Program as presented with the
27 deletion of Hansen Street and taking of public input regarding
28 the roundabout at Beach Road.
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30 Councilman Bennett: I second the motion.
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32 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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34 2. Presentation of Draft Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan
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36 Mr. Ned Baier, Jacobs Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft Bicycle,
37 Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan:
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- 39 ~ The MPO's Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) is
40 undertaking an intensive effort to develop a Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master
41 Plan to define the community's vision and strategy for increasing the attractiveness
42 and safety of bicycling and walking.
- 43 ~ The Master Plan provides a list of projects that improves the bicycle, pedestrian,
44 and trail networks, based on safety and connectivity.
- 45 ~ On October 24, 2011 the MPO Board adopted a resolution forming the BPTAC and
46 asked that a formal Master Plan be developed.
- 47 ~ In the spring of 2012 the MPO retained Jacobs Engineering Group to support the
48 BPTAC and to develop the Master Plan.
- 49 ~ The Master Plan was a comprehensive effort that included collecting, validating, and
50 analyzing GIS data for the entire two-county study area consisting of approximately
51 1,322 square miles and 800,000 acres.
- 52 ~ Safety and connectivity were the primary planning themes used to identify gaps and
53 projects.

~ Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans that have been adopted by local and state government are included in the Master Plan. Funding and implementation guidance are identified.

Mr. Howe noted that it was recommended by the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) and MPO Staff supports, to incorporate the Plan into the 2035 (current) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Commissioner Benac: I move approval of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan and incorporation of same into the 2035 LRTP.

Commissioner Bustle: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Park and Ride Strategic Plan Final Report

Mr. Howe stated at the October 28, 2013 Sarasota/Manatee MPO meeting, the Board received a presentation on the Regional Park and Ride Strategic Plan draft recommendations. The Board directed the MPO staff and consultants to further evaluate potential beach access park and ride opportunities including publicly owned lands and coordination with the school boards in each county to consider school campuses for park and ride use to alleviate congestion and parking constraints at the beaches. Mr. Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group, provided an overview of the opportunities.

Commissioner Bustle: I move to approve the Revised Regional Park and Ride Strategic Plan Executive Summary for Inclusion into the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Mayor Snyder: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no reports or presentations presented.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Regional

There was nothing to report.

2. Public Transportation Task Force (PTTF)

Commissioner Rynerson provided a report on the activities of the PTTF.

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XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Regarding the mutual concern of the Board regarding the University Parkway corridor:

Commissioner Bustle: I move to request FDOT to conduct a University Parkway at I 75 Area Network Alternatives Analysis to determine cost feasible projects in that vicinity; from east/west Lakewood Ranch Boulevard to Honore and from north/south Linger Lodge Road to 17th Street.

Commissioner Williams: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Chair Patterson raised concern with the speed limit on SR 72 that runs by Twin Lakes Park (short section); its 45 mph until to you get to Twin Lakes and Ibis then it goes up to 55 mph and once around the curve it goes back to 45 mph and requested FDOT to study the possibility of taking that piece and making it match to 45 mph and to do a signal warrant study at Ibis.

Mayor Snyder: I so move.

Commissioner Robinson: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be a Joint Meeting with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO on January 27, 2014 at the Venice Community Center, Venice, Florida.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.