

SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus

Selby Auditorium

5700 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, Florida

MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2013

Chair Nora Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Councilman Jim Bennett, City of Venice, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager, confirmed a quorum was present.

PRESENT

City of Palmetto

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority

Councilman Patrick Roff

Sarasota County

Commissioner Joe Barbetta

Commissioner Christine Robinson

Commissioner Nora Patterson

City of Sarasota

Commissioner Susan Chapman

Commissioner Shannon Snyder

City of North Port

Mayor Linda Yates

City of Venice

Councilman Jim Bennett

Island Transportation Planning

Organizaiton (ITPO) Anna Maria

Mayor Sue Lynn

Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Phill Younger

Manatee County

Commissioner John Chappie

Commissioner Larry Bustle

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh For

Betsy Benac

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Non-Voting Members

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco, City of North Port

ABSENT

City of Bradenton

Councilman Patrick Roff

MPO Staff

Michael Howe, Executive Director

Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

David Hutchinson, Planning Manager

Mike Maholtz, Transportation Planner

Others

Clarke Davis, Alternate to TAC Chair

Ken Maturo, CAC Chair

Jennifer Stults, FDOT

Roxann Lake, FDOT

Ken Shelin, Citizen

Jono Miller, Citizen

Rod Warner, Citizen

Norman Gollub, Citizen

Jim Bridges, Citizen

Richard Dorfman, Citizen

Ron McCollough, Citizen

Linda Holland, Citizen

Ronnie Snyder, Jr., Citizen

Casey Welch, USF

Steve Quejor, Sarasota Chamber of Commerce

Kathleen Weeden, City of Venice

Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group

L.K. Nandum, FDOT

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I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Mr. Ronnie Snyder, Citizen, encouraged the counties to resolve the street lighting issues (with “lower” poles) along University Parkway at I-75.
2. Mr. Casey Welch, USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus on behalf of Dr. Guilford, Regional Chancellor, welcomed the MPO Board and attendees to USF.

II. CAC/TAC CHAIR’S REPORT

Mr. Ken Maturo, 2013 CAC Chair, reported on the activities of the June 13, 2013 CAC meeting.

Mr. Sage Kamiya, 2013 TAC Chair, reported on the activities of the June 10, 2013 TAC meeting.

Chair Patterson recognized and welcomed Commissioner Cheryl Cook, City of North Port and Mayor Carmel Monti, City of Holmes Beach in the audience.

III. FDOT REPORT

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT, announced new additions to District One:

- Mr. David Youngs, Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program Specialist
- Ms. Providence Nagy, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator
- Ms. Carmen Malroy, Director, FDOT Southwest Office

Ms. Roxann Lake, FDOT, reported on the following:

- FDOT and the MPO Staff met On May 2, 2013 regarding the Certification of the MPO.
- A few worthy achievements of the previous Certification Review of the MPO are the US 41 Multimodal Corridor, the Brownfields Program (\$1 million), coordination with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO in setting priorities for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and Regional Enhancement, and the newly formed Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC).

IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Howe reported on the following:

- As required by Federal and State law the Sarasota/Manatee MPO goes through an annual Certification. Every four (4) years the Federal Government performs a full Certification of all MPOs in the U.S. The results of the Certification will be presented to the Board at its September meeting.
- The MPO is in the process of updating its Public Participation Plan (PPP); same may be found on the MPO’s website at www.MyMPO.org and will be brought to the Board at its July 22, 2013 meeting.
- Along with CAC Chair, Mr. Ken Maturo, will be attending the Joint Citizen Advisory Committee (JCAC) of the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) meeting tomorrow.
- Along with Councilman Jim Bennett will attend the CCC meeting on July 12, 2013 to be held in Lakeland.

- Noted a brochure of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Transportation Revenue Study was provided to Board Members.
- Referenced an email from Mr. Roger Barry, Emeritus Professor of Urban Planning, University of Cincinnati regarding his experiences with roundabouts around the world.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Patterson reported on the following:

- A TRIP Funding and Regional Trails Negotiating Committee Meeting (via teleconference) Chaired by Chair Commissioner Nora Patterson. Also attending were Mr. Robert Herrington, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC), Mr. Michael Howe, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, Mayor Linda Yates, City of North Port, Vice Chair Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County.

VI. CONSENT SECTION

Chair Patterson entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Yates: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The consent items approved were:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the April 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board meeting.

2. Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014

Adopted Resolution No. 2013-05 authorizing Staff to file a grant application and any related agreement with the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD).

3. Annual Joint Certification and Review of the Metropolitan Planning Process of the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Approved the MPO's regional Joint Certification Statement and Review.

VII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. Amendment to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Drake explained FDOT is seeking an amendment to the MPO's current TIP to include a Port Manatee TIGER 2 Grant in the current adopted FY 2012/2016-2016/2017 TIP.

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2 Chair Patterson opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Patterson closed
3 the Public Hearing.

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5 Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the requested change.

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7 Mayor Yates: I second the motion.

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9 Chair Patterson noted this item required a vote by show of hands.

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11 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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13 2. Adoption of the FY 2013/2014-2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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15 Mr. Drake explained the process to develop the TIP started in July 2012 when the MPO Board
16 adopted its Project Priority List. That list was forwarded to FDOT to prepare its Draft Tentative
17 Five Year Work Program which includes roadway improvements, transportation alternative,
18 bridge, safety and public transportation projects (i.e. transit, aviation, port, intermodal and
19 transportation disadvantaged program projects).

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21 At the December 2012 MPO Board meeting, FDOT presented the Draft Tentative Five Year
22 Work Program that addressed the priorities that were set by the MPO Board in July, 2012.

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24 Mayor Groover Bryant requested clarification regarding the US 301/US 41; Project Design and
25 Environment (PD&E) Study on page B-12. Ms. Stults clarified that the last direction FDOT
26 received from the Board was to go back to a Feasibility Study for this project, which cannot not
27 be corrected in the TIP until July 1st (FDOT's budget system will not be open for changes until
28 then).

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30 Chair Patterson asked if the Beach Road at Beachway Drive, Pedestrian Safety Improvement
31 project (page 24) was for lighting improvements. Mr. L.K. Nandum, FDOT, stated he would
32 look into Chair Patterson's question and report back.

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34 Chair Patterson opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward Chair Patterson closed
35 the Public Hearing.

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37 Mayor Snyder: I move Board adoption of the TIP.

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39 Mayor Yates: I second the motion.

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41 Chair Patterson noted this item required a vote by show of hands.

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46 **VIII. BOARD ACTION**

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48 1. Project Priorities

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50 Mr. Drake explained this year the MPO Board will adopt an annual list of Project Priorities for its
51 four (4) programs:
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- ~ Major Improvement Projects
- ~ Congestion Management System (CMS) Projects
- ~ Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects

Once adopted, the Project Priorities Lists are submitted to FDOT for its direction and guidance in programming projects in its upcoming Five Year Work Program (Fiscal Years 2014/2015 – 2018/2019).

MPO Member jurisdictions have submitted applications for prioritization in each of the program categories. Submitted projects were first reviewed and prioritized by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Project Prioritization Subcommittee based upon criteria adopted by this MPO.

The final adopted Project Priority List will become part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/2015-2018/2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is the major planning document for securing state and federal funding and will include projects programmed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as a result of this project prioritization process.

Chair opened the floor for public comments:

1. Mr. Ken Shelin, Citizen, encouraged the MPO Board to fund project #28, US 41, 14th Street to University Parkway, Multimodal Improvements.
2. Mr. Jono Miller, Citizen, expressed support for a roundabout at University Parkway and US 41.
3. Mr. Rod Warner, Citizen, expressed support for the Board to approve the US 41 North Trail for priority funding.
4. Mr. Norman Gallub, Citizen, expressed support for priority funding of roundabouts on US 41.
5. Mr. Jim Bridges, Citizen, expressed his support for priority funding for the US 41 North Trail.
6. Mr. Richard Dorfman, Citizen, expressed support for the US 41 North Trail.
7. Mr. Ron McCollough, Citizen, stated his support for the US 41 Multimodal Trail.
8. Ms. Holland, Citizen, expressed support of the Trail and roundabouts along same.
9. Mr. Steve Quejor, Sarasota County Chamber, also expressed support of the North Trail corridor.
10. Ms. Kathleen Weeden, Citizen, expressed excitement regarding the Trail.
11. Mr. David Moorris, Citizen, also expressed support of the US 41 Multimodal Trail

Mayor Sue Lynn: I move Board approval of the priorities as presented.

Mayor Snyder: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRUED UNANISMOUSLY.

2. Regional Priorities – Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and Regional Trails

An appointed MPO Board TRIP/Trails Committee of Chair Commissioner Patterson, Vice Chair Bustle, and Mayor Yates conferred via telephone (duly advertised) on May 28, 2013 to prioritize the projects submitted by the MPO's Member jurisdictions.

Subsequently it proceeded via telephone conference with a Polk TPO Board Committee and then separately with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Committee to discuss, confer and negotiate a prioritized merged list.

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2 Commissioner Younger: I move to adopt the Polk TPO list.

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4 Mayor Snyder: I second the motion.

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6 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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8 Commissioner Bustle: I move approval of the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda list.

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10 Mayor Snyder: I second the motion.

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15 **IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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17 1. Transit Latent Demand Study

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19 The MPO's consultant, Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, provided PowerPoint
20 presentation regarding an update on the study results.

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- 23 • The purpose of this study is to develop the data and analysis to determine if there is
24 enough latent demand to justify fixed route transit service in the study area and to
25 determine whether it would be cost feasible.
 - 26 • The study is in southern Sarasota County including Venice and North Port, to northern
27 Charlotte County, including Port Charlotte.
 - 28 • The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Charlotte
29 County-Punta Gorda MPO have been discussing transit service connecting the North
30 Port/South Sarasota County area and northern Charlotte County over the last decade.
 - 31 • The City of North Port's population has grown to over 55,000 as of the 2010 Census and
32 North Port is currently the largest municipality in the two county area.
 - 33 • Considerations for improved inter-county service connectivity include potential
34 connections to Venice, Englewood, North Port and Port Charlotte.

35 Mayor Snyder: I move the Board accept the Study.

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37 Commissioner Bustle: I second the Study.

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42 **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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44 1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Regional

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46 The newly updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will be presented by Mr. Bob
47 Clifford to the MPO Board at its July meeting.

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49 2. Public Transportation Task Force

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51 Councilman Bennett reported on the following:
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- Noted a report of the April 25th Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting held in Tallahassee provide to Members.
- The Executive Director of the MPOAC is recommending the meeting being held earlier than the end of April in an attempt to be more effect in lobbying for transportation issues.
- The Secretary of Transportation was kind enough to take time to speak to the MPOAC.
- Visited China last month and was impressed with their train which travels at 310 kilometers (210 miles per hour).
- Commissioner Jack Rynerson has agreed to Chair the PTTF.
- Received an update from FDOT.
- Received a summary of the Transit Latent Demand Study.
- The PTTF did not have a quorum.

Commissioner Bustle: I move for staff to draft a letter for Chair's signature expressing the importance of Board Members attendance at these meetings and if the Member is unable to attend to please send an alternate.

Commissioner Barbetta: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mayor Sue Lynn, a representative of the Island Transportation Planning Organization (ITPO), expressed concern with congestion and parking on the island communities and requested assistance with managing same. Chair Patterson stated MPO Staff would be a good resource.
- Commissioner Chappie noted Manatee County is making enhancements to Route 3 (Manatee Avenue) that may assist with the congestion issue on the islands.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held July 22, 2013 at USF's Selby Auditorium.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nora Patterson adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.