

1 **SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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3 **USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus**

4 **Selby Auditorium**

5 5700 North Tamiami Trail

6 Sarasota, Florida

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8 **MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2013**

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11 Michael Howe, Executive Director, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Barbetta moved to
12 appoint Mayor Groover Bryant as Interim Chair for the meeting. The motion was seconded by
13 Councilman Bennett, the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jim Bennett, City of Venice,
14 provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager,
15 confirmed a quorum was present.

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17 **PRESENT**

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19 **City of Palmetto**

20 Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

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22 **Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**

23 Commissioner Jack Rynerson

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25 **Sarasota County**

26 Commissioner Joe Barbetta

27 Commissioner Christine Robinson

28 Commissioner Charles Hines for
29 Nora Patterson

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31 **City of Sarasota**

32 Commissioner Susan Chapman

33 Mayor Shannon Snyder

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35 **City of North Port**

36 Mayor Linda Yates

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38 **City of Venice**

39 Councilman Jim Bennett

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41 **Island Transportation Planning**

42 **Organizaiton (ITPO) Anna Maria**

43 Mayor Carmel Monti, Holmes Beach
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46 **Manatee County**

47 Commissioner John Chappie

48 Commissioner Carol Whitmore for
49 Larry Bustle

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ABSENT

Town of Longboat Key

Commissioner Phill Younger

City of Bradenton

Councilman Patrick Roff

Non-Voting Members

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One

Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco, City of North Port

MPO Staff

Michael Howe, Executive Director

Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager

David Hutchinson, Planning Manager

Mike Maholtz, Transportation Planner

Others

Sage Kamiya, TAC Chair

Ken Maturro, CAC Chair

Jennifer Stults, FDOT

Roxann Lake, FDOT

Casey Welch, USF

Scott Farash, Florida Transportation Engineering

Grace Carlson, Carlson Studio Marketing

Tony Sherrard, FDOT

Bob Clifford, TBARTA

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I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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.

III. FDOT REPORT

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

- Pedestrian Improvements with a bus pull out along with sidewalks were made on Beach Road at Beahway Drive.
- A resurfacing project on SR 758, Bee Ridge Road from West Cattleman Road to East of Philippi Creek and sidewalks will be constructed on the Southside of the project limits.

IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Howe reported on the following:

- As required by Federal law, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be in the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's office on July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd to conduct a Certification Review of the MPO.
- FDOT has arranged a Public Work to be held on August 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. [Subsequently changed to September 18, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.] at the Bradenton Area Convention Center regarding the US 3091/US 41 corridor feasibility study and all Board Members are invited.

Commissioner Whitmore noted that the League of Cities will be meeting on August 15th and suggested the date of the workshop be moved. Ms. Stults responded that the date will be driven by the FHWA and the workshop could possibly be scheduled for some time in September. Members will be contacted regarding possible dates.

Commissioner Chappie stated he would like to hear reports from the Bicycle /Pedestrian/Trials Advisory Committee (BPTAC) at the regular MPO Board Meetings. Mr. Howe responded a report from the BPTAC will be placed on future MPO agendas.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

1 **VI. CONSENT SECTION**

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3 It was noted that Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, was listed present under the Sarasota-
4 Manatee Airport Authority and also listed as absent; Commissioner Jack Rynerson was not listed at
5 all. Several typos were also noted.
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7 Mayor Snyder: I move approval of the Consent Agenda with the noted corrections
8 to the minutes.
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10 Comissioner Chappie: I second the motion.

11 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12 The consent items approved were:

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16 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

17 Approved the June 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board meeting.

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20 2. Appointment/Reappointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

21 Ratification of the reappointment of Mr. Bill Conerly to the CAC and appointment of Mr. Carl
22 Hunsinger to the CAC representing Manatee County.
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25 3. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014

26 Adopted Resolution No. 2013-06 authorizing Staff to file a grant application and any
27 related agreements with the FDOT who is the Administrator of these funds.
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31 **VII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING**

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33 1. Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP)

34 Mr. Hutchinson explained in accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan and
35 applicable state and federal requirements, the MPO must periodically review the effectiveness
36 of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and
37 open participation process.
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39 Ms. Grace Carlson, Carlson Studio Marketing, provided a presentation of the overview of the
40 evaluation methodology and results along with proposed revisions to the Public
41 Participation Plan. The proposed revisions have been available for public review for the
42 required 45 days prior to the MPO meeting. You may review the PPP on the MPO's website at
43 www.MyMPO.org.
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46 Chair Groover Bryant opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward from the public
47 Chair Groover Bryant closed the Public Hearing.
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49 Commissioner Whitmore: I move to adopt the updated PPP.

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51 Mayor Snyder: I second the motion.

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53 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Amendment to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2013/2014-2017/2018 TIP

Mr. Drake explained FDOT is seeking an amendment to the MPO's past and current TIPs to include a High Mast lighting project at I-75 and Jacaranda Boulevard and at Laurel Road. Staff is seeking an amendment to the MPO's past and current TIP.

Chair Groover Bryant opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward from the public Chair Groover Bryant closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Chappie: I move approval of the TIP Amendment.

Commissioner Whitmore: I second the motion.

Chair Groover Bryant noted this item requires a vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. BOARD ACTION

There were no items scheduled for Board Action.

IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Cortez Bridge Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Mr. Tony Sherrard, FDOT Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Cortez Bridge in Manatee County; the City of Bradenton Beach which was constructed in the 1950's and needs extensive rehabilitation or replacement. FDOT is engaged in a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study as to the best alternative.

Mr. Howe introduced Mr. James Lacher, who has been a representative on the CAC for over 34 years. Chair Groover Bryant presented Mr. Lacher with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

2. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Master Plan

Mr. Bob Clifford, Executive Director, TBARTA, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding its Master Plan:

- ~ TBARTA's Regional Transportation Master Plan, first adopted in 2009, must be updated every two years in accordance with legislative requirements.
- ~ In 2009, TBARTA adopted the Regional Transportation Master Plan with mid-term, long-term, and supporting transit networks.
- ~ The 2011 update of the Master Plan added freight and roadway networks, and included land use and air quality components.
- ~ The 2013 update focuses on refining the transit, freight, and roadway networks and including local, regional and state progress and steps taken toward implementing TBARTA's regional vision.

- 1 ~ Since its inception, TBARTA has played a key role in spurring new projects,
2 furthering coordination, and encouraging implementation in the region.
- 3 ~ TBARTA has also added a stand-alone Managed Lanes network (existing, mid, and
4 long-term) and a map of the 2013 Regional Priority Projects, as adopted by the
5 TBARTA Board.
- 6 ~ To maintain and build public dialogue as part of the update process, TBARTA has
7 engaged the public and key stakeholders regarding transportation in the Tampa Bay
8 region.
- 9 ~ Throughout spring 2013, staff met with planning partners across the seven county
10 region to gather feedback and discuss the components of the Master Plan, and ensure
11 consistency with planning efforts.
- 12 ~ An interactive website – www.TellTBARTA.com – was launched in March 2013 for
13 the community to discuss transportation topics and the region’s future. This worked
14 in conjunction with other social media components like Facebook and Twitter, upon
15 both of which TBARTA maintains a daily, interactive presence.
- 16 ~ A series of Telephone Town Hall meetings provided the opportunity for TBARTA
17 Board members and staff to hear directly from the public in a format that is both cost-
18 effective and convenient for busy families and professionals. A panel including two
19 Board members, with Bob Clifford as the moderator, discussed the region’s
20 transportation future and answered questions from the public at each of the meetings.
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22 The TBARTA Board opened a public hearing on April 26, 2013, which remained open for public
23 comments until June 14, 2013, when the Board unanimously adopted the TBARTA 2013 Master
24 Plan Update. The Vision Document, fact sheets and maps related to the Master Plan update are
25 available at the TBARTA website at: [2013 Update | TBARTA](http://www.tbarta.com/2013Update).

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27 **3. Functional Classifications Overview**

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29 Scott Farash, Florida Transportation Engineering, Inc., FDOT Consultant explained every ten
30 years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the State to work with MPOs and
31 local agencies in the update of the Urban Boundary and Functional Classification of roadways
32 based on Census data. The MPO approved the Urban Boundary update at its January 28, 2013
33 Board meeting. The second step in the update is the classification of the road network within the
34 designated urban boundary.

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36 Mr. Farash provided an overview of the Five Functional Classification categories for urban and
37 rural roads:

- 38 ~ Principal Arterial
- 39 ~ Minor Arterial
- 40 ~ Major Collector
- 41 ~ Minor Collector
- 42 ~ Local
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46 **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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48 **1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Regional**

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50 Commissioner Benac stated she is excited to serve on TBARTA and encouraged Members to
51 visit TBARTA’s website at www.tbarta.com.

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X. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Chappie stated the City of Bradenton is becoming pedestrian friendly and asked if FDOT has any plans to connect the downtown Bradenton with the Village of the Arts with pedestrian friendly amenities. Secretary Hattaway commented he would look into same.
- Commissioner Whitmore requested Manatee County and its cities receive an update regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The MPO will not meet in August; the next meeting will be held September 23, 2013. Meeting location will be announced.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Groover Bryant adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

