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TAMIAMI TRAIL SCENIC HIGHWAY
MPO Office
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

MEETING SUMMARY OF JANUARY 6, 2016

Chair Volker Reiss called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were made. Those in attendance were as follows:

Present

Volker Reiss, Chair, City of Bradenton
Ivan Groom, Manatee County
Fil Rivera, MCAT
Russ Muller, FDOT
Bob Finck, AIM Engineering/Florida Scenic Highway Program
Mille Small, City of Sarasota Citizen
Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota
Elizabeth Sullivan, Manatee County Citizen
Chris DeAnnuntis, SCAT

MPO Staff

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner
Rachel McClain, Office Assistant

Others

None

II. Open to the Public

There was no one from the public who came forward to speak.

III. Approval of the October 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan: I move approval of the meeting minutes.

Ms. Millie Small: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. FDOT Report

FDOT had nothing to report.

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V. **Other Business and Updates**

a. **Placement of Scenic Highway Signs**

Chair Reiss suggested relocating the following signs:

- Southbound on US 41 in front of the Peek-A-Boo Lounge, relocate near Powel Crosley Estate or University of South Florida (USF).
- Northbound on US 41 in front of Captain Brian's near the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport could be moved less than a mile south between New College and the car museum.

Mr. Jim Van Pelt, MPO Staff, stated he will take pictures where the signs are located now and of the suggested locations to send to Mr. Russ Muller, FDOT.

Mr. Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota, stated he will resend an email to Mr. Van Pelt regarding the City of Sarasota's approval of the signs relocation. Mr. Muller will meet with Mr. Pat Serpas, FDOT, regarding the locations.

b. **Joint Meeting with Bradenton Beach and Palma Sola**

It was the consensus of the Members to have a Joint Meeting on April 6, 2016 with the Bradenton Beach and Palma Sola Scenic Highways.

VI. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Joint meeting with the Bradenton Beach and Palma Sola Scenic Highways.

VII. **Once Around the Table**

- ~ Chair Volker Reiss spoke to a reporter with Visit Florida regarding the Visit Florida website and the scenic highways in Florida. Chair Reiss will notify the Members when the article has been published.

Chair Reiss attended the "Visit Florida Learn Webinar 2016-2017 Grand Program Overview" and stated it was very informative. He noted if any Member would like a copy of the PowerPoint to notify Mr. Van Pelt, MPO Staff.

Chair Reiss noted on the corner of 1st Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard there is a possibility that a Domino's Pizza will be constructed there.

Announced Mr. Tim Polk, City of Bradenton, will be retiring at the end of January, 2016; no one has been hired to replace him as of yet.

- ~ Mr. Jim Van Pelt stated the Annual Scenic Highway Report that is due February 1, 2016 has not been received. Mr. Bob Finck stated he would forward a copy to Mr. Van Pelt following the meeting.
- ~ Mr. Ivan Groom stated there are changes in the Land Development Code that would allow increased intensity for US 41 and possible changes that would allow new investments and

1 new development in lots that could not have been developed under the current code that
2 focuses on suburban type development.

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4 A workshop was held on January 5, 2016 with the Board of Manatee County Commissioners,
5 the Planning Department and consultant, to consider adding Manatee Avenue, 15th Street
6 East, Cortez Road, and 1st Street to the Land Development Code as well.

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8 Mr. Groom stated the Brownfield Grant is underway. A workshop was held in December of
9 2015 with a good turnout. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
10 were in town and toured possible Brownfield sites in Bradenton, Palmetto and Manatee
11 County. Manatee County is accepting applications now and hopes to have a consultant on
12 board soon to start doing evaluations of the sites.

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14 ~ Mr. Ryan Chapdelain and Ms. Millie Small stated there are a few new hotels being built in
15 Sarasota: an Embassy Suites on the corner of 2nd Street and US 41 and The Vue/Weston Hotel
16 on the corner of Gulf Stream and US 41. Also, the old Quay site will be reconstructed soon;
17 plans are still being worked out.

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19 Mr. Chapdelain stated the County of Sarasota has acquired a six (6) acre parcel on the corner
20 of 47th Street and US 41, near the Northwater Tower Park. The County is looking at some
21 enhancements to the vacant lot which include: adding a Paw Park, access off US 41, parking
22 and some lighting that is being designed. Due to its funding source the land has to become a
23 passive park, therefore the County is limited on what enhancements can be made.

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26 **VIII. Date for Next Meeting**

27 The next Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

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31 **IX. Adjourn**

32 The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.
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