

SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



**326 Nokomis Avenue South
Venice, Florida**

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10:45 A.M.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26, 2015

THE MPO BOARD WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Public input will be limited to **two minutes** per person per agenda item.

Anyone wishing to speak on a specific agenda item or under the Open to the Public Section is requested to fill out a "Public Comment" card and provide it to MPO staff.

Call to Order

INVOCATION

**Councilman Jim Bennett
City of Venice**

Pledge of Allegiance

Confirmation of Quorum

I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(Items not on the agenda)

II. CAC/TAC/BPTAC CHAIR'S REPORT

1. The Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), Joe Justice, and the Chairs of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Claude Tankersley, and Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC), Bruce Henry, will update the MPO on those committees' activities and provide the MPO Board an opportunity to direct questions.

III. FDOT REPORT

1. FDOT will provide the MPO with an update on activities and issues and provide the MPO Board members an opportunity to direct questions.

IV. MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The MPO Executive Director, Michael Howe, will update the Board Members on activities and issues.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. The MPO Chair, City of Venice Councilman Jim Bennett, will update the Board Members on activities and issues.

VI. CONSENT SECTION All matters listed under the Consent Section are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by an MPO Board member, that item will be removed from the Consent Section and will be considered at the end of the section.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Staff will seek a motion to approve the December 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board meeting.

2. Reappointments to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

MPO ratification of reappointments to the CAC of Mr. Charles Czech from the Town of Longboat Key and Mr. Don Bingham from the City of Bradenton.

VII. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING

Please note that the following public hearing items were scheduled for 11:00 a.m. or reasonably thereafter and have been advertised accordingly.

1. Amendment to the FY 2014/2015– 2018/2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff will present a TIP Amendment for an environmental/contamination phase to be added to US 41 from Venetian Drive to Palm Drive as requested by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Note: This item requires a vote by the show of hands.

VIII. BOARD ACTION

There are no items scheduled for Board action.

IX. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (May Require Board Action)

1. West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC)/Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) (Michael Howe, MPO)

Continued discussion of potential consolidation/merger of the CCC and TBARTA.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The MPO will not meet in February; the next meeting will be held March 23, 2015, at the Holiday Inn, 8009 15th Street East, Sarasota, Florida 34243.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any decisions involving the matters herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the meeting/testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based. (SEE: F.S. 286.0105).

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard on each of the above items. Written comments filed with the MPO will be considered. Copies of all of the above proposed documents are available by calling the MPO Office at 941-359-5772.

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