

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE**  
**SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
7632 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, Florida 34243

8:15 AM  9:15 AM

**AGENDA FOR MARCH 27, 2017**

- I. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Open to the Public (Two Minutes)**
- IV. **Approval of the September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- V. **MCAT Quarterly Report (William Steele, MCAT)**
- VI. **SCAT Quarterly Report (Rocky Burke, SCAT)**
- VII. **FDOT Update (Pam Barr, FDOT)**
- VIII. **Election of Chair (Sarasota County & Jurisdictions) and Vice Chair (Manatee County & Jurisdictions)**
- VIX. **Member Comments**
- X. **Next Meeting**  

The next regular meeting will be June 19, 2017, 08:15 a.m., at the MPO Offices
- XI. **Adjourn**

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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Sarasota/Manatee MPO Conference Room  
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8:15 A.M.

**MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:22 a.m. by Chair Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant.

**Members Present**

Commissioner Linda Yates, City of North Port  
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, City of Palmetto  
Vice Mayor Susan Chapman, City of Sarasota  
Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County  
Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice

**Others**

Rocky Burke, SCAT  
Chris DeAnnuntis, SCAT  
Rick Ferris, SCAT  
Bill Steele, MCAT  
Ryan Suarez, MCAT  
Chad Butzow, Manatee County Public Works  
Richard Shine, FDOT  
Pamela Barr, FDOT  
Ernie Gerlach, Citizen

**MPO Staff**

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner  
David Hutchinson, Executive Director  
Leigh Holt, Planning Manager  
Rachel McClain, Office Assistant

**II. Open to the Public**

No comments from the public were received.

**III. Approval of the June 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

A quorum was not present; minutes were deferred to the next PTTF Meeting.

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**IV. MCAT Quarterly Report**

Mr. Bill Steele and Mr. Ryan Suarez, MCAT, reported on the following:

- Discussed the fixed route bus service modifications that will be effective as of November 12, 2016.
- MCAT started (last month) a pilot program for the Medical Bus Pass Program. Customers will be required to qualify for the program in order to receive an unlimited day pass to ride the fixed route bus to medical appointments and back home.
- MCAT's ADA bus stop upgrades and improvements are working on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 27<sup>th</sup> Street East in Bradenton.
- MCAT will move into the new facility located on the corner of US 301 and Tallavast Road by November 12, 2016. There will be a ribbon cutting for the new facility in January, 2017.

**V. SCAT Quarterly Report**

Mr. Chris DeAnnuntis and Mr. Rocky Burke, SCAT, reported on the following:

- Discussed the fixed route bus service modifications that will be effective as of November 12, 2016.
- SCAT stated there will be changes to the Liberty Pass Program starting October 1, 2016; there will be an increase per month from \$8.00 to \$15.00; on October 1, 2017 it will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and in 2018 it will be phased out.
- SCAT is moving forward with a design build approach for the ADA bus stop upgrades.
- SCAT is working on putting WiFi on all buses.

**VI. FDOT Update**

Mr. Richard Shine, FDOT, reported on the following:

- Introduced the new FDOT Transit Liaison, Pamela Barr.
- FDOT was approved for a \$132,000 Grant to work with Sarasota County on Sarasota Hospital land for a Park and Ride on I-75 and Sumter Boulevard.
- FDOT will be holding Grant Funding Workshops for the 5310, 5311, and 5339 grants on October 26, 2016 in Bartow from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and October 27, 2016 in Fort Myers from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**VII. Member Comments**

- Vice Mayor Susan Chapman stated the City of Sarasota is having a Public Hearing on October 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to review the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

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**VIII. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next regular PTTF meeting will be December 12, 2016 at 8:15 a.m.

**IX. Adjournment**

The Public Transportation Task Force meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m.

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**MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2016**

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant.

**Members Present**

Commissioner John Chappie, Manatee County  
Commissioner Linda Yates, City of North Port  
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, City of Palmetto  
Vice Mayor Susan Chapman, City of Sarasota  
Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County  
Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice

**Others**

Jack Rynerson, Citizen  
Rocky Burke, SCAT  
Chris DeAnnuntis, SCAT  
Bill Steele, MCAT  
Ryan Suarez, MCAT  
Jim Egbert, MCAT  
Richard Shine, FDOT  
Ernie Gerlach, Citizen

**MPO Staff**

Jim Van Pelt, Public Transportation Planner  
David Hutchinson, Executive Director  
Leigh Holt, Planning Manager  
Rachel McClain, Office Assistant  
Delaney Harshman, MPO Intern

**II. Open to the Public**

No comments from the public were received.

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**III. Approval of the December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Linda Yates: I move approval of the meeting minutes.

Commissioner John Chappie: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**IV. FDOT Update**

Mr. Richard Shine, FDOT, reported on the following:

- FDOT is preparing for the end of the state Fiscal Year.

**V. MCAT & SCAT Transit System Updates**

Mr. Chris DeAnnuntis and Mr. Rocky Burke, SCAT, reported on the following:

- SCAT will be presenting the Final Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA), the Liberty Pass Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for September, 2016 and the new Fiscal Year budget to the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners on July 12, 2016.
- SCAT is putting 10 new buses in services.

Commissioner Linda Yates was disappointed in SCAT for not providing any updates on the Comprehensive Operations Analysis process. She feels that the Commissioners were not given a chance to review the documents and make comments. Mr. Chris DeAnnuntis stated the documents were on the website and could have been reviewed at any time. Councilman Bob Daniels stated the Commissioners should have the documents provided to them instead having to go to the website due to the Commissioners busy schedules.

Mr. Bill Steele, Mr. Ryan Suarez, and Mr. Jim Egbert, MCAT, reported on the following:

- Skyway ConneXion: It was implemented on April 1, 2016 to take passengers between Bradenton and St. Petersburg/Pinellas County-Bay Pines Hospital.
- Service Modifications:
  - Improve frequency on Route 3 (Manatee Avenue) and Route 6 (Cortez Road) to every 30 minutes.
  - Restructure Route 99 to operate between Downtown Bradenton and Downtown Sarasota and to ensure 30 minute service to and from the Palmetto Station.
  - Restructure Routes 1, 13, and North County ConneXion to improve Downtown Bradenton connections with 30 minute frequency.
  - Restructure Route 4 to improve connections to Blake Hospital from Downtown Bradenton.
  - Modify Route 6 service east of DeSoto Station to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard.
  - Longboat Key alternative service delivery concept.

- Eliminate some early morning trips on the Anna Maria Island Trolley.
- Eliminate unproductive Saturday service on Route 9.

- MCAT's ADA bus stop upgrades and improvements are working on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Bradenton. A total of 121 shelters have been installed to date and 295 pads have been poured.
- Universal Access Pass Agreements: This program is a three-party agreement between Manatee County, Sarasota County, and two local colleges (Ringling College of Art and Design and New College of Florida). The agreement allows students, faculty, and staff to ride Manatee County and Sarasota County fixed route bus service for free when presenting a valid College issued ID.

14 **VI. Member Comments**

- Commissioner Linda Yates stated she would like to have quarterly reports at the PTTF meetings, like the ones that were provided in the past. Mr. Jim Van Pelt stated he would get with Mr. Rocky Burke to provide the correct documents for all future meetings.
- Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant stated she is really impressed with MCAT's public outreach.
- Mr. Jim Van Pelt stated he visited Ride Rights facility and the technology they are using is very impressive. There is hope that they will improve on service provided.

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31 **VIII. Adjournment**

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