



**MPO Offices
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243**

AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- I. Self-Introductions**
- II. Open to the Public**
- III. Approval of the October 7, 2015 Minutes**
- IV. FDOT Report**
- V. Other Business and Updates**
 - a. Placement of Scenic Highway Signs**
 - b. Joint Meeting w/ Bradenton Beach and Palma Sola**
- VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- VII. Once Around the Table**
- VIII. Date of Next Meeting: April 06, 2016**
- IX. 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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TAMIAMI TRAIL SCENIC HIGHWAY

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MEETING SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 7, 2015

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 CRA

Fil Rivera, MCAT

Russ Muller, FDOT

Bob Finck, AIM Engineering/Florida Scenic Highway Program

Mille Small, City of Sarasota Citizen

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 July 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ivan Groom: I move approval of the July 8, 2015 meeting minutes.

Mr. Bob Finck: I second the motion.

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IV. FDOT Report

FDOT had nothing to report.

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V. Other Business and Updates

a. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

No report was presented.

b. Recommendation of Placement of Scenic Highway Signs

Chair Volker Reiss stated he did not feel it would be a good idea to combine the Scenic Highway signs with the US 41 signs; the Scenic Highway signs are better free standing and the US 41 signs are not placed well.

Chair Reiss suggested relocating the following signs:

- Southbound on US 41 in front of the Peek-A-Boo Lounge could be relocated near Crosley or 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, suggested the sign Southbound on US 41 in front of Rico's could be moved in front of Whitaker Bayou. Mr. Van Pelt will contact Mr. Ryan Chapdelain regarding the placement of this sign.

Mr. Russ Muller, FDOT and Mr. Bob Finck, AIM Engineering/Florida Scenic Highway Program, stated they would work together on the paperwork in order to determine if the signs may be moved; same will be discussed at the next Scenic Highway meeting of January 6, 2016.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

a. Goals for 2016

- Joint meeting with Palma Sola Scenic Highway and Bradenton Beach Scenic Waves. Mr. Van Pelt will contact the Chairs of the Committees to determine if they will be available April 6, 2016, for a joint meeting.
- Recruit more members and have more citizen member involvement.

VII. Once Around the Table

~ Chair Volker Reiss stated the project "Old Manatee Inside," across the street from the Salvation Army, is trying to move forward. The idea of the project is to put in work force housing lofts and in order for the project to move forward it would need public funding.

Chair Reiss stated he went to Germany over the summer where there were many roundabouts that functioned really well; he was very surprised. Discussion ensued regarding all the roundabouts being installed in Sarasota. He stated to have an open mind when you hear talk of roundabouts, that they do work.

- 1 ~ Mr. Ivan Groom stated the 15th Street Project, Development and Environments (PD&E) is
2 still on-going and there will be an Open House on October 8, 2015 at the Queen of Martyrs
3 Church in Bradenton, Florida from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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5 Manatee County held two workshops on Urban Corridors, which includes the Tamiami Trail.
6 The Counties are looking for ways to increase density and intensity in areas with active
7 centers in some intersections and are trying to change the land development codes to reflect
8 that. Manatee County is hoping to have that changed by April or May of 2016.
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10 Manatee County has a Brownfield Grant starting up and is focusing on the Tamiami Trail.
11 They are waiting to hear feedback from Bradenton and Palmetto.
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13 There is a Business Outreach Workshop planned for November 16, 2015, at the Manatee
14 County Central Library. This may be a good time to set up a table and promote the Scenic
15 Highway Committee.
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- 17 ~ Mr. Bob Finck stated the Florida Scenic Highway Department has completed the Annual
18 Reports and distributed copies to the Members. The Department will be receiving
19 information for the next Annual Report soon.
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21 The Department printed 35,000 copies of the new "Rack Card" to hand out to all the
22 visitor/welcome centers along the Florida/Georgia border and with the partnership "Visit
23 Florida." The Department is hoping this will help promote the Scenic Highways and
24 encourage tourists to visit Florida's Scenic Highways.
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27 **VIII. Date for Next Meeting**

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29 The next Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
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32 **IX. Adjourn**

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34 The Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.



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