



Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

Public Transportation Task Force Meeting

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2019

TIME: 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Sarasota/Manatee MPO
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243



Wireless Access Available
Network Name: MPO_Guests
Password: Internet

MPO Chair, Alan Maio, Sarasota County Commissioner

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2019

Chair Commissioner Alan Maio called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Rachel McClain, Planning Assistant, confirmed a quorum was present.

Members Present

Mayor Liz Alpert, City of Sarasota
Commissioner Betsy Benac, Manatee County
Commissioner Jack Daly, Town of Longboat Key
Councilman Bob Daniels, City of Venice
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryan, City of Palmetto
Commissioner Alan Maio, Sarasota County
Michelle Peronto, FDOT
Sarah Blanchard, SCAT
Jim Egbert, MCAT
Rick Ferris, SCAT
Bill Steele, MCAT

MPO Staff

Ryan Brown
David Hutchinson
Rachel McClain
Corinne Tucker

Guests Present

Dale Hanson, FDOT
Colleen McGue, City of Sarasota
Alan Szuhany, SCAT

Approval of the November 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mayor Liz Alpert and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public that wished to speak.

Reports and Presentations

a. MCAT Quarterly Report

Mr. Ryan Suarez, MCAT, stated there was an increase in ridership over the last year by 6.26%.

Mr. Suarez announced that two old MCAT buses have been transformed into Mass Evacuation Vehicles and this has saved money for Manatee County. These vehicles also serve as a staging and cooling station for the Emergency Medical Services and firefighters. They are Ambubuses and there named Raptor One and Raptor Two. MCAT will be replacing five buses, three new trollies and two 35' buses. MCAT is still working on ADA bus stop upgrades, to date 650 stops have been upgraded.

Mr. Suarez showed the monitor that is installed on the buses for the real time passenger information. This information can be found online or on the mobile app for phones.

Mr. Suarez announced MCAT will be doing the Summer Connection Pass over the summer for kids 19 years of age and younger. The pass is good for unlimited rides between June and August for \$25.00. More outreach will be provided through the travel training program.

Mr. Suarez stated that mobile ticketing has begun and is found on tokentransit.com.

b. SCAT Quarterly Report

Ms. Sarah Blanchard, SCAT, provided an overview of the January and February 2019 ridership totals, monthly on time performance, Breeze ridership totals, and bus stop shelter upgrades.

c. Active Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, provided an overview of the Active Transportation Plan and suggested the Members attend the meeting on April 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at USF. The jurisdictions will be providing an overview of their Comprehensive plans at the April 22nd meeting. At the March 11th TransForum event there were approximately 100 people that attended. Also, provided information on the Street Light data.

d. FDOT Report

Ms. Michelle Peronto, FDOT, stated the 2018 grant awards have been given and the applications for the 2019 awards are being reviewed.

Ms. Peronto stated Procurement training will be held on April 11th in Bartow and April 15th in Fort Myers.

e. Once Around the Table

- Councilman Bob Daniels announced that the City of Venice is wrapping up their beautification project.
- Chair Commissioner Alan Maio stated that the concerns regarding SCAT is duly noted and will be conveyed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the PTTF meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.