

DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Telephone/Video Conference

Maika Arnold, Vice Chair, Town of Longboat Key



MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION
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MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Mika Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. a

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Members Present

Jesten Abraham, FDOT
Maika Arnold, Town of Longboat Key Planning, Zoning & Building
Sarah Blanchard, Sarasota County Area Transit
Isaac Bowman, Town of Longboat Key Public Works Department
Lynn Burnett, ITPO
Ryan Chapdelain, City of Sarasota Transportation Engineering
Alison Christie, City of North Port Neighborhood Development Services
Kim Clayback, City of Bradenton Public Works
Diane Cominotti, Sarasota County School Board Planning
Clarke Davis, Manatee County Public Works
Alexandra DavisShaw, City of Sarasota Transportation Engineering Division
Nelson Galeano, Manatee County Public Works
Brett Harrington, Sarasota County Planning and Development
George Isiminger, Manatee County Port Authority
Amy Nelson, City of Venice Planning & Zoning
Ben Newman, City of North Port
Karla Owens, City of Palmetto Planning & Zoning
Jonathan Roberson, Manatee County Area Transit
Myra Schwartz, City of Bradenton Planning Department
Kathleen Weeden, City of Venice
Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County Public Works

Staff Present

Ryan Brown
Alvimarie Corales
Nanette Eubanks
Leigh Holt
David Hutchinson
Nancy Simpson
Corinne Tucker

Action Items

- a. Cost Feasible Plan Workshop Meeting minutes for July 27, 2020
Mr. George Isiminger entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Paula Wiggins seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 1. Authorization of Roll Forward Projects
Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT, provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Authorization of Roll Forward Projects:
 - There is a three (3) month gap between the start of the State Fiscal Year (July 1) and the start of the Federal Fiscal Year (October)

- During that three (3) month gap, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) still regard the old State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) as being in effect.
- If there is a project in any of the four (4) federally recognized years of the old TIP that was not authorized by June 30, 2020, FDOT can still get federal authorization for that project based on the old TIP, provided the authorization request occurs between July 1 and September 30. There is still a need, to make sure that such projects are in the new TIP if the projects are to be authorized after September 30th.
- Inclusion in the TIP is needed to ensure authorization of federal funds. This is accomplished through a Roll Forward TIP Amendment, which must occur before October 1.
- This action simply reconciles the documents for the period between the beginning of the State and Federal fiscal years.
- This process does not replace the usual committee review and Board approval that is followed for regular TIP amendments that are required at other times of the year.

2. TIP Amendments

Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT, explained the TIP amendments brought forward by the Florida Department of Transportation requesting changes to the following projects in Manatee and Sarasota Counties:

- FPN 434610-1 Sarasota County FTA Section 5307 Small Urban Operating Assistance; for a total of \$2,790,222 in year 2019, \$930,074 in years 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 and \$863,366 in year 2021.
- FPN 440266-1 Sarasota County FTA Section 5307 Operating Assistance; for a total of \$3,341,170 in year 2019, \$1,421,392 in years 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 and \$1,405,746 in year 2021.
- FPN 446954-1 SR 684 (Cortez Road West) from 26th Street West to 14th Street West in Manatee County; for a total of \$5,000 in year 2020 and \$3,379,626 in year 2021.
- FPN 201277-3 I-75 (SR 93) at SR 72 (Clark Road) Interchange in Sarasota County; for a total of \$7,008,848 in year 2019, \$149,310 in year 2020, \$58,936,780 in year 2021 and \$2,000,000 in year 2024.
- FPN 201277-5 I-75 (SR 93) at Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota County; for a total of \$18,587,159 in year 2019, \$32,439 in year 2020, \$2,229,283 in year 2021, \$8,600,454 in year 2023 and \$175,878,647 in year 2025.
- FPN 440136-1 SR 45 (US 41) N Tamiami Trail Intersection Lighting Retrofit in Sarasota County; for a total of \$18,410 in year 2019, \$14,224 in year 2020 and \$911,346 in year 2021.
- FPN 447145-1 SR 683 (US 301/Washington) & 17th Street Intersection Lighting Retrofit in Sarasota County; for a total of \$630 in year 2019 and \$157,759 in year 2021.

If approved by the MPO Board at its September 21, 2020 meeting, the listed projects will be added in the current adopted FY 2020/21 – 2024/25 TIP.

Ms. Lynn Burnett entertained a motion to recommend MPO Board approval of the FDOT requested TIP Roll Forward projects and TIP amendments. Mr. Jonathan Roberson seconded the motion. Vice Chair Maika Arnold asked if anyone opposed approving both items (in one motion); hearing no opposition, motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Presentations

a. FDOT Report

Mr. Jesten Abraham reported on the following:

- FDOT's TransPlex Webinar Series will be held on Fridays in October from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There is no registration fee and more information may be found at www.fdot.gov/planning/transplex
- Mobility Week will be held from October 30th to November 6th with virtual and in person events.

b. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit (GCSSS)

Ms. Nancy Simpson, MPO Staff, explained the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit (GCSSS) is a collaborative event for MPOs along the Gulf Coast. Last year's Summit gathered 112 individuals and 59 organizations. This year The Summit is being held the week of November 16th through 19th, 2020 with a modified format due to COVID-19. This Summit provides a regional approach to prioritize the Complete Streets and Vision Zero initiatives throughout the local jurisdictions along the Gulf Coast of Florida. For more information regarding the 2020 GCSSS please visit: <https://www.gulfcoastsafestreetssummit.org>.

c. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO Staff, explained the 2045 LRTP will be presented to the MPO committees and Board in September, posted for a 30-day public comment period, and brought back to the committees and Board for final approval in October.

The purpose of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is to develop future transportation facilities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The DRAFT LRTP considers the full complement of transportation modes – roads, bicycles, pedestrians, trails, transit, parking, railroads, and airports. The plan includes the funded projects currently in the FDOT FY 2021-2025 five-year work program and proposed projects for the next 20 years from 2026 to 2045. Project priorities in the 2045 LRTP are based on the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, economic activity, and revenue.

Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO Staff, provided an overview of the 2045 LRTP:

- The Plan is for 25 years and is updated every 5 years and contains a list of project priorities that must be cost feasible
- Legal requirements include national goals, federal planning factors, Florida Statutory mandates, FDOT emphasis areas, MPO vision, goals and objective, and extensive community involvement. Documentation shows MPO goals and objective align with the Federal and State mandates. Public involvement and engagement include over 2,000 online survey responses; 5 TransForums averaging 100 participants; 7 Tuesday Traffic Jam podcasts with over 3,000 online views; 14 community partners participated extensively.
- The MPO Board's adopted Vision is to promote economic diversity, preserve environmental health, and create vibrant places. The Board has also adopted the goals, the objectives and project priorities criteria.
- The Cost Feasible Plan identified needs from: the adopted 2040 Plan; FDOT 5 Year Work Program; MPO approved 2020 project priorities, adopted studies and plans, adopted vision, goals, and objective; scoring with adopted priority criteria; community input; and town tour presentations to every jurisdiction except for the City of Bradenton.
- Followed the FDOT Revenue Forecasting Guidebook: FDOT takes the lead in aviation, rail, seaports, intermodal access, and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) highway construction and right-of-way (ROW). There are no SIS projects in the Cost Feasible Plan but are prioritizing projects: Interchange improvements I-75 at SR 681; Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport projects; Port Manatee projects; and Intermodal access interchanges.
- Bridges are also not necessarily included in the Cost Feasible Plan, but they are important and will be included in the document: replace aging infrastructure; create a policy of bus on shoulder and bicycle and pedestrian options on the bridges.
- The FDOT Guidebook states MPOs use total funds estimated to meet needs for the Non-Strategic Intermodal System (Non-SIS) construction and right-of-way (state roads/regionally significant local roads) and transit projects. The MPO has approximately \$2 billion for the next 25 years.
- The MPO Board has agreed to continue the US 41 Multi Modal Emphasis Corridor (MMEC) program but several new corridors are being proposed for the MMEC program. \$300 million has been set aside for investments over the next 25 years that can be applied to projects in the MMEC.
- The corridors that have been identified are also targets for premium transit in the future.
- FDOT Revenue Forecasting Guidebook for "Off System" roads MPOs are to use all estimated Transportation Management Area (TMA/SU) funds of \$270 million. There is also up to 10% of FDOT NON-Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds available, which could give us an additional \$118 million for projects on local roads. This idea has been presented to FDOT District One Staff and they have been supportive.

- The \$118 million has been placed in the Plan by adding lanes on existing roads to support growth; construction of new regional connectors that add capacity; try to use that 10% of state's other Arterial to match local dollars with FDOT funds.
- Will start with a series of gateways projects that Promote Economic Diversity that include roundabouts, significant intersection improvements, Complete Streets, or new facilities to improve traffic.
- For places to be vibrant the MPO has a large investment in TSM&O (Transportation System Management and Operations). Top 40 congested corridors are eligible for investment fund through FDPT's Congestion Management Plan (CMP), there is \$75 million set aside for local projects that are identified in the TSMO Master Plan or CMP that local jurisdictions can apply for. Those do require for the local jurisdictions to commit to maintenance and operations. \$200,000 has also been set aside annually for operations, per FDOT's request and will be used as a matching funds.
- \$75 million has been set aside for safety over the next 25 years. Also, \$25 million has been set aside for walking, bicycling, trails, sand transit.
- Each investment fund has a list of candidate projects and there is still a needs list for projects beyond the candidate list.
- The first Draft of the LRTP and Cost Feasible Project Priorities was posted and distributed on September 10, 2020; it will be presented to the MPO Board at its September 21st meeting; the Final Draft will be posted and distributed for a 30 day public comment period on September 25, 2020; will seek MPO Board approval at its October 26, 2020 meeting.

To download and review Long Range Planning documents and watch Tuesday Traffic Jam Podcasts, visit <https://publicinput.com/W6275>.

d. Once Around the Table

- Ms. Sarah Blanchard, SCAT, stated SCAT is continuing to work on its Modern Network Mobility Planning for transit. Surveys have been offered online at www.scgov.net/scat that shows some of the recommendation encouraged everyone to look at the survey. The study will wrap up this month and then presented to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners in October.
- Ms. Alexandria DavisShaw announced the roundabouts on US 41 at 10th St., 14th St. and Fruitville Rd. are moving along well and are scheduled to be completed in November.
- Mr. Ryan Chapdelain stated City of Sarasota Staff is expected to present at the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit. Also announced that Ms. Colleen McGue welcomed a baby boy last Tuesday and everyone is doing fine.
- Mr. Ben Newman stated contractors are proceeding with bicycle lanes on Biscayne Drive. Also, City of North Port Staff are scheduled to give the City Commission a presentation on the status of the I-75 Raintree/Yorkshire interchange.
- Ms. Karla Owens stated the City of Palmetto has put up its new Seahorse Statue in front of the Riverside Boat Ramp, at the foot of the Green Bridge
- Mr. Jonathan Roberson stated MCAT began full service on August 29th and continuing fare free.
- Ms. Dian Cominotti announce Sarasota County is in early negotiations for school sites in both High Hat and Winchester Ranches.
- Mr. David Hutchinson pointed out the LRTP addressed the jurisdiction's priorities and hopefully this will assist in getting projects for the jurisdictions.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the TAC meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.