

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Telephone/Video Conference



MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION:
Instructions are attached

Commissioner Alan Maio, Chair, Sarasota County

MEETING MINUTES

Chair Alan Maio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Chair Maio explained the meeting was being recorded and will be available with other materials on the MPO's website at www.mympo.org.

Ms. Corinne Tucker, Staff, confirmed a quorum was present by calling the roll.

Members

Commissioner Alan Maio, Chair
Darrell Butler, Veterans Affairs
Joe Doss, CareerSource Suncoast
Brett Gottschalk, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Dale Hanson, FDOT
Emily Hughart, Agency for Health Care Admin.
Arthur Lerman, Elderly Citizens
Kimberly Reuter, Voc. Rehab.
Micki Ryan, Public Education
Jeff Tarbell, Easter Seals SW Florida
Ken Waters, Economically Disadvantaged
Jeremy Whatmough, Citizen Advocate

Staff

Nanette Eubanks
Rachel McClain
Corinne Tucker

Transit

Sarah Blanchard, SCAT
Jane Grogg, SCAT
Benjamin Pearl, SCAT

Others

Scott Lansing, MTM

Public Comment

No one from the public wished to speak. There were three ways for the public to provide input to the LCB Board meeting. No comments were received prior to the meeting. Any comments received after the meeting will be shared with the Board and included as part of the public record (None were received).

Action Items

- a. Approval of the January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Jeremy Whatmough entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ms. Emily Hughart second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- b. Approval of the Annual Operating Report
Ms. Corinne Tucker, Staff, explained the Annual Operating Report (AOR) was presented to the Board at its previous meeting and has been brought back for Board approval. Mr. Jeff Tarbell entertained a motion to approve the Annual Operating Report. Mr. Joe Doss second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- c. Approval 2020-21 Rate Model Worksheet
Mr. Benjamin Pearl, SCAT, provided an overview of the Rate Model Worksheet. Mr. Arthur Lerman entertained a motion to approve the 2020-21 Rate Model Worksheet. Mr. Jeremy Whatmough second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

- d. Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Annual Update
Ms. Sarah Blanchard, SCAT, provided a presentation regarding major accomplishments, updates, and revisions to the TDSP Annual Update. Mr. Jeremy Whatmough entertained a motion to approve the TDSP Annual Update. Mr. Jeff Tarbell second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- e. Approval of the Annual CTC Evaluation
Ms. Corinne Tucker, Staff, provided an overview of the evaluation process, the LCB Evaluation Committee's findings and recommendations, and survey results. Mr. Joe Doss entertained a motion to approve the Annual CTC Evaluation. Mr. Darrell Butler second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Reports and Presentations

- a. Community Transportation Coordinator's (CTC) Report
Mr. Benjamin Pearl, SCAT, provided an update on the quarterly activities for SCAT from January 2020 to March 2020.

Ms. Corinne Tucker, Staff, asked what action was taken regarding verified complaints of rude drivers. Mr. Benjamin Pearl, SCAT, responded typically corrective counseling would be the first step then progressing to discipline of any of the drivers that are involved in repeat offenses. He clarified the drivers are employed by MTM; SCAT does not have a hand in the disciplinary process but does follow up to ensure the complaint was addressed.

Discussion ensued regarding safety adjustments made by SCAT and providers in response to COVID-19 ensuring the safety of employees and riders; i.e. attempting to maintain social distancing on the buses; wiping down the areas as much as possible at the end of each ride; providing a thorough cleaning of the buses at the end of the day; passengers are not required to wear masks but employees are provided with masks (along with gloves and hand sanitizer) and are required to wear them.

- b. FDOT Report
Ms. Dale Hanson, FDOT, stated FTA Section 5310, 5311, and 5339 applications for fiscal year 2019 are being developed. For fiscal year 2020, FTA Section 5310, 5311, and 5339 applications were due on December 20, 2019. FDOT received 48 applications and they are currently under review.

- c. MPO Staff Report
Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, stated due to COVID-19, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Workshops will be held virtually by jurisdiction beginning in June. Members are encouraged to participate.

Ms. Tucker suggested a letter be drafted on behalf of the LCB Board recognizing and thanking transit for continuing to work and providing service during this very difficult time for our less fortunate, elderly, and disabled. It was the consensus of the Board for staff to draft a letter for Chair Alan Maio's signature.

Ms. Rachel McClain, MPO, announced she will be taking a different role within the MPO and will no longer be the Secretary of the LCB. Chair Alan Maio thanked Ms. McClain for her service.

Once Around the Table

- Chair Alan Maio asked Members to remind elected officials that the drop in the number count in ridership is directly linked to COVID-19 and not linked at all to the reduction of need.
- Mr. Joe Doss stated with the reduction of user service due to COVID-19 asked if this could eventually turn into an increase in the cost of service due to social distancing. Chair Alan Maio commented that was a good point and for Staff to continue to educate the people that are making the decisions regarding funding.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Alan Maio adjourned the Sarasota LCB meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.