

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021

**TIME:** 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Sarasota/Manatee MPO  
8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, Florida 34243



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Kim Clayback, Chair, City of Bradenton

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### MEETING MINUTES

Chair Kim Clayback called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. a quorum was not present.

#### Members

Maika Arnold, Town of Longboat key  
Kim Clayback, City of Bradenton  
Diane Cominotti, Sarasota County  
Richard Garrett, Citizen  
Patrick Lui, Sarasota County  
Michael Lynch, Manatee County  
John League, Citizen  
Dan Ohrenstein, City of Sarasota  
Karla Owens, City of Palmetto  
Ramon Quintero, FDOH Sarasota County

#### Staff

Ryan Brown  
Alvimarie Corales  
Nanette Eubanks  
David Hutchinson  
Corinne Tucker

#### Others

Chris Keller, Tindale Oliver  
Michael McLaughlin, Citizen

#### Non Voting Advisory

Susan Montgomery

#### Public Comment

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

#### Approval of Minutes for October 20, 2020

This item was deferred to the April 2021 BPTAC meeting.

#### 2021 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

This item was deferred to the April 2021 BPTAC meeting.

#### Action Items

a. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee Policies  
Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, noted staff has reviewed and made changes to the BPTAC policy in accordance with the adopted review schedule and with State Law. The changes are minor and address administrative discrepancies as well as clarify language. BPTAC Policy original, mark up, and new version were provided to Members that included:

- Added revision date
- Updated information
- 4.b – Added clarifying language
- 6.a – Amended language
- 6.b – Removed specific staff member name, removed repetitive language
- 6.c – Added clarifying language
- 6.e – Added clarifying language
- 6.i,j,k,l – Removed and/or added consistent language

Discussion ensued regarding the requirement of an in-person quorum due to the Governor lifting the use of virtual communication technology. Members suggested to add language to the BPTAC Policy allowing for a one third in

person quorum during a State of an Emergency. Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, stated the language will be added to the BPTAC Policy and then brought back for action at the next meeting.

b. Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, explained Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act legislation require metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to use outcome-based planning for five safety measures:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

The MPO adopted their first targets for the 2014-2018 five-year rolling average on January 22, 2018. The second targets for 2015-2019 five-year rolling average were adopted on September 24, 2018 where realistic, attainable safety performance targets were set based on historical statistics and projected trends. Additionally, Vision Zero was adopted as a long term goal to be reached by 2045.

The third targets for the 2016-2020 five year rolling average were adopted on January 27, 2020. The actual numbers were higher than originally projected. The MPO Board adopted the same targets as 2015-2019 for number of fatalities and number of serious injuries while using the actual numbers for 2016-2020 for the remaining targets as new numbers.

The unvalidated 2020 data is now available. Based on this data, the actual numbers are once again higher than originally projected and the MPO will not meet some of the adopted 2016-2020 safety targets. The 2020 data will be validated Summer of 2021.

Evaluating how each performance measure has trended, allows the MPO to make a more informed decision in establishing 2017-2021 targets as well as future year targets.

MPOs must set 2017-2021 targets for each of the five Safety Performance Measures by **February 27, 2021**.

c. 2021 Project Priorities

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained Florida Statute requires each MPO to develop a list of Project Priorities and submitted the list to FDOT. FDOT District One has requested that the MPO submit priorities by March 15, 2021. MPO member jurisdictions have updated prior applications and a finalized list of new projects has been submitted for consideration. Elected officials from each MPO member agency were asked to review and rank projects within their jurisdiction to ensure agency and public support for the requested priorities by February 4, 2021.

The adopted MPO 2021 Project Priorities will be considered for funding by FDOT in the next tentative Five-Year Work Program (Fiscal Years 2022/2023 - 2026/2027).

**Reports and Presentations**

a. Annual Report

Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, explained the purpose of the annual report is to provide information to stakeholders and other interested parties regarding MPO activities in 2020. This report looks back at organizational goals in order to preserve recent history and to celebrate accomplishments of the past year. The result of this analysis is the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Top Ten.

Ms. Alvimarie Corales, MPO, provided an overview of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities.

b. Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit

Mr. Chris Keller, Tindale Oliver, presented an overview of the 2020 Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit (GCSSS) that was hosted by the MPO and held virtually over a four-day period between November 16th and November 19th. This was the 3rd annual installment of the GCSSS, which is a collaborative effort between the Florida Department

of Transportation and six MPOs including Forward Pinellas, Hernando/Citrus MPO, Hillsborough MPO, Pasco MPO, Polk TPO, and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO.

- The GCSSS is an educational event that brings together national speakers, public officials, technical staff, regional partners including counties and municipalities, and community partners to elevate the efforts to design and implement safe and equitable transportation facilities for all modes of transportation.
- The Sarasota/Manatee MPO hosted a Safety Policy Panel that focused on efforts to reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in the Sarasota/Manatee region.
- The panel assembled leaders in the realms of transportation planning, public health, engineering, policy, community advocates, and the private sector to develop and share promising strategies and to support strong, distributed leadership to make turn the goal of zero traffic-related fatalities into a reality.
- The Sarasota/Manatee MPO also hosted the ADA Accessible D-Lite Virtual Training designed to provide participants with insight into the essentials of accessible design and what the Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Puerto Rico Highway Transportation Authority, and the Florida LTAP Center are doing to ensure accessibility.

On behalf of the BPTAC, Chair Kim Clayback congratulated Mr. Richard Garret for being the recipient of the Vision Zero Hero award at the GCSSS.

c. Love to Ride

Ms. Laura Cisneros was not present. Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, shared how you can join the challenge: <https://www.lovetoride.net/csw/courses>.

d. FDOT Report

FDOT was not present.

e. Executive Director's Report

Mr. David Hutchinson, MPO, thanked everyone for participating in helping the MPO advance the cause of safety.

f. Once Around the Table

- Mr. John League stated 2 weeks ago the City Commission passed the Ringling Trails project which is a plan to take the outside lanes of Ringling Boulevard and turn them into protected bicycle lanes. This may be perhaps the first protected bicycle lane in our area.
- Mr. Rich Garrett stated he has received reports from various bicycle clubs and the main complaint is that bicycle lanes are not being properly maintained; grass is encroaching onto the bicycle lanes not providing enough clearance for riders, i.e., on University, east on Lorraine; the northside of Old Tampa Road; and along the Ft. Hamer Bridge. It has also been noted that the trolley drivers are not giving enough room to the cyclists on the roadway. Ms. Susan Montgomery stated she would make the appropriate people aware of the trolley issue.
- Mr. Michael Lynch announced "Employees Bike to Work" is the last week of March.
- Ms. Corinne Tucker reminded Members to take the US 41 Transit Study survey (it ends March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Chair Kim Clayback stated regarding the Five Year Work Plan, there are 4 sidewalk plans in Manatee County within the next 5 Year Work Plan, 2 are in the city and 2 in unincorporated Manatee. There are 2 Bicycle/Pedestrian projects in Sarasota County. She also noted the Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (FL LTAP) (through USF/CUTR) offers free webinars.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, the BPTAC meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.