

DATE: Monday, October 12, 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 Maika Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Members Present

Jesten Abraham, FDOT
Maika Arnold, Town of Longboat Key
Sarah Blanchard, Sarasota County Area Transit
Isaac Bowman, Town of Longboat Key
Lynn Burnett, ITPO
Alison Christie, City of North Port
Diane Cominotti, Sarasota County School Board Planning
Clarke Davis, Manatee County
Alexandra DavisShaw, City of Sarasota
Nelson Galeano, Manatee County
Brett Harrington, Sarasota County
George Isiminger, Manatee County Port Authority
Amy Nelson, City of Venice
Ben Newman, City of North Port
Karla Owens, City of Palmetto
Jonathan Roberson, Manatee County Area Transit
Myra Schwartz, City of Bradenton
Kathleen Weeden, City of Venice
Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County

Staff Present

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

Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2020

Ms. Lynn Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jonathan Roberson second the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Action Items

a. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO, stated the LRTP has been a 2-year process. The plan reflects the vision developed by the community and adopted by the MPO Board to promote economic diversity, preserve environmental health, and create vibrant places. She expressed how much she appreciated the Members of the TAC for this effort, especially in the last couple of months working through the Cost Feasible Plan. Ms. Leigh Holt provided an overview the LRTP:

- Over 100 projects valued at \$1.3 billion; \$300 million for Multi Modal corridors; \$75 million for technology; \$75 million for resiliency; \$75 million for safety; \$25 million for bicycle, pedestrian, trails, and transit; and \$255 million for state roads.
- \$300 million investment over 25 years for Multi Modal Corridors: The MPO Board voted to continue US 41 as a Multi Modal Corridor (the full length) and SR 64/Manatee Avenue; SR 789/Gulf Drive/Gulf of Mexico; SR

684/Cortez Road and 44th Avenue; University Parkway; SR 789/Ringling Causeway; SR 780/Fruitville Road; and SR 72/Stickney Point/Clark Road were added.

- Opportunity to expand local capacity by working with the FDOT, jurisdictions can match impact fees, sales tax, or any local revenue to drawn down FDOT other arterial money. In the past these funds have always been committed to state roads, but the rules allow for 10% of those funds to be spent on local roads.
- The roads that are including in the matching program are Buckeye Road, Ft. Hamer, Moccasin Wallow, Upper Manatee River Road, US 301, University Parkway, Tuttle Road, Honore Avenue, Ibis Street, Dove Avenue, Loraine Road, SR 681 East Roadway C, Laurel Road, Raintree Boulevard, and River Road.
- Final Draft of the LRTP was posted and distributed for an additional 30-day public comment period beginning September 24th.
- MPO staff is available for community, council, and commission presentations in October.
- The LRTP will be presented to the MPO Board for adoption at its October 26, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Leigh Holt noted Manatee County Commissioners Vanessa Baugh and Betsy Benac expressed concern regarding University Parkway, therefore if a change is made to the Plan it would only affect Manatee County.

Ms. Lynn Burnett moved to recommend MPO Board adoption of the Transform Tomorrow 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan including all reports, supporting documents, and appendices. Mr. Isaac Brownman second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Paula Wiggins asked if the MPO will continue to have the subscription with StreetLight Data. Ms. Leigh Holt answered it is not in the MPO's budget; the subscription is very expensive. Hopefully at some point FDOT will buy it and everyone may access it through them.

Mr. Brett Harrington stated he would like to see a connection of Knights Trail all the way down to Laurel Road included in the Vision Map. Also, there is another road north of Laurel Road that runs east/west, Rustic Road that was an arterial but is a local road since Venice annexed it that needs to be removed. Ms. Leigh Holt stated that change would be made. Ms. Kathleen Weeden clarified Rustic Road will remain a county road (before it is removed from a plan). Ms. Paula Wiggins responded Rustic Road is not going to be an arterial or collector, therefore the road can be removed.

Reports and Presentations

a. 2021 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained Legislative Priorities will be presented at both Manatee and Sarasota Counties' Legislative Delegation Meetings and distributed to partner organizations including the counties, municipalities, League of Cities, chambers, EDCs, and others, for consideration as part of their legislative agendas.

Mr. Ryan Brown noted the only change can be found under Protect Transportation Trust Funds and Programs is an added sentence to ensure the transportation funds collected will be used for transportation purposes: Advocate the use of all the Transportation Trust Funds available to support transportation projects in the FDOT work program.

Ms. Paula Wiggins moved to recommend approval of the Draft 2021 Sarasota/Manatee MPO State Legislative Priorities. Ms. Lynn Burnett second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 2021 Call for Projects

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained Florida Statute requires each MPO to develop a list of Project Priorities and to submit the list to FDOT. MPO member jurisdictions are being asked to update prior applications and to submit new projects for consideration by January 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Each application will be scored using the prioritization scoring methodology approved by the MPO Board and Committees on April 2017 and updated in 2019 to incorporate more effective measures and will include new components and guidelines developed during the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

The Draft MPO 2021 Project Priorities list will be taken to the MPO Board on February 22, 2021 for review and approval of the Final Project Priorities list will be transmitted to FDOT on March 15, 2021 to meet the State's

deadline. These project priorities will be submitted for FDOT funding consideration when developing the next Tentative Five-Year Work Program (Fiscal Years 2021/2022 – 2025/2026).

The MPO recently updated the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and developed the cost feasible plan. Jurisdictions may provide applications for projects included in the cost feasible plan. These projects will be evaluated and submitted by the MPO for programming based on the financial demands of current projects in the pipeline and future revenue forecasts.

c. Interim Safety Report

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. These first targets were based on actual data from 2012 to 2016.

The second targets for 2015-2019 five-year rolling average were adopted on September 24, 2018 setting realistic, attainable safety performance targets based on historical statistics and projected trends.

The third targets for 2016-2020 five-year rolling average were adopted on January 27, 2020 setting realistic, attainable safety performance targets based on historical statistics and projected trends. With the 2020 data available through August, it is estimated that the actual numbers will be higher than originally projected and the MPO may not meet the adopted 2016-2020 safety targets.

Evaluating how each performance measure has trended, allows the MPO to make a more informed decision in establishing 2017-2020 targets as well as future year targets. This evaluation helps in identifying areas for focused attention to allocate resources and funding to make the transportation system safer.

Ms. Corinne Tucker announced November 16 through 19 the Sarasota/Manatee MPO will be hosting the Gulf Coast Safe Streets Summit (GCSSS), which is an educational event that will highlight the importance of complete streets and vision zero in the region and how to achieve these goals:

- November 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sarasota/Manatee Safety Policy Panel (free)
- November 17, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ADA D-Lite Virtual Training (free) (3.5 PE Credits, CM Credits to be announced)
- November 18–19, 9:00 a.m. GCSSS Sessions, a small fee will be charged (CM Credits to be announced)
- Register for each event at <https://www.gulfcoastsafestreetssummit.org/registration>

d. FDOT Report

Mr. Jesten Abraham reported on the following:

- Mobility Week will be held from October 30th to November 6th with virtual and in person events. For more information, please visit www.MobilityWeekFL.com.
- 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.

e. Once Around the Table

- Ms. Sarah Blanchard stated SCAT is going forward with its fixed route authorization which included 3 stakeholder meetings (July, August, and September, several virtual meetings and 2 surveys, which had a combined of over 500 responses. SCAT will present to the Sarasota County Commission at its October 21st meeting.

- Ms. Lynn Burnett the City of Bradenton Beach received monies for a flood control project, which is under design and expected to be completed after the first of the year. Also, the City of Bradenton Beach has received state appropriated funding for underground electric. Detailed presentations will follow once the projects are completed.
- Ms. Alexandra DavisShaw stated the roundabouts on US 41, 10th Street, 14th Street and Fruitville are almost completed; Fruitville in late October and 10th Street and 14th Street middle of November.
- Mr. Brett Harrington introduced new TAC Alternate, Ms. Hannah Sowinski.
- Mr. George Isiminger also introduced new TAC Alternate, Mr. Clyde Joseph.
- Mr. Ben Newman stated the Biscayne Bicycle lanes project is getting close to the point where paving will begin along with driveway restorations. Just started a city-wide mobility connectivity study including an analysis for a mobility fee instead of a transportation impact fee. Also started the Cranberry Boulevard and Hillsborough intersection analysis for geometric change.
- Mr. Jonathan Roberson stated beginning December 5th MCAT will return to full fares.
- Ms. Paula Wiggins stated Myrtle Street Phase 2 improvements from the railroad tracks to Orange are anticipated to be completed shortly. Over the past year Sarasota County has been working on its complete streets implementation plan and its Vision Zero policy; those documents will be made available online for review and comment.

2021 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair clarified the 2021 TAC Chair is required to be from Manatee County or one of its municipalities and the Vice Chair from Sarasota County or one of its municipalities.

The floor was opened for nominations for 2021 TAC Chair. Ms. Kathleen Weeden nominated Ms. Maika Arnold for Chair. Ms. Maika Arnold accepted the nomination. Ms. Paula Wiggins second the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. Motion carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for 2021 TAC Vice Chair. Mr. Brett Harrington nominated Mr. Ben Newman for Vice Chair. Mr. Newman declined the nomination. Mr. Ben Newman nominated Mr. Brett Harrington. Mr. Harrington declined the nomination. Mr. Ben Newman nominated Ms. Paula Wiggins for Vice Chair. Ms. Wiggins accepted the nomination. Ms. Lynn Burnett second the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the TAC meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.