

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Sarasota/Manatee MPO
8100 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243



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Maika Arnold, Chair, Town of Longboat Key

MEETING MINUTES

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

Maika Arnold, Town of Longboat Key
Sarah Blanchard, Sarasota County Area Transit
Kent Bontrager, Sarasota-Bradenton Airport Authority
Isaac Brownman, Town of Longboat Key
Lynn Burnett, City of Holmes Beach-ITPO
Alison Christie for Nicole Galehouse, City of North Port
Diane Cominotti for Micki Ryan, Sarasota County School Board Planning
Nelson Galeano for Clarke Davis, Manatee County
Colleen McGue, City of Sarasota
Ben Newman, City of North Port
Karla Owens, City of Palmetto
Jonathan Roberson, Manatee County Area Transit
Kwamena Sankah for Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County

Advisory Members Present

Jesten Abraham, FDOT
Brian Pessaro, TBARTA

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Wally Blain, Tindale Oliver
Ryan Suarez, Kimley-Horn

Virtual Participation

Brett Harrington, Sarasota County
Chris Keller, Tindale Oliver
Amy Nelson, City of Venice
Kathleen Weeden, Tindale Oliver

Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2021

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

Action Items

- a. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT, explained this amendment is requesting changes to the following projects in Manatee and Sarasota Counties:

FPN 448808-1 Manatee County: 5310 Capital Manatee County BOCC (MCAT); for a total of \$193,827 in year 2021. **NOTE:** This is a new project that has been selected during the competitive application process for 5310 funding. The funds were allocated to the State in Federal FY 20 and were programmed in State FY 21.

FPN 410117-1 Sarasota County: Sarasota/Manatee MPO Transit Planning; for a total of \$3,718,166 in year 2020, \$295,754 in year 2021, \$219,254 in year 2022, \$219,254 in year 2023, \$219,254 in year 2024, and \$264,141 in year 2025. **NOTE:** This is a modification to update the funding source for the current Fiscal Year.

Mr. Ben Newman: I move to recommend to the MPO Board approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments.

Ms. Colleen McGue: I second the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible causes of fatalities and serious injuries, and how to reduce them.

Ms. Karla Owens: I move to recommend to the MPO Board adoption of the proposed 2017-2021 MPO Safety Performance Targets for the Sarasota/Manatee Region and support the transit safety targets set by MCAT and SCAT set forth in their respective Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASPs).

Ms. Colleen McGue: I second the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

c. 2021 Project Priorities

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained Florida Statute requires each MPO to develop a list of Project Priorities and to submit 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).

Ms. Colleen McGue: I move to recommend to the MPO Board approval of the 2021 Project Priorities.

Mr. Ben Newman: I second the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Reports and Presentations

a. 2021 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.

Mr. Isaac Brownman: I move to recommend to the MPO Board to affirm the 2021 Annual Report.

Mr. Jonathan Roberson: I second the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

b. US 41 Transit Choices Study

Mr. Ryan Suarez, Kimley-Horn, provided a presentation regarding the US 41 corridor that has been a priority of the MPO since development of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and continues to be a priority in the recently adopted Transform 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The US 41 corridor is one of the MPO's Multi Modal Emphasis Corridors (MMEC) and is considered a major travel corridor in the region:

- This corridor moves over 35,000 vehicles daily including public transportation services operated by MCAT and SCAT.
- US 41/Route 99 public transportation service has the largest number of passengers in the region, connecting people from Downtown Bradenton to Downtown Sarasota.
- US 41 Transit Choices Study focuses on evaluating options that improve the speed and on time performance of transit services on US 41/Route 99.
- The goal is to identify projects that improve and enhance public transportation services by providing timely connections with other services operating throughout the region, as well as meeting future transportation needs to support the creation of vibrant places and equitable transportation choices.
- To learn more, visit the project page at <https://publicinput.com/N7052>

The Members were invited to take a short 3-minute survey and share their opinions on different US 41 Transit Prioritization treatments at <https://publicinput.com/J5388>.

c. 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.

d. FDOT Report

Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT, had nothing to report.

e. Staff Report

Ms. Leigh Holt, MPO Strategic Planning Manager, announced she is retiring, and this will be her last meeting, and expressed how much she has enjoyed working with the TAC. She stated the MPO will be in great hands and announced Ms. Alvimarie Corales and Mr. Ryan Brown have both been promoted to Principal Planners.

On behalf of the TAC, Chair Maika Arnold congratulated Ms. Alvimarie Corales and Mr. Ryan Brown on their promotions and wished Ms. Leigh Holt good luck in her retirement.

f. Once Around the Table

-Ms. Sarah Blanchard, SCAT, stated SCAT is still working on its changes for routes and should be completed later in Spring. SCAT is also preparing for the mandatory mask requirement for public transit.

-Mr. Kent Bontrager, Sarasota-Bradenton Airport Authority, stated the Master Plan update for the airport should be completed next month and will email a copy to those who would like a copy. Announced Southwest airlines will begin service out of the airport next week.

-Mr. Isaac Brownman, Town of Longboat Key, deferred to Ms. Lynn Burnett, ITPO, requesting clarification regarding Gulf Drive and Cortez. Ms. Lynn Burnett, ITPO-Holmes Beach, provided a PowerPoint of the 2016 PD&E Study done by the FDOT of that intersection. She noted FDOT looked at several alternatives and the City of Holmes Beach is looking into a smaller footprint type of roundabout and this is something the FDOT agreed to also consider and is working through the process.

-Ms. Colleen McGue, City of Sarasota, stated the City has big projects that are about to get started: US 41 at Gulfstream roundabout should be under construction in a few months, once season is over. The concept plan for Ringling Boulevard Trail was approved by the City of Sarasota Commission, which will be connecting the Legacy Trail extension at Payne Park with downtown Sarasota along Ringling Boulevard. The City is also looking at a protected bicycle lane. Regarding Sarasota in Motion: Boulevard of the Arts will become a Complete Street; a concept plan for 10th Street from US 41 to Orange; and working extending Legacy Trail.

-Mr. Ben Newman, City of North Port, noted bicycle lanes along Biscayne are scheduled for completion next week. Also, there is an intersection analysis for Cranberry and Hillsborough.

-Mr. Jonathan Roberson, MCAT, gave a shout out to Ms. Corinne Tucker, MPO, and Mr. Ryan Suarez, Kimley-Horn, for the Route 99 US 41 Study.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the TAC meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.