

**Action Sheet
October 12, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Merz conducted services.

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens who came forward to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the July 13, 2016 meeting minutes; the September 13, 2016 meeting minutes; appointment of Penelope Barnard as the Agency for Health Care Administration representative on the LCB; appointment of Michael Mahoney as the Florida Department of Children and Family Services alternate on the LCB; appointment of Aaron Lounsberry as the Agency for Health Care Administration alternate on the LCB; appointment of Daniel Alejandro as the Largo Citizen representative on BPAC; approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan updates; and acceptance of the quarterly financial statement.

5. RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Community Planning Month – Proclamation

Following a brief description of Community Planning Month by the Executive Director, the Board approved the proclamation declaring October as Community Planning Month.

B. Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week – Proclamation

Following a brief overview by the Executive Director, the Board approved the proclamation declaring October 30 – November 5, 2016 as Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL

A. Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendment

1. Case CW 16-24 – City of St. Petersburg

Following a staff overview of the case and public hearing, the Board, in its role as the PPC, recommended approval of the amendment by a vote of 12-0.

7. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. PSTA Activities Report – Update

Mayor Bujalski provided an update of PSTA activities to the Board which included the fact that the PSTA Board took action to approve re-applying for a second five-year term as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Pinellas County. PSTA also approved the budget and millage rate of .7500, which is the maximum PSTA can levy to add an additional \$1.1 million in revenue to be used to implement more evening and weekend service as most requested by riders. PSTA is working to expand the Direct Connect pilot program which connects riders using Uber and United Taxi. The recommended beach alignment for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is St. Pete Beach. PSTA continues to be in conversations with the St. Pete Beach City Commission, residents and businesses to identify funding sources and reach an agreement. The Forward Pinellas Board authorized a letter of support to be written to St. Pete Beach with regard to the Central Avenue BRT project.

B. FDOT Corridor Studies (Alt 19, Pasadena Ave., S.R. 60)

Mr. Brian Shroyer, Multi Modal Project Manager of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), updated the Board on the current corridor studies FDOT is undertaking. In Pinellas County this includes Gulf to Bay/SR 60, Alternate US 19/SR 595 (from Park Street North to Belleair Rd., and from Belleair Rd. to the Pinellas/Pasco County line) and Pasadena Avenue/SR 693 (Shore Drive S to 66th Street N). The study along the entire SR 595/Alt US 19 corridor and Pasadena Avenue will focus on travel related problems, needs and issues, accessibility and safety as well as to identify future conditions. Consultants will provide near term and long range solutions and the department will explore resources to create new projects or incorporate solutions into existing designs. These studies will begin within the next few months. The Gulf to Bay/SR 60 corridor study (Bay Avenue to McMullen Booth Road), currently underway, focuses on improved mobility, decreasing congestion and improving bicycle and pedestrian safety. Alternative routes addressed in the study include Drew Street and Druid Road. The Board engaged in discussion about the composition of the Project Advisory Groups, timing of the studies relating to peak tourism season, the possibility of renaming Alt. US 19, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners' commitment of funds for a study at SR 60 and Belcher Road. This item was informational only.

C. US 19 Safe Access to Transit Corridor Study

An overview of the US 19 Safe Access to Transit Corridor Study Summary Report was presented to the Board by Mr. Chris Keller of Tindale Oliver and Associates. Mr. Keller identified safety related solutions to pedestrian and bicyclist traffic along the US 19 corridor. The study produced several options for roadway and pedestrian overpasses and underpasses as well as a transit circulator. Roadway underpasses would be more helpful if designed into future phases of the project and overpasses would require additional ROW that bike/pedestrian traffic would need to travel out of the way to access. A transit circulator would integrate current bus stops with pedestrian and roadway overpasses to cross US 19. The Board engaged in some discussion and Q&A about the options and associated costs. This item was informational only. Forward Pinellas, PSTA and FDOT worked in partnership on the project.

D. Impact Fee Study Update and Review of Multimodal Impact Fee Ordinance

Al Bartolotta, Forward Pinellas staff, updated the Board regarding a request from the City of St. Petersburg to update the multimodal impact fee/trip generation study. He outlined the MPO's role in the biennial update of the Multimodal Impact Fee Ordinance (MIFO) and explained that much of the data behind the rate schedules is based on a study completed in 1990 that the county funded. While it is agreed that the study needs to be updated, how to fund it remains an issue. Although the request to update the study came from St. Petersburg, it needs to be a countywide effort because the MIFO affects all the local governments. It was discussed that the ordinance entails a four percent administrative fee from revenues generated, and that may be a possibility for funding the study update. Forward Pinellas is working with County staff to identify funding for the project and will provide a cost estimate. The Board discussed a variety of options for funding solutions, including sharing the costs among all local governments depending on the allocations of the four percent administrative fee. Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton advised that staff would be continuing conversations with County staff and the cities and report back to the Board accordingly.

8. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Director's Report

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Making – Re-opening Comment Period

Forward Pinellas Executive Director reviewed a timeline of events to date and the details of the federal Notice of Proposed Rule Making. He advised that the comment period has been re-opened through October 24, 2016. He further advised that Forward Pinellas has been actively involved in conversations with local governments to seek input and encourage involvement in this process. He described a collaborative process that could be used as part of an independent research study on the options for regionalizing the three MPOs in the Tampa-St. Petersburg Urbanized Area. Additionally, it was discussed that to be consistent with the proposed rule the three counties (Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough) could move forward with a consolidated set of planning products, including a single Long Range Transportation Plan, performance measures, a project prioritization process, and a dispute resolution process. Following Board discussion, the Board decided additional comments would not be necessary as the specific information being sought related to fiscal impact was not known at this time. The Board took action to approve involvement in a collaborative process and research study of best practices and options for unifying the MPOs in the three counties. In the meantime, and regardless of the outcome of the study, the Board further approved pursuing a unified set of planning products to be developed within the TMA.

2. SPOTlight Update

Forward Pinellas Executive Director advised that the Waterborne Transportation Technical Forum originally scheduled for October 7, 2016 was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. It is in the process of being rescheduled and that information will be forthcoming. He further advised that Forward Pinellas and FDOT continue to work on safety issues and studies.

3. Complete Streets Program Update

Forward Pinellas Executive Director announced that a call for projects went out earlier this week with a due date of December 16, 2016. There is a technical workshop being held on October 13, 2016 to provide an overview of the program and answer any questions from interested applicants. Funding will be provided for concept planning, design or construction projects that meet the intent of this program. It was also announced that the notice to proceed will occur soon for the Complete Streets concept project on West Bay Drive as recently approved by FDOT.

4. Local Coordinating Board Letter of Support for Stretcher Van Transportation

The Executive Director announced that the Board of County Commissioners approved changes to the emergency management services (EMS) section of the County Code on October 11 to allow for non-emergency stretcher van transportation. Stretcher vans provide a more cost effective option to ambulance transports in situations where the passengers do not require medical attention. Forward Pinellas has been working with the transportation disadvantaged community and the County's EMS staff on this issue since 1996. The LCB provided a letter to the Pinellas County EMS and Fire Administration in support of the changes to the County Code.

5. Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority Update

Forward Pinellas Executive Director noted that in follow up to the Board of County Commissioners inquiry into having THEA operate a toll road on this side of Tampa Bay, Forward Pinellas staff will be involved in a meeting with THEA in the coming weeks.

9. **INFOMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Florida Automated Vehicles Summit 2016, Tampa, November 28-30, 2016**

http://www.fleng.org/seminars.cfm?event_id=736

B. **Howard Frankland Bridge Update**

The Executive Director reminded the Board that FDOT would be working on re-evaluating the design for the bridge and resume presentations sometime next year, although the CAC and TCC already had presentations this year.

C. **US 19 North Projects Update**

The Board was provided information on the status of US 19 North projects in the FDOT Work Program.

D. **CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan map Amendments**

The Board was provided information about CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan map amendments.

E. **Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings**

The Board was provided information about public outreach and meetings the staff are attending.

F. **Correspondence, Fatalities Map and Draft PAC Action Sheet**

The correspondence of interest, fatalities map and draft PAC Action Sheet were provided for reference.

G. **Committee Vacancies**

The CAC currently has openings for At Large, Beaches and Largo Area representatives.

H. **Other**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.