



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
May 11, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Eggers conducted services for the MPO.

The MPO recognized the retirement of Carolyn Kuntz, long-time MPO staff member, and thanked her for her service to the MPO

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes; an agreement and amendments between the MPO and FDOT, the MPO Certification Statement, and the appointment of Norris Varkalhoff as an At Large representative on the CAC.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

A. Proposed Amendments to the FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program

Following a description of the amendments by MPO staff and public hearing, the MPO approved the TIP amendments for a Bus and Bus Facilities Program Section 5339 Program Grant and Interstate express lanes (e.g. TBX) on I-275 from south of 118th Avenue North to south of 4th Street North by roll call vote.

MPO staff indicated FDOT will provide a presentation on the TBX project at the June meeting. The June MPO meeting will also include a resolution of support for the TBX project for MPO consideration. MPO members representing PSTA and St. Petersburg reiterated their desire to have TBX extended into downtown St. Petersburg. Mr. Blanton indicated that revenue from the current TBX project is needed to fund the extension into downtown during a future phase.

VI. PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. PSTA Activities Report – Update

Mayor Bujalski, the PSTA representative, provided an update on PSTA-related activities, noting PSTA is working on a sustainability plan and that the Jolley Trolley service will start running seven days a week for the northern coastal route. She also reported on the PSTA Board workshop that was held last Friday where Brad Miller and Whit Blanton made presentations. Information was provided on the dates for the public meetings PSTA is holding to receive input on service changes.

B. Updated Transportation Alternatives Criteria – Update

MPO staff provided an update on TA prioritization criteria, noting the criteria will be on the June MPO agenda for action after the BPAC has an opportunity to review it.

C. Unified Planning Work Program – Action

Following MPO staff review, the MPO approved Resolution #16-4 and the FY 2016/17 – 2017/18 UPWP.

D. Complete Streets (FDOT) – Presentation

FDOT staff presented the agency's policy on complete streets.

E. U.S. 19 Corridor Safety Study – Presentation

The MPO received a U.S. 19 corridor safety study presentation by the consultant and a brief summary of the status of the planned improvements for the corridor by FDOT staff. FDOT staff reported that the Department is moving forward with the design projects for segments north of Tampa Road although right-of-way and construction are not funded. Provisions for pedestrian crossings will be included in the designs.

Regarding the MPO letter to FDOT requesting a delay in the design of the interchanges north of Tampa Road, FDOT indicated the MPO should receive their response in a couple of weeks.

Noting the Pasco MPO has removed overpasses for U.S. 19 from their plans, MPO staff recommended that the Pasco MPO be invited to present their long-term vision for U.S. 19 improvements at the June MPO meeting.

F. Roundabout – Presentation

Ken Sides, Sam Schwartz Engineering, provided a presentation on roundabouts.

VII. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Director's Report

1. Performance Based Outcome Driven Planning Process

The MPO Director reported staff will be initiating work on the performance based outcome driven planning process working with the advisory committees. Information will be brought to the July joint MPO/PSTA board workshop and then the September MPO meeting for input. As follow-up to an earlier request, the MPO asked about participation in the Transportation for America Leadership Program. The Executive Director indicated that money has been set aside for that program. The PSTA Chairman indicated PSTA will also be asked to provide funding for the program.

2. SPOTlight Update

The MPO Executive Director updated the Board on the recent listening session for beach access and provided information on the next listening session for the Gateway area that will be held May 16. FDOT, local governments and the MPO will fund the Gateway Master Plan. It was reported that the County Planning Department, working with MPO staff, is initiating the scoping efforts to look at the appropriate land uses along the U.S. 19 corridor for the unincorporated area. Mr. Blanton reported that the scope of services for the S.R. 60 multi-modal facility analysis is moving forward in partnership with PSTA and the City of Clearwater. The evaluation will provide a comprehensive assessment of the corridor from the Tampa International Airport to Clearwater Beach. Mr. Blanton also indicated the PSTA transfer analysis scope of work, developed in partnership with PSTA, is moving forward that will look at appropriate transfer locations.

The Chairman reported on the monthly coordination meetings between the City of St. Petersburg, the MPO, and PSTA being held in the Carillon area and the desire of the business community for more connectivity and their desire to have a downtown area that is pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Correspondence

B. Other

The fatalities map is included in the agenda packet.