

Action Sheet
September 13, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Caudell 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 June 8, 2016 meeting minutes; 5305 PSTA Joint Participation Agreement; amendment to agreement with Pinellas County for FY 2011 Federal Transit Administration Section 5320 program grant funding to update the name and clarify the role of the project manager; amendment to agreement with the City of St. Petersburg regarding Central Avenue; 2016 Level of Service Report; appointment of Michelle Hodge as the Public Education representative on the LCB and Hetty Harmon as the Indian Rocks Beach representative on the TCC; official acceptance of a Countywide Plan Map adjustment within the City of Safety Harbor.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

Following an FDOT review and public hearing, the Board, in its role as the MPO, approved the Roll-Forward TIP amendment to reconcile year one of the TIP with year one of the FDOT Work Program by roll call vote.

B. Annual Adoption of Transportation Project Priorities

- a. Following a staff presentation and public hearing, the Board, in its role as the MPO, approved the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Priority List by roll call vote.
- b. Following a staff presentation and public hearing, the Board, in its role as the MPO, approved the 2016 Multimodal Transportation Priority List by roll call vote.
- c. Following a staff presentation and public hearing, the Board, in its role as the MPO, approved the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) 2016 Top Priorities and the TMA 2016 Priorities for Regional Multi-use Trails by roll call vote.

PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL (PPC)

Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments

1. Case CW 16-23 – City of Clearwater

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.

6. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

A. PSTA Activities Report

Mayor Bujalski provided an update of PSTA activities to the Board. She noted that after an update by Whit Blanton, the PSTA Legislative Committee strongly supported the multimodal approach by creating a balanced priority list and the inclusion of transit projects for the first time. A letter of support was sent to Forward Pinellas in that regard.

The Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit technical work and public outreach are leading to St. Pete Beach as the beach terminus. However, St. Pete Beach is not a member of PSTA. To keep the project on schedule, St. Pete Beach would need to commit funding for the additional BRT service by October. PSTA has launched the Flamingo Fares pilot program utilizing a smart phone app to purchase passes that can be used on PSTA and HART routes as well as the Streetcar in Tampa, the Jolley Trolley and the Looper. The PSTA Board approved the new Jolley Trolley and Looper agreements and expanded service on the Jolley Trolley Coastal Route to seven days per week. There is an event planned to celebrate this on October 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Dunedin. The PSTA Board voted to set the TRIM notice millage rate at the maximum of .7500. If approved, staff is recommending 100 percent of the additional revenue be spent to implement more evening and weekend service.

B. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Modification

The Board, in its role as the MPO, approved the modification to the LRTP to update the Transit Vision Map to show the addition of regional express bus service from downtown St. Petersburg to downtown Tampa.

7. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Proposed Amendments to Board Operating Procedures

Following a review of the first proposed amendment to allow for the appointment of alternate members by Forward Pinellas Executive Director and some discussion, the Board approved the amendment with additional language to be added for the return of the absent member. It was noted that this amendment will be subject to approval by the governor prior to incorporation to the operating procedures.

The second amendment to the Board Operating Procedures to further clarify the use of a nominating committee was reviewed by the Executive Director and subsequently approved by the Board with additional language to clarify that the nominating committee was limited to members not seeking appointment to the Executive Committee.

The third amendment to the Board Operating Procedures regarding the evaluation and compensation of the Executive Director was reviewed and approved by the Board. Later in the meeting the Chairman noted the process for evaluation of the Executive Director that was approved by the Executive Committee in July to be utilized for 2016.

B. Director's Report

1. SPOTlight Update

Forward Pinellas Executive Director noted there is an upcoming Waterborne Transportation Technical Forum on October 7th being hosted by Forward Pinellas to ensure consistency among the local governments in dealing with the issues associated with this type of transit. Forward Pinellas staff have been meeting with the local governments and developing scopes of work for the Enhancing Beach Access, US 19 and Gateway/Mid-County SPOTlight Emphasis Areas.

Hilary Lehman, new Forward Pinellas staff member, was introduced as the Communications and Outreach Program Manager.

2. MPOAC and Floridians for Better Transportation Summit of July 18-20, 2016 Summary

3. Summary of the Forward Pinellas/PSTA Joint Work Session of July 29, 2016

Whit Blanton provided highlights of the work session, noting that the Multimodal Projects Priorities List came out of that discussion. There was agreement that an annual work session of this type with PSTA should continue. There are monthly collaboration meetings currently occurring with PSTA, FDOT and Forward Pinellas staff that are proving to be beneficial.

4. Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group Meeting of September 2, 2016

Whit Blanton briefly summarized the meeting noting that the group recommended its annual list of regional transportation project priorities and regional multi-use trail project priorities for adoption by each MPO within the three county urbanized area. He then advised that the Tampa Bay TMA Leadership Group (TMA LG) had good discussion about alternative forms of regional transportation governance for the Tampa Bay region. Each of the three MPOs is providing guidance on the process prior to the next TMA LG meeting. He presented a summary highlighting some potential issues, reviewing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and timeframes, key considerations, key participants and options for next steps. After which, Ray Chiamonte, TBARTA Executive Director, outlined the presentation that was given to his Board. It was discussed that a research-based evaluation of alternatives was the next logical step to determining the most viable option for this metropolitan planning area. Whit Blanton stated he was seeking direction from the Forward Pinellas Board regarding a planned scope of services for an independent evaluation of regional governance options, its process and timeframes. There was considerable Board discussion to address options for funding such a study, having a Chairperson to preside over the TMA Leadership Group, and whether to formally add other key stakeholders to the TMA LG. The Board agreed by consensus to use the TMA LG as a forum for developing a scope of services for a research-based evaluation of alternatives for regional governance and to develop a letter to FDOT outlining the process and seeking funding for the evaluation. The Board also agreed by consensus that the TMA LG was an effective forum to focus conversations concerning regionalism. Overall, the Board is satisfied with the current representation on the TMA LG and conveyed that it does not feel formal additions are needed at this time. However, the Board did concur that having a Chair to preside over the TMA LG would be beneficial and the TMA LG should ultimately make that decision.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Summary of the July 15, 2016 Chairs Coordinating Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting with the Central Florida MPO Alliance

B. Future of Florida Forum, Florida Chamber Foundation, Orlando, September 28-30, 2016

The Executive Director reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting of interest.

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

The Executive Director reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting of interest.

D. Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Technical Forum October 7, 2016

The Executive Director reminded the Board of the upcoming forum being sponsored by Forward Pinellas.

E. Letter to FDOT Re: Multiuse Trail Connections Across Tampa Bay Bridges

The letter that was sent to FDOT was provided to the Board for reference.

F. Letters of Comment to U. S. DOT Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform

Letters from Forward Pinellas, FDOT, MPOAC and other local entities were provided to the Board for reference.

G. Summary of Public Outreach and Stakeholders Meetings

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

H. Correspondence, Fatalities Map and Draft PAC Action Sheet

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

I. Committee Vacancies

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

J. Other

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.