



**AGENDA**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**BOARD ASSEMBLY ROOM – 5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR**  
**CLEARWATER COURTHOUSE**  
**315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**
- III. **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CAC MEMBER EARLE COOPER**
- IV. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**  
Citizen comments to the MPO are invited on items or concerns not already scheduled for public hearing on today's agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 10, 2010
  - B. Approval of Invoices
    - 1. Tindale-Oliver and Associates
    - 2. Renaissance Planning Group
  - C. Approval of Draft FYs 2010/11 and 2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- VI. **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PRIORITY LIST – Prioritization – TCC Recommendation**
- VII. **RED LIGHT RUNNING PROPOSAL – ITS Advisory Committee Recommendation**
- VIII. **DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS GUIDELINES**
- IX. **DOWNTOWN CLEARWATER TO BEACH TRANSIT PROJECT – Amended Consultant Scope**
- X. **PTAC MOTION CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY LAW FS 316.130 – TCC Position**
- XI. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- XII. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- XIII. **PSTA ACTIVITIES**
- XIV. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) Meeting Scheduled for March 12, 2010
  - B. Correspondence
  - C. Other
- XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of February 10, 2010**

**ATTACHMENT:**     [Minutes of February 10, 2010](#)

**B. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

**1. Tindale-Oliver and Associates**

Attached is an invoice from Tindale/Oliver & Associates, Inc., for work done on the Downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach Evaluation of Transit Alternatives. The total invoiced amount is \$21,166.68. Staff recommends payment in the amount of **\$21,166.68**.

**ATTACHMENTS:**     [Tindale-Oliver and Associates Invoice for the Period Ending February 21, 2010](#)

**2. Renaissance Planning Group**

Attached is an invoice from Renaissance Planning Group for work done on the State of the System Report. The total invoiced amount is \$547.30. Staff recommends payment in the amount of **\$547.30**.

**ATTACHMENTS:**     [Renaissance Planning Group Invoices for the Period Ending February 24, 2010](#)

**C. APPROVAL OF FYs 2010/11 AND 2011/12 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

As required by federal and state law, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies all transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the MPO over the next fiscal year, including tasks identified by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 Office. The UPWP also identifies federal, state, and local planning funds allocated for each of the tasks included in the MPO planning program. In addition to executing the policies and objectives of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, the UPWP supports the national planning priorities set forth by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the FDOT. Major tasks that will be emphasized in the FYs 2010/11 and 2011/12 UPWP include the following:

- Activities associated with the implementation of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, including the Alternatives Analysis Study for the Pinellas rail and Howard Frankland Bridge;
- Implementation of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Master Plan;
- Work associated with federal and state directives and rules regarding climate change and air quality conformity;
- Regional planning activity associated with the Chairs Coordinating Committee and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA);
- Activities associated with the implementation of the MPO's Livable Communities model comprehensive plan policies and code;
- Activities associated with the implementation of the TBARTA model comprehensive plan policies and land development regulations for transit oriented design; and
- Development of a Countywide Mobility Plan.

Comments received from the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee have been incorporated into the attached FYs 2010/11 and 2011/12 UPWP. Pending approval by the MPO, the attached draft will be transmitted to regional, state, and federal review agencies. Following their review, the final UPWP will be presented to the MPO for adoption in May. **Staff recommends approval of the draft FYs 2010/11 and 2011/12 UPWP for transmittal to review agencies.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**     [Draft FYs 2010/11 and 2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program](#) (MPO members only)  
                          [Memo Dated March 2, 2010 From Paul Bertels, TCC Chairman](#)  
                          [CAC Motion #10-2](#)

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PRIORITY LIST – Prioritization – TCC Recommendation**

The Jobs for Main Street Act (JMSA) was passed under H.R. 2847 by the House of Representatives on December 16, 2009. The JMSA would provide funding for Transportation Enhancement Program projects. In response to this action, the MPO agreed to utilize its existing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) priority lists to identify projects for this potential funding source. At their January 13, 2010 meeting, the MPO referred a City of Largo proposal, Citywide Trails Initiative – Alternate Keene and Lakeview, for JMSA funding to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) for review.

At their January 27, 2010 meeting, the TCC reviewed the Largo project along with a City of St. Petersburg proposal to construct the southern portion of the North Bay Trail between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Following discussion, the TCC voted to include the two projects on the Enhancement Program Priority List for JMSA funding only and to allow other jurisdictions the opportunity to submit proposals. An additional proposal was later submitted by the City of Dunedin for three multi-use trail and bike lane projects on Michigan Avenue, Pinehurst Road, and San Christopher Drive.

On February 10, 2010, the MPO approved an amendment to the 2007 Enhancement Program Priority List to add the St. Petersburg, Largo, and Dunedin projects pending further review by the TCC. The MPO action also prioritized the projects in that order.

Following the MPO meeting, the City of Dunedin requested their three project locations be prioritized as follows: 1) Michigan Avenue; 2) Pinehurst Road; and 3) San Christopher Drive. At their February 24 meeting, the TCC agreed with the MPO's ranking of the St. Petersburg project as Number 1 and the Largo project as Number 2. Dunedin's Michigan Avenue, Pinehurst Road, and San Christopher Drive were then ranked 3, 4 and 5, respectively.

It is important to note that, on the day of the TCC meeting, the U.S. Senate passed its own version of H.R. 2847, which does not provide funding for apportioned formula programs, such as the Transportation Enhancement Program. Therefore, the prospect of additional federal Stimulus funding for the new Enhancement Program projects proposed for addition to the Priority List is uncertain at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:** [2006 Enhancement Program Priority List](#)  
[Amended 2007 Enhancement Program Priority List](#)  
[Memo Dated March 2, 2010 from Paul Bertels, TCC Chairman](#)

**ACTION:** MPO to approve amended 2007 Enhancement Program Priority List

**MPO AGENDA ITEM VII.**

**RED LIGHT RUNNING PROPOSAL – ITS Advisory Committee Recommendation**

At the request of the MPO, the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee has reviewed the Red Light Enforcement Camera program. The ITS Committee agrees that this is a beneficial enforcement program. It was noted that implementation of a program and identification of specific intersections for installation would be the responsibility of the local agencies.

MPO staff has provided crash data and traffic volume data to assist the local agencies in evaluating the intersections under their control. This evaluation would not only include the potential for Red Light Enforcement Camera installations but also an operational review to confirm no other issues are creating a potentially unsafe situation at the intersection. Complexities with pending legislation and legal challenges further encourage the decision to implement a program be made at the local level.

The ITS Committee supports the use of Red Light Enforcement Cameras as an enforcement device. The ITS Committee further recommends that the decision to initiate a program and selection of intersection be left to the local agencies. The ITS Committee recommended that the State legislation continue to be monitored and the Committee would review legislation at their May 5 meeting with the intent to make a recommendation to the MPO based upon that information.

The MPO staff will continue to provide data and coordination as needed.

**ATTACHMENT:** [Memo Dated March 3, 2010 From ITS Advisory Committee Chairman Karen Seel](#)

**ACTION:** MPO to concur with ITS Advisory Committee recommendations

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**DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS GUIDELINES**

Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) are now being used in Pinellas County to provide real time, en-route travel information to motorists and assist law enforcement in cases of Missing Endangered Persons alerts (Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts). The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Advisory Committee provides oversight for the deployment of ITS equipment and was asked to develop policies or guidelines for the installation of DMS on local roads that addresses the following issues:

- Placement and aesthetics of signs in commercial and residential areas and
- Content of messages, including consideration for avoiding desensitization (i.e., types/subject matter of messages to be considered appropriate and avoiding distraction)

During its March 3 meeting, the ITS Advisory Committee reviewed and approved draft guidelines developed by Pinellas County, with input from the Traffic Signal and Median Control Subcommittee. The proposed guidelines are attached for MPO approval.

This item will include a review of the proposed DMS Guidelines.

**ATTACHMENT:** [Dynamic Message Sign \(DMS\) Installation Guidelines](#)

**ACTION:** MPO to approve Guidelines

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**MPO AGENDA ITEM IX.**

**DOWNTOWN CLEARWATER TO BEACH TRANSIT PROJECT – Amended Consultant Scope**

At the February meeting, the MPO Board approved the PMI Committee Report, including authorization for staff to revise the Clearwater to Beach Evaluation of Transit Alternatives project Scope to redirect tasks for the evaluation of long-range options to tasks associated with preparing a Very Small Starts federal funding application. It has been the intent of the effort associated with this project to make such an application, but there is no provision for the preparation of the document in the existing Scope; instead, the existing Scope focuses on long-term options, including rail.

The PMI Committee felt that, at this time, it would be better to focus on moving forward with implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit service preferred alignment, which was previously approved by the PMI Committee and the MPO. As such, the project consultant has prepared the attached Scope revision to redirect the remaining money from an evaluation of long-term options to completing the remaining work and documentation required to develop a Very Small Starts application for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration.

Staff recommends approval of the amended Scope.

**ATTACHMENTS:** [Clearwater Beach to Downtown Clearwater Transit Alternatives Study – Amended Scope](#)

**ACTION:** MPO to approve amended Scope

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**MPO AGENDA ITEM X.**

**PTAC MOTION CONCERNING PEDESTRIANS SAFETY LAW FS 316.130 – TCC Position**

At its February 10, 2010 meeting, the MPO received a recommendation from the Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) regarding the installation of “Stop for Pedestrians” signage in accordance with the Pedestrian Safety Law, FS 316.130, effective July 1, 2008. The PTAC noted that the intent of the Pedestrian Safety Law was to provide additional safety for the pedestrian by adding emphasis from the behavioral perspective of motorists but is concerned that motorists have seen no difference in signage to support the new law.

The MPO agreed that the PTAC recommendation should be reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). This item was discussed at the February 24, 2010 TCC meeting and the TCC concurred with the PTAC motion.

**ATTACHMENT:** [PTAC Motion #10-01](#)  
[Memo Dated March 2, 2010 From Paul Bertels, TCC Chairman](#)

**ACTION:** MPO to approve PTAC motion on pedestrian signage

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Staff will provide a report on any pending transportation-related state and federal legislative matters.

**ATTACHMENT:** None

**ACTION:** None required

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**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

The CAC has vacancies in Dunedin, Gulfport/Kenneth City/Seminole/Belleair/South Pasadena/Belleair Bluffs, Tarpon Springs/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor, and two At Large. The CAC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, located at 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL.

**ATTACHMENTS:**    [CAC Geographic Listing](#)  
[Email Dated February 8, 2010 From Earle Cooper Noting His Resignation](#)  
[Letter Dated March 1, 2010 From James Harpham Noting His Resignation](#)  
[Letters Dated February 3, 2010 to Herb Elliott and Jeff Nelson Noting Their Meeting Absences](#)

**ACTION:**    As deemed appropriate based on discussion

**B. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

The BAC has vacancies for the Clearwater and At Large areas and the PSTA representative. The BAC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, located at 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL.

**ATTACHMENTS:**    [BAC Geographic Listing](#)  
[Letter Dated February 9, 2010 From Matthew Campbell Noting His Resignation](#)  
[Letters Dated February 3, 2010 to Steve Doherty, Anthony Monaco, and Pam Reitz Noting Their Meeting Absences](#)

**ACTION:**    As deemed appropriate based on discussion

**C. Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC)**

The PTAC has vacancies for the Mid-County area and the County Health Department and the PSTA representatives. The BAC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, located at 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL.

**ATTACHMENTS:**    [PTAC Geographic Listing](#)  
[Letters Dated February 3, 2010 to Pam Reitz \(included under BAC\), Patricia Johnson, and Wendy Loomas Noting Their Meeting Absences](#)

**ACTION:**    As deemed appropriate based on discussion

**D. Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

The LCB has a vacancy for a citizen representative. Commissioner Brickfield is recommending Brian Scott be appointed for that vacancy. The LCB meets every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, located at 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL.

**ATTACHMENTS:**    [LCB Membership Listing](#)  
[Background Information for Brian Scott](#)

**ACTION:**    MPO to appoint Brian Scott as a citizen representative on the Local Coordinating Board

**MPO AGENDA ITEM XIII.**

**PSTA ACTIVITIES**

In accordance with the usual practice, this item will be a report as to the recent PSTA activities as they relate to the MPO. This is also an opportunity for any MPO member to take up any business as it relates to the PSTA and the MPO Board.

**ATTACHMENTS:** [February 2010 PSTA Board Meeting Summary](#)

**ACTION:** As deemed appropriate based on discussion

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) Meeting Scheduled for March 12, 2010**

The Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 and will be hosted by Pinellas County MPO.

**ATTACHMENT:** Agenda

**B. Correspondence**

The MPO may wish to review correspondence received.

**ATTACHMENT:** [Letter Dated February 23, 2010 From FDOT Regarding Gulf Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvements in St. Pete Beach](#)

[Letter Dated February 22, 2010 From Florida Congressional Delegation to U.S. DOT Secretary LaHood Concerning TIGER Grants](#)

[Letter Dated March 2, 2010 From BAC Chairman Tom Ferraro to FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos Regarding the Florida Transportation Plan Steering Committee](#)

[Letter Dated March 2, 2010 From BAC Chairman Tom Ferraro to Largo Mayor Pat Gerard Regarding the City's Multi-Modal Transportation Study](#)

**C. Other**

At this time, the MPO may take up other matters that might be identified by the members.

