



MPO
Newsletter/Action Sheet
May 14, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Hibbard called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Dave Eggers conducted the services for 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 9, 2008 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale/Oliver, Renaissance Planning Group, and MACTEC; PSTA planning funds agreement; printing of the 2007 traffic count map; MPO certification statement; Hillsborough Health and Human Services JARC agreement; Pride Enterprise Agreement for crash data; and the final 2008/09 – 2009/10 Unified Planning Work Program.

V. AMENDMENTS TO FY 2007/08 – 2011/12 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. S.R. 693 (66th Street) – Add Design Phase to Fill Sidewalk Gap Between 10th and 76th Avenues

The MPO approved the sidewalk improvement project for 66th Street between 10th and 76th Avenues.

B. Purchase of Two Replacement Buses

The MPO approved the purchase of two replacement buses for the PSTA.

VI. MPO BAYWAY BRIDGES TASK FORCE UPDATE

The MPO approved the MPO Bayway Bridges Task Force membership to include Frank Hibbard (MPO), Jamie Bennett (St. Petersburg), Harry Metz (St. Pete Beach), Travis Jarman (Citizens Task Force), Scott Collister (FDOT), John Morroni (County Commission), and TBA (Legislative Delegation).

VII. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. National Bike Month – Bike to Work Week May 2008

The MPO approved a resolution declaring Bike to Work Week as May 12 to May 16, 2008.

B. Pinellas Trail Rehabilitation Project

The MPO approved the Pinellas Trail rehabilitation project, which was recommended by the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and calls for the \$4.5 million project to be scheduled in 2009 or 2010. (It was also agreed the MPO staff would check on the question of filling in of a swale as part of the reclaimed water project in the Largo area in the Trail corridor.)

C. Curlew Road/Alternate U.S. 19 (Pinellas Trail) Intersection Recommendation

The MPO considered the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommendation for a special signalization procedure at the intersection of Curlew Road, Alternate 19, and the Trail to provide for safer Trail crossings. Based upon discussion, the MPO agreed to forward this proposal to the Technical Coordinating Committee, or Traffic Committee, for a review and recommendation.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The MPO received a report on the results of the recent legislative session. As part of that review, the MPO agreed that a letter be sent supporting the appropriated funding for TBARTA and a letter of congratulations to Representative Kriseman and Senator Fasano for the passage of the pedestrian safety bill

IX. PINELLAS MOBILITY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The MPO received a report on the PMI meeting of May 12 and approved the submittal of the Scope of Work for the federal earmark for the Clearwater to Clearwater Beach project to the Federal Transit Administration.

X. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Concerning the Citizens Advisory Committee, the MPO appointed Jeffrey Nelson for the At Large area.

Concerning the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the MPO appointed Steve Fairchild as the school representative.

Concerning the Local Coordinating Board, the MPO appointed Robert Bowen, Doug Towne, and Ned Allen as citizen appointments, Allen Weatherilt as the providers' representative.

Concerning the Technical Coordinating Committee, the MPO appointed Mike Taylor, with an alternate of Fred Metcalf, representing Gulfport.

The MPO accepted the resignation of Frank Hibbard on the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Advisory Committee and appointed Harriet Crozier and Herbert Polson as MPO members on that Committee.

XI. CONFIRMATION OF AUGUST MPO MEETING CANCELLATION

The MPO took action to cancel the June MPO meeting.

XII. PSTA ACTIVITIES

The MPO received an activities report from the PSTA Executive Director on the projects and budget under consideration by PSTA.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The MPO approved a letter to be sent by the MPO Chairman to the City of St. Petersburg concerning the transportation concurrency regulations.