



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**January 13, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chris Arbutine called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Frank Hibbard conducted the services for the MPO.

**III. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CAC MEMBER NED ALLEN**

The MPO recognized Ned Allen's service as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for 13 years.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

The MPO received comments from Ned Allen concerning distractions while driving concerning cell phone use and also the safety of motorcycles. The MPO also heard comments from Michael Witty concerning the need to make regional trips on the CTD system.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the December 9, 2009 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale/Oliver and Associates and Renaissance Planning Group; and funds for the MPOAC program.

**VI. JOBS FOR MAIN STREET ACT – 2010 – Action on Priority Listing**

The MPO reviewed the status of a new Act that is to be approved by Congress entitled Jobs for Main Street Act. Recognizing that funding possibility, the MPO took action to add the Pinellas Bayway Structure E replacement as Number 3 on the Americans Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding priority list. The MPO also referred a Largo proposal for substituting a project on the Enhancement list entitled Citywide Sidewalk and Trails Initiative to the Technical Coordinating Committee for a recommendation to be acted on by the MPO at its February meeting.

**VII. PRESENTATION REGARDING 58<sup>th</sup> STREET AND ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD – Follow-Up to CAC Motion**

The MPO approved an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Advisory Committee recommendation concerning an intersection improvement at Roosevelt Boulevard and 58<sup>th</sup> Street. FDOT proposed a corrective improvement to the left-turn lanes on Roosevelt Boulevard to provide a better alignment for visibility. FDOT had also agreed to provide a letter defining and committing to this project.

**VIII. RED LIGHT RUNNING PROPOSAL – ITS Advisory Committee Action**

The MPO approved an ITS Advisory Committee recommendation that the Traffic Signal Subcommittee will identify local pilot locations for the red light running proposal that would then be reviewed by the ITS Advisory Committee at its March meeting. It is understood that this would be an agenda item for the March MPO meeting.

**IX. ADOPTION OF UPDATED TRI-COUNTY ACCESS PLAN**

Following a comprehensive presentation by the consultant, Tindale-Oliver, the MPO took action to approve the Tri-County Access Plan as updated.

**X. PINELLAS MOBILITY INITIATIVE (PMI) COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. Downtown Clearwater to Clearwater Beach Transit Alternatives – Preferred Alignment**

The MPO approved the project alignment as recommended by the Pinellas Mobility Initiative (PMI) Committee, with the understanding that the Committee will now work on the follow-on details of the project, including supporting documentation for a Small Starts Bus Rapid Transit submittal.

**B. Alternatives Analysis – Memorandum of Understanding**

The MPO approved the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Alternatives Analysis project. The Alternatives Analysis project is focused on a rail service connecting downtown Clearwater through the Gateway area to downtown St. Petersburg with a connection to Hillsborough County.

**XI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

There were no legislative matters to be reported.

**XII. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The MPO approved Linda Chaney as a Beach representative and Nick DiCeglie as an At Large representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee. In addition, the MPO appointed Linda Fisher as the Pinellas Planning Council representative on the Technical Coordinating Committee, with an alternate of Christopher Mettler.

**XIII. PSTA ACTIVITIES**

The MPO received a brief report on PSTA activities, including the Transit Funding Committee action recommending a transit surtax and endorsing a Transit Summit on March 22 and the establishment of a Transportation Task Force concerning funding for transportation.

**XIV. OTHER BUSINESS**

The MPO reviewed correspondence in the package.