



**MPO**  
**Newsletter/Action Sheet**  
**February 10, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chris Arbutine called the meeting to order.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Ken Welch conducted the services for the MPO.

**III. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CAC MEMBER KARL GUENTHER**

The MPO recognized Karl Guenther for his service as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The MPO approved the consent agenda, which included the January 13, 2010 MPO meeting minutes; invoices from Tindale/Oliver and Associates and Renaissance Planning Group; a JARC/New Freedom subgrantee agreement with HART; Amendment No. 2 for Family Services Center agreement; and coordination contract with Sunrise Community. The funding procedure agreement with PSTA was withdrawn for further refinement to be taken up at the next meeting.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

The MPO approved two amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program concerning the Oldsmar Trail Program and designated bike lane markings on the newly-reconstructed Walsingham/Ulmerton Road project.

**VII. 2060 FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN (FTP)**

The MPO received a presentation concerning the Florida Transportation Plan update with explanations provided concerning the Steering Committee.

**VIII. U.S. 19 UPDATE**

The MPO received a presentation concerning the construction project on U.S. 19 between Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and Whitney Road. During the presentation, there were clarifications concerning the provision for pedestrians and the maintenance of traffic for vehicles. In addition, the procedure concerning the maintenance of traffic during overhead construction was also discussed.

**IX. JOBS FOR MAIN STREET ACT – 2010 – Transportation Enhancement Priority List**

The MPO approved adding five projects to the 2007 Transportation Enhancement list indicating the priorities as the St. Petersburg North Bay Trail as the first priority, the Largo Trail initiative as the second priority, and the three Dunedin Trail connections to the Pinellas Trail as the third priority, with the understanding that the Technical Coordinating Committee will review this determination and may provide an alternate recommendation to be considered at the next MPO meeting. These projects would also be included on the list for the Jobs for Main Street Program and would be removed from that list once that program has been completed.

**X. MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

The MPO approved the recommendation of the Local Coordinating Board to continue the 10% provider rate reduction, with that determination to be reviewed at the April MPO meeting.

**XI. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. BAC Memo Regarding the North Bay Trail Funding Priority – Jobs for Main Street**

Action on the BAC recommendation concerning North Bay Trail was taken up as part of Agenda Item IX.

**B. PTAC Motion Concerning Pedestrian Safety Law FS 316.130**

The MPO deferred action on the PTAC recommendation concerning signing in accordance with the pedestrian safety law to the next meeting. This matter will also be reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee for the next meeting.

**C. PTAC Motion Concerning Pedestrian Safety at S.R. 586 and S.R. 580 Intersections**

The MPO approved the PTAC recommendation concerning pedestrian crossing striping improvements at the intersections of S.R. 586 and S.R. 580 on McMullen-Booth Road. Don Skelton indicated this will be accomplished as part of a restriping initiative next year.

**XII. PINELLAS MOBILITY INITIATIVE (PMI) UPDATE**

The MPO approved the PMI report, including the position that the Pinellas rail network should be connected by rail to the high speed rail system.

**XIII. MPOAC MEETING – Meeting of January 28, 2010**

The MPO received a brief report on the MPOAC meeting of January 28 and the legislative positions of that group.

**XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The MPO received a brief report on legislative activities. Commissioner Brickfield distributed a report on the banning of cell phone use.

**XV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The MPO approved Andy Hayes as a St. Petersburg representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee and noted the other vacancies on the Citizens Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

**XVI. PSTA ACTIVITIES**

The MPO received a brief report on PSTA activities, with special attention to recent events of important transit projects and their relationship to Pinellas County.

**XVII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A.** It was noted the Joint Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) will meet on March 12.

**B.** The MPO reviewed correspondence from the PTAC Chairman concerning Gulf Boulevard and the funding of pedestrian improvements and from the BAC Chairman concerning the need to fund the Progress Energy Trail connecting the U.S. 19 overpass to the existing Progress Energy Trail.