

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2009 CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Nora Patterson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. (once a quorum was present)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Confirmation of a quorum was conducted.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Patterson had everyone in attendance introduce themselves, welcomed everyone, made a few welcoming remarks, and thanked Selby Garden for the use of their facility.

II. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

Gina Torres, Hillsborough MPO, reviewed the November 3, 2009 Joint Citizens Advisory Committee (JCAC) meeting, noting their next meeting is March 2, and the Pinellas MPO will host. The JCAC requested that the CCC agenda include an item to review actions and discussions taken by the JCAC.

III. BOARD ACTION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CCC 2035 Long Range Cost Affordable Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Hugh Pascoe, Hernando MPO, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional 2035 Cost Affordable Plan, which included roadways, transit, and multi-use trails. The Plan could be modified if necessary as the result of the individual MPOs adopting their LRTP. Polk TPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO will update their LRTPs next year.

Mayor Hibbard moved, Commissioner Huff seconded, and motion carried to adopt the Regional Cost Affordable Long Range Transportation Plan.

2. West Central Florida CCC's Regional Roadway Network

Jim Edwards, Pasco MPO, reviewed a request by Pasco and Pinellas Counties to amend the Regional Roadway Network to add a road segment of Trinity Boulevard and Little Road (southern end).

Mayor Rober moved, Mayor Hibbard seconded, and motion carried to amend the CCC's Regional Roadway Network.

3. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priorities – District Seven

Hugh Pascoe, Hernando MPO, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the TRIP priorities for FDOT District VII.

Mayor Rober moved, Mayor Hibbard seconded, and motion carried to adopt the TRIP priorities for District VII.

4. Regional Trails Project Priorities of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and Polk TPO

Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO, reviewed the regional trails project priorities for Sarasota/Manatee MPO and Polk TPO.

Mayor Hibbard moved, Commissioner Huff seconded, and motion carried to approve the regional trails priorities for Sarasota/Manatee MPO and Polk TPO.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2009

Mayor Rober moved, Mayor Hibbard seconded, and the July 17, 2009 minutes were approved by consensus.

IV. REPORTS ANDN PRESENTATIONS

1. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Update

Mayor Hibbard and Bob Clifford provided an update regarding TBARTA activities. Mayor Hibbard indicated they are continuing to refine the priorities as the counties are performing their Alternatives Analyses, working closely with FDOT to fund the refinement of the plans, discussion of the technologies, discussion of ongoing funding source (i.e., \$2 surcharge on rental vehicles), criteria for support or Memorandum of Understanding between the counties to fund transit, and combining Bay Area Commuter Services with TBARTA. Mr. Clifford highlighted issues of priority, individual project priorities, partnership with the other agencies, continuing discussions on funding and decision-making, continued discussion of roles and responsibilities of the various entities so there is not competition with each other but other areas around the Country for funding, support for changing the Charter County Surtax Legislation to allow all counties in a regional transit authority the option to go to referendum.

2. Air Quality Compliance Issues

Carl Mikyska, of Federal Highway Administration, and Rob Magee, of Florida Department of Transportation, reviewed the various components regarding ozone and air quality compliance issues and potential designation of noncompliance and what that would involve.

3. Mobility Fees

Ray Chiaramonte, Hillsborough MPO, reviewed the mobility fees, noting the final report is due December 1 and that the stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide comment.

4. FDOT Report

Lee Royal, FDOT District VII, briefly reviewed the development of the Tentative Work Program, noting they are trying to maintain the original program and add surfacing and other safety projects. The public hearings for the Tentative Work Program will be held in Hernando and Pinellas Counties.

Don Skelton added there will be another revenue estimating conference later this month so they'll have a better idea of the revenues at that time.

Ben Walker, FDOT District I, noted they are being vigilant regarding the Stimulus funds so that all the funds will be spent.

5. FHWA Report

Carl Mikyska, Federal Highway Administration, stated SAFETEA-LU had been extended until September by HR 2996.

Shakira Crandol, Federal Transit Administration, indicated that FDOT, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Housing Urban Development (HUD) are doing a series of training and developing a best practices guidebook and asked that anyone who had best practices to send that information to her to incorporate into the transportation planning process.

V. CCC BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Michael Howe, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, invited anyone interested to walk around the facilities after the meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Chairman Patterson indicated the next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010 and will be hosted by the Pinellas MPO.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.