

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Involving citizens in the planning and programming of transportation projects includes all forms of travel. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) purpose is to make recommendations on bicycle and pedestrian



pathways, including their planning and completion. These recommendations are then reviewed by the MPO Board. BPAC meetings are generally held on the third Thursday in the months of March, May, August, and November at 3 p.m. at the East Port Environmental Campus, Training Room A.

TRANSIT

The most recent Transit Development Plan (TDP) was prepared by the MPO consultant, the University of South Florida's **Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)**, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The TDP was

The TDP is a five and ten year plan that describes and assesses transit needs and is a requirement before certain federal and state transit funds can be allocated to the County. The TDP is consistent with the Charlotte County Local Government Comprehensive Plan and the MPO's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. A new TDP Plan will be completed by September 2009.



On April 13, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners requested that the MPO pursue and obtain funding for a DIAL-a-RIDE Program. This initiative resulted in the commencement of the County's Dial-a-Ride Program on January 2, 2001, for the urbanized areas of Charlotte County. The Dial-a-Ride service is considered a general public paratransit system that provides curb-to-curb service six days a week on an advanced reservation basis for a nominal fee. In 2007, over 77,000 trips were provided by the Dial-a-Ride program.

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

In 1992, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) designated the MPO as the official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program in Charlotte County. The MPO is responsible for TD planning activities as well as providing staff support to the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) which provides direction, information and advice to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). Since 1984, the Charlotte County Transit Division has been the CTC for Charlotte County. In 2007, nearly 187,000 trips were provided to the transportation disadvantaged in Charlotte County.

CHARLOTTE HARBOR ECO-HERITAGE TRAILS

The project mission is to create a system of trails, blueways (water trails) and greenways accessible for the use and enjoyment of all county residents and visitors. Additionally, the trails encourage responsible public recreation and transportation use to provide balance with resource protection and public education. These trails enhance our quality

YOUR PART WITH THE MPO

The MPO is committed to hearing and considering your ideas and opinions regarding transportation planning and its goals. This input process generally includes obtaining complete information, posting timely public notices, providing access to key decisions, and involving all citizens. You are cordially invited to attend our public meetings, hearings, and educational workshops. You may also send your ideas and thoughts to:

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MPO HISTORY AND MEMBERSHIP

THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY- PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) was created in July of 1992. The MPO was established to provide a forum for transportation planning services, coordinate intergovernmental needs and goals, and facilitate public involvement.

THE MPO BOARD is a governing body with the authority to develop and adopt transportation plans, programs, and policies. THE MPO BOARD consists of three Charlotte County commissioners, one City of Punta Gorda elected official, one Charlotte County Airport Authority commissioner and one non-voting member from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The 2009 MPO Board membership is:

- MAYOR LARRY FRIEDMAN (Chair)
City of Punta Gorda
- COMMISSIONER RICHARD LOFTUS
(Vice Chair) Charlotte County
- COMMISSIONER TRICIA DUFFY
Charlotte County
- COMMISSIONER BOB STARR
Charlotte County
- COMMISSIONER DON LEE
Charlotte County Airport Authority
- SECRETARY STANLEY M. CANN
Florida Department of Transportation,
District One

MPO BOARD MEETINGS are regularly held the second Monday in the months of February, May, August, October, and December at 2:00 pm in the City of Punta Gorda City Hall, City Council Chambers, 326 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida. The public is welcome at any MPO Board Meeting, and is encouraged to attend.

MPO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The principal goals and responsibilities of the MPO include: establishing a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process. The MPO maintains a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a five-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which includes all projects in the metropolitan area that are proposed using state transportation monies and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The Planning process also addresses issues such as land use planning, intermodal transportation, public transportation enhancements, Community Impact Assessment (CIA), and Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM).



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of local and state transportation professionals who represent several areas of expertise and responsibility. These include: transportation engineering and land use planning officials, County transit, school, and emergency management professionals, as well as representatives of the Airport Authority, Sheriff's Office, and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council staff. Additionally, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides a community liaison for TAC participation. The TAC advises and makes recommendations on the technical aspects of transportation issues for action by the MPO Board. TAC meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of designated months at 9:30 a.m. at the East Port Environmental Cam-



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MITTEE

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of two appointees from each of the county's geographic areas (south, mid and west); two for seniors; one for disabled citizens; one for minority representation and one At-Large member. The Purpose of the CAC Committee is to review and critique proposed transportation plans and programs, attend committee meetings, and provide opinions and recommendations to the MPO Board. Members of the CAC also serve on special committees for transportation projects that have regional and statewide impact. CAC meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of designated months at 1:30 p.m. at the East Port Environmental Campus Conference Room, 25550 Harbor View Rd., Port Charlotte. YOU ARE ALWAYS



LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is based on community priorities, federal and state regulations, the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), system plans (e.g., the Transit Development Plan and bicycle/pedestrian plans), area plans (e.g., corridor studies) and local Comprehensive Plan transportation and land use elements. The LRTP is used to develop MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) priorities, area plans, and other transportation plans/programs. The LRTP is the most significant plan for the MPO, as it establishes long term transportation strategies and priorities. The MPO Board has authority over this Plan. The MPO's 2030 LRTP was adopted in December 2005. The 2030 LRTP was updated in July 2007 to incorporate requirements of the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

