



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA & SARASOTA/MANATEE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS**



**326 Nokomis Avenue South
Venice, Florida 34285**

10:45 a.m.

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2018

Members Absent

Commissioner Jack Daly
Commissioner Carlos M. Beruff
Vice Mayor Patrick Roff
Councilman Gene Brown

Town of Longboat Key
Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority
City of Bradenton
City of Bradenton

Members Present

Charlotte County- Punta Gorda MPO Board

Chair, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch
Vice Chair, Commissioner James Herston
Commissioner Christopher Constance
Commissioner Joseph Tiseo
Councilmember Lynne Matthews

Charlotte County Commissioner
Charlotte County Airport Authority
Charlotte County Commissioner
Charlotte County Commissioner
City of Punta Gorda Council Member

Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh
Commissioner Betsy Benac
Commissioner Stephen R. Jonsson
Commissioner Paul Caragiulo
Commissioner Nancy C. Detert
Commissioner Alan Maio
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor Bob Johnson for Mayor Dan Murphy

Manatee County Commission
Manatee County Commission
Manatee County Commission
Sarasota County Commission
Sarasota County Commission
Sarasota County Commission
City of Palmetto
Island Transportation Planning (ITPO)
Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach & Holmes
Beach)
City of Sarasota
City of Sarasota
City of North Port (alternate)
City of North Port
City of Venice

Vice Mayor Liz Alpert
Commissioner Willie Shaw
Mayor Vanessa Carusone
Vice Mayor Linda Yates
Vice Mayor Bob Daniels

Advisory

L.K. Nandam

Florida Department of Transportation
(FDOT) District One Secretary

Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Staff

Gary Harrell, Director
Bekie Leslie, Administrative Services Coordinator

Sarasota/Manatee MPO Staff

David Hutchinson, Executive Director
Leigh Holt, Strategic Planning Manager
Nanette Eubanks, Office Manager
Colleen McGue, Principal Planner

Others Attending

Laura Herrscher, FDOT
Bessie Reina, FDOT
Jesten Abraham, FDOT
Lawrence Massey, FDOT
Andrew Young, FDOT
Christopher Simpron, FDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Commissioner Vanessa Baugh called the Joint MPO Board Meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Willie Shaw provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public came forward.

II. OPENING COMMENTS

Chairs Commissioner Vanessa Baugh and Commissioner Stephen E. Deustch welcomed everyone.

III. FDOT UPDATE

FDOT had nothing to report.

IV. REGIONAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Charlotte County-Punta Gorda and Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Interlocal Agreement

Mr. David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO (SMMPO), explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has advised updates to the Interlocal Agreement to identify each MPO's responsibility with regards to the urbanized area boundaries where they overlap county lines/MPO boundaries; the update is due by June 30, 2018. He noted two additional changes to the Agreement:

- 1) Both MPOs agree the requirement for a Joint Regional Public Plan (PPP) was already being met as both MPOs have State and Federal approved PPPs and that the plans conduct public involvement.
- 2) Dispute resolution process changed from 7 to 10 business days.

Mr. Gary Harrell, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO (CCPGMPO), stated the Interlocal Agreement is a good document and stated he appreciated Mr. Paul Gougelman's involvement in drafting the agreement.

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move approval of the agreement and for Chairs signatures.

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. REGIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Interchange Access Request Federal Process

Mr. Chris Simpron, FDOT District One Interchange Review Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the New Interchange Access Request Federal Process, some of the highlights included:

- Requests for new or modified access to the Interstate Highway System and non-interstate limited access facilities on the State Highway System (SHS)

- The Requestor:
 - Can be FDOT, local government, MPO or transportation authority
 - Is responsible for collecting data and conducting all required analyses
 - Defines study design or scope of work
 - Performs appropriate Quality Control
 - Revises IAR documents
 - Submits final IAR document to the Interchange Review Coordinator (IRC) for an acceptance decision

- The IAR Review Process:
 - Requester submits IAR document to DIRC
 - DIRC conducts a review and returns it to requester with comments
 - Requester reviews, addresses and resolves comments and resubmits to DIRC
 - DIRC requests the SIRC to review the revised document
 - SIRC returns document with comments which are forwarded to requester and addressed
 - Final document approval depends on whether project is identified as PA or Non-PA

For more detailed information regarding the New Process please contact Mr. Christopher Simpron, Model, Level of Service & District Interchange Review Coordinator at 863-519-2343, Christopher.Simpron@dot.state.fl.us or visit the FDOT Interchange Access Request Website at <http://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/programs/sm/intjus/>.

2. River Road Interstate Connector Update

Mr. David Hutchinson, SMMPO, provided an update regarding River Road Interstate Connector:

- Background:
 - Major arterial roadway from State Road (SR) 776 (Charlotte County) to Interstate 75 (Sarasota County)
 - 13.5 mile long widening and elevation improvement
 - Add bicycle lanes, sidewalks, streetscape, and street lighting
 - Multiple partners and stakeholders

- Total invested/committed to date: \$52.6 million
- Next Phases:
 - River Road Construction, I-75 to US 41 (pending)

- Design/construction/ROW acquisition (future)
- Funding Strategy Moving Forward:
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization major project priorities list
 - State partnership
 - Continue to pursue P3 opportunities
 - Continue to pursue/engage in ROW acquisition

3. SUN Trail Update

Mr. Gary Harrell, CCPGMPO, provided an update on the SUN Trail:

- Multi Use Trails
- Feasibility Study
- Caper Haze Pioneer Trail Corridor and the Murdock Village CRA Corridor
- Charlotte County Spine Trail 2 Corridor at Harbor Walk Phase I-B (US 41) funded at \$1.14 million for the Walkway Bridge-CST 2018
- Charlotte County Spine Trail 2 Corridor at Harbor Walk at North Alligator Creek (US 41) funded approximately \$1 million for the Bridge Design 2016-\$215,000 CST 2019-\$782,000

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT REGIONAL MEETING

The Joint Regional Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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NO STENOGRAPHIC RECORD BY A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER WAS MADE OF THIS MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, ANY PERSON WHO MAY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISIONS INVOLVING THE MATTER HEREIN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE AT THIS MEETING UPON WHICH ANY APPEARS TO BE BASED.

BY:

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh
MPO Chair

ATTESTED

BY:

Nanette Eubanks
Clerk to the Board/Administrative Coordinator
Notary Public State of Florida

Dated this 26th day of February, 2018