

**Minutes of the Florida MPO Advisory Council
Governing Board Meeting
July 28, 2011**

Governing Board Members in Attendance:

Mayor Richard J. Kaplan, Broward MPO, Chair
Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Palm Beach MPO, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Gene Valentino, Florida-Alabama TPO
Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast TPO
School Board Member Kathryn Hensley, St. Lucie County TPO
Mayor Walter T. Kelley, Bay County TPO
Councilmember Delores Madison, Capital Region TPA
Commissioner David Garofalo Sr., Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Commissioner Bob Dallari, METROPLAN Orlando
Councilmember Tom Leonardo, Lee County MPO
Commissioner Doug Smith, Martin MPO
Councilmember Lara Bradburn, Hernando County MPO
Councilmember Jim Wood, Okaloosa-Walton TPO

Others in Attendance:

Howard Glassman, MPOAC Executive Director
Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel
Brigitte Messina, MPOAC Assistant
Melissa McCarville, Center for Urban Transportation Research
Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research
Keith Melton, Federal Transit Administration
Lee Ann Jacobs, Federal Highway Administration
Karen Brunelle, Federal Highway Administration
Bob Romig, Florida Department of Transportation
Kathy Neill, Florida Department of Transportation
Mary Bo Robinson, Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton and Bay County TPOs, Vice-Chair
Harry Reed, Capital Region TPA
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO
Peter Buchwald, St. Lucie TPO
Lucie Ayer, Collier MPO
Bob Herrington, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
Jennifer Stults, FDOT D1
Harold Barley, METROPLAN Orlando
Susan Sadighi, FDOT D5
Amy Windom, CH2M Hill
Kim DeLaney, Treasure Coast RPC
Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson & Associates

Others in Attendance (continued):

Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO
David Bottomley, BPAC Committee Chair, METROPLAN Orlando
Noranne Downs, FDOT D5
Dennis Dix, Hernando MPO
Michael Howe, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Greg Stuart, Broward MPO
Virginia Whittington, METROPLAN Orlando

1. Call to Order

Mayor Richard Kaplan (Broward MPO), Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m. Self introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner David Garofalo (Sarasota/Manatee MPO) to approve the April 7, 2011 minutes. A second was made by Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie (Palm Beach MPO), Vice-Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Howard Glassman, MPOAC Executive Director, gave his report.

Mr. Glassman provided a brief overview of the MPO budget, stating that the budget was on target with a slight surplus. He then presented a recap of the 2011 State Legislative Session and a status report of Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization discussions ongoing in Washington, DC. The Local Government Planning Act, the General Transportation Bill and the Charter County Surtax did not pass this past state legislative session. . What did pass were major changes to the 2005 Growth Management Act, including reduced state oversight of development decisions and new requirements for local transportation elements that are coordinated with MPO long range transportation plans (LRTPs). The Legislature also passed a bill creating a new Department of Economic Opportunity that will include a Division of Community Development to take the place of the former Department of Community Affairs. Also passed during the legislation session was the creation of the State Economic Development and Enhancement (SEED) Trust Fund and a requirement for seaport strategic plans. Mr. Glassman suggested that representatives responsible for those programs could be invited to a future MPOAC meeting for a presentation.

Mr. Glassman then discussed MPOAC Resolution 2011-01 regarding MPO designation thresholds and continuing operations of existing MPOs. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie to adopt MPOAC Resolution 2011-01. Councilmember Delores Madison (Capital Region TPA) requested more information on the affect of this resolution on smaller urban areas. The motion was seconded by Mayor Walter Kelley (Bay County TPO). All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Tom Leonardo (Lee County MPO) suggested sending a delegation from the MPOAC Governing Board to elicit support from US Senators on this and other matters. Mayor Richard Kaplan (Broward MPO), Chair, discussed his own interactions with various officials on MPO and other related

matters. He encouraged coordination with Mr. Glassman if members of the MPOAC Governing Board wish to speak with delegates. He reminded everyone that federal planning funds (PL funds) may not be used for lobbying on specific proposed legislation, but that it was acceptable to have discussions providing educational and factual information. He mentioned that members must also adhere to Florida's Sunshine laws and that more detailed analysis must be obtained from MPOAC legal counsel before proceeding. Councilmember Leonardo requested that this be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Mr. Glassman continued by providing a summary of the June 3, 2011 Policy and Technical Subcommittee. He noted that the next session of the Florida legislature will begin on January 10th and that the MPOAC will need to be developing policy positions prior to that time. Mr. Glassman announced several upcoming meetings and conferences. The ITS World Congress will be held in Orlando, FL from October 16-20, 2011 and the AMPO 2011 Annual Conference will be in Dallas, TX from October 25-28, 2011. Mr. Barley (Metropolitan Orlando) announced two upcoming National Association of Regional Council (NARC) conferences - the NARC 2011 Executive Directors Conference which will be held October 25-28, 2011 in Dallas, TX and the 2012 NARC Annual Conference and Exhibition in St. Petersburg, FL, June 10-13, 2012.

4a. FDOT Report

Bob Romig, Interim Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development, discussed the statewide managed lanes draft policy and action plan. The FDOT is working to develop policy criteria to identify and prioritize future candidate corridors for treatment as part of the managed lanes action plan. He explained that corridor criteria will include such things as severity and duration of congestion. Copies of the draft plan were not available at the meeting, but would be made available soon.

Mr. Romig stated that FDOT is creating a Freight and Logistics Office by redistributing current staffing. Mr. Romig explained that they are in the final stages of drafting the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2040 plan, and that it will be released for comment in September. The changes are partially a result of the additional 5 years on the plan and 2010 base-year dollar adjustments. The report is due in December. Mr. Romig then discussed that the FDOT was developing legislative policy initiatives for the 2012 legislative session and that additional information would be delivered to Mr. Glassman for dissemination to the MPOAC membership. Mr. Romig also announced that the TRANSPLEX 2011 Virtual Conference will be held in the fall of 2012 and that he hoped MPOs would participate. Councilmember Leonardo asked if FDOT is working to streamline their offices and processes. Mr. Romig stated that FDOT is currently focused on streamlining administrative functions.

4b. FHWA Report

Ms. Karen Brunelle, FHWA, Director, Office of Project Development gave the FHWA report. FY11 TIGER grants are currently open. Ms. Brunelle stated that pre-applications are due October 3rd and final applications are due October 31st. Planning projects will not be eligible for TIGER grants (capacity projects only) and there will be a limit of 3 applications per applicant. She then announced that on August 11, 2011 in Tallahassee, FL there will be a Statewide Planning Session. MPOs were invited to call in. Next, Ms. Brunelle announced the Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) award status. She stated that an announcement of the projects that have been awarded is expected sometime in August.

Ms. Brunelle then related that following a request made by Commissioner Garofalo for the use of interstate right-of-way for utilities, a response was provided from FDOT and FHWA. The response will also be made available to the entire MPOAC. Mayor Kaplan asked about TIGER grants and the selection criteria for applications. Ms. Brunelle laid out the criteria for project selection. The primary criteria are long term outcomes and job creation. Secondary criteria for selection are innovation and partnership.

4c. FTA Report

Mr. Keith Melton, Office of Planning and Program Development presented the Federal Transit Administration report. He mentioned that there are eight notices of funding availability on FTA programs totaling \$1.1 billion, and that applications must be submitted through www.grants.gov. For FTA discretionary programs, total revenue credits through FDOT can serve as local match. But Mr. Melton was not certain if that is true for TIGER. He encouraged further exploration into this in the next two months.

5. Greenroads

Ms. Amy Windom, P.E., of CH2M Hill gave a presentation on Greenroads, a sustainability rating system for roadway design and construction projects. This system awards points for increasingly sustainable practices, and helps to quantify the sustainable attributes of a roadway project. Mayor Kaplan encouraged everyone to look into mechanisms for how these principles can be integrated into future projects. Ms. Windom described that the Greenroads Foundation is a non-profit, third party corporation established to manage certification reviews using the Greenroads Rating System developed by the University of Washington and CH2MHill. Commissioner Bob Dallari (METROPLAN Orlando) commented that Greenroads should be willing to work with the Federal and State government to encourage matching money, and furthermore he felt that Florida should have an energy policy. Commissioner Doug Smith (Martin MPO) asked how the Greenroads standards compared to the GreenBook Design standards. Ms. Windom stated that Greenroads is not an engineering standard, but should instead be thought of as a planning philosophy. Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie asked about the fees. Ms. Windom explained the benefits you receive for paying the fee of \$5,000, which includes a tiered documentation of how the Greenroads plan affects the participant.

6. Transit Oriented Development

Dr. Kim DeLaney, Growth Management Coordinator for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, presented an overview on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). She described the fundamental differences between Transit Oriented Development and Transit Adjacent Development (TAD). Ms. DeLaney provided examples of the implementation of this approach into long range planning. FDOT is taking the lead on TOD strategies and approaches, with information provided online at www.FLTOD.com. She concluded that several advantages of TOD are that it lends for better leveraging of investments, promotes efficiency of development and mobility, public-private partnerships, federal fund competitiveness, and improved quality of life.

7. Advancing Metropolitan Planning for Operations

Ms. Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson and Associates, presented a general overview on Planning for Operations. She described the approach as objective-driven and performance-based, with monitoring and evaluation being an essential part of this system. Ms. Josselyn stated that with many FHWA and FTA grants being

performance based, there is a need for improved planning for operations to stay competitive. She also explained that planning for operations builds strong connections between the operators and the planners, promotes coordination and collaboration to reach goals, and leverages existing coordination efforts.

8. Communications

Mayor Kaplan directed attention to the communications in the packet and stated they were self explanatory. He noted that RSAC has a meeting on September 15, 2011.

9. Member Comments

There were no member comments

10. Public Comments

David Bottomley, Chair of the MetroPlan Orlando Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), announced a webinar August 9th related to ADA accessibility guidelines. The webinar will specifically address proposed guidelines for accessible rights of way.

11. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.