

**Minutes of the Florida MPO Advisory Council  
Governing Board Meeting  
November 4, 2011**

**Governing Board Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Richard J. Kaplan, Broward MPO, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Palm Beach MPO, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Walter T. Kelley, Bay County TPO  
Councilmember Delores Madison, Capital Region TPA  
Councilmember Jim Wood, Okaloosa-Walton TPO  
Commissioner David Garofalo Sr., Sarasota/Manatee MPO  
Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast TPO  
Commissioner Jeff Stabins, Hernando County MPO  
Commissioner Nathaniel Birdsong, Polk TPO  
Mayor Joe Affronti Sr., Hillsborough County MPO  
Commissioner Paula DeLaney, Gainesville MTPO

**Others in Attendance:**

Howard Glassman, MPOAC Executive Director  
Brigitte Messina, MPOAC Assistant  
Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel  
Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research  
Melissa McCarville, Center for Urban Transportation Research  
Steve Reich, Center for Urban Transportation Research  
Karen Seggerman, Center for Urban Transportation Research  
Brady Sneath, Center for Urban Transportation Research  
Karen Brunelle, Federal Highway Administration  
Kathy Neill, FDOT, Office of Policy Planning  
Mary Schoelzel, FDOT D5  
Steve Friedel, FDOT D5  
Frank O'Dea, FDOT D5  
Vickie N. Wyche, FDOT D5  
Claudia Calzaretta, FDOT D5  
Lorena Valencia, FDOT D5  
Jennifer Stults, FDOT D1  
Brad Cornelius, Sumter County BOCC  
Bob Herrington, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO  
Dennis Dix, Hernando County MPO  
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO  
Mary Bo Robinson, Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton and Bay County TPOs, Vice-Chair  
Tom Deardorff, Polk TPO  
Ray Chiamonte, Hillsborough County MPO  
Harold Barley, METROPLAN Orlando  
Lucie Ayer, Collier MPO  
Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO  
Matt Boerger, East Central Florida RPC

**Others in Attendance (Continued):**

Michael Howe, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Marlie Sanderson, Gainesville MTPO

Harry Reed, Capital Region TPA

Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Richard Kaplan, Broward MPO, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. Self introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Susan Haynie, Palm Beach MPO, Vice-Chair, to approve the July 28, 2011 minutes. A second was received from James Wood, Okaloosa-Walton TPO. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Executive Director's Report**

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

Mr. Glassman provided a brief status report on the MPOAC budget. He described how the MPOAC has experienced a reduction of budget authority for the current fiscal year – a byproduct of the administrative arrangement between the MPOAC and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He explained that the reduced budget authority required a reduction in MPOAC expenses that could be solved by transferring funds from the MPOAC to a member MPO intended to pay statewide annual dues for the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). The funds transfer would require an amendment to the statewide PL funding formula and Task 1.5 of the adopted MPOAC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Walter T. Kelley, Bay County TPO made a motion to approve the amendment to the statewide PL funding formula and Task 1.5 of the adopted MPOAC UPWP, with the recommendation to allocate the funds to the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency to pay for statewide AMPO dues. The motion was seconded by Paula Delaney, Gainesville MTPO. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Glassman then reported on the MPOAC 2012 Draft Legislative Policy Positions and Priorities. MPOAC Chair Richard Kaplan, Broward MPO, requested a motion to develop a policy position supporting research investigating the feasibility of a revenue source based on vehicle miles travelled (VMT), including a pilot program subject to legislative approval. He asked that the new policy position be developed subject to the review of the Chair of the MPOAC Staff Director's Advisory Committee and Chair of the MPOAC Governing Board. It was clarified that the language would go directly to the legislature without further review by MPOAC Governing Board members. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Susan Haynie and seconded by Jeff Stabins, Hernando County MPO. The motion was approved by a 9 to 4 vote. A motion was then made by Ms. Haynie to approve the legislative priorities and policy positions as recommended by the MPOAC Staff Director's Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Delores Madison, Capital Region TPA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Glassman then outlined a draft MPOAC meeting schedule for 2012. Ms. DeLaney made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **4a. FDOT Report**

Kathy Neill, FDOT, Director of the Office of Policy Planning, provided the FDOT report. She discussed the Department's legislative policy initiatives for the 2012 legislative session. She anticipated that the House Bill would be publicly available within a week and would include much of what was in the FDOT legislative package. There are provisions to sunset the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) which is now a component of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council (SITAC) which is currently inactive, and to eliminate the Florida Passenger Rail Commission. Ms. Neill reviewed various technical revisions to the statewide planning provisions and the roadway system definitions, as well as a proposed bicycle pilot program. New provisions for seaports include the increase of statutory funds from \$8 million to \$15 million annually and create a strategic port infrastructure initiative with an annual funding of \$35 million. FDOT will work with the state's seaports to develop a statewide seaport and waterways systems plan. Ms. Neill described additional legislative provisions to have FDOT serve as non-voting advisors to the MPOs and for having tolled managed lanes added as eligible components of the state highway system. She then explained that FDOT recommended that MPOs in urbanized areas containing more than one MPO to adopt single list of project priorities for the urbanized area, with an effective date of 2013, and that Senator Latvala is soliciting other ideas to incorporate into the Senate Transportation Bill.

Ms. Neill proceeded with a discussion on financial forecasts for the long-range transportation plan (LRTP). She reviewed information from the September MPOAC Policy and Technical Subcommittee meeting, noting that the financial information the FDOT will provide to MPOs will cover the time period 2014 through 2040. FDOT plans to prepare the forecast by Spring of 2013, and will be working with MPOs and FDOT Districts to create the methodology for making the financial forecast. She described how FDOT is working with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to develop their five year strategic plan, which will then serve as a foundation for other plans across the state, including a statewide transportation vision. Ms. Neill also discussed the status of the future corridors plan update, stating that technical working groups are being formed to guide the plan development process.

Ms. Neill stated that a draft report was prepared and distributed last month on potential proportionate share calculation changes. Ms. Neill welcomed emails with any recommendations and concerns on the proportionate share formula study.

#### **4b. FHWA Report**

Ms. Karen Brunelle, FHWA, Director, Office of Project Development gave the FHWA report. Ms. Brunelle first provided a legislative update, stating that SAFETEA-LU was extended through March 31, 2012. The continuing resolution ends November 15, 2011, but Congress is expected to extend it through the remainder of the federal fiscal year. The new transportation authorization legislation is being proposed by the House and the Senate for consideration in the coming months.

Ms. Brunelle next discussed the long range transportation plan expectations letter. FHWA is working on a draft document, and expects it to be ready for review by the end of month. Ms. Brunelle announced a Measuring Freight Performance webinar on November 16, 2011 from 1-2:30. She also announced that

Florida received five grants totaling \$18 million under the 2011 Livability Grants Program. Ms. Brunelle concluded by directing attention to the agenda packet for information on the disadvantaged business enterprise.

## **5. Transportation Revenue Study Recommendations**

Michael Howe, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, introduced Steve Reich with the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida and commended all contributions to the Revenue Study Advisory Committee (RSAC). Mr. Reich provided a comprehensive update on the study scope and status. He provided an in-depth briefing on the revenue options approved by the Revenue Study Advisory Committee (RSAC) for consideration by the MPOAC at their September 15, 2011 meeting. These revenue options will serve as the MPOAC's legislative position on enhancing transportation funding for Florida starting with the 2013 legislative policy positions. A motion was made by Ms. Delaney to accept the report in draft form as recommended by the MPOAC Staff Director's Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Haynie. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **6. Communications**

The Chair directed attention to the communications in the agenda packet.

## **7. Member Comments**

Mr. Woods commented on the lack of safety and crash data for electric vehicles, and requested assistance with finding sources for this data. Mr. Glassman will speak with FDOT, FHWA, and perhaps AMPO and NARC to determine where this information is available. Ms. Haynie informed members that Boca Raton, FL was selected as the site for the 2012 presidential debate due in part to the transportation infrastructure. David Garofalo Sr., Sarasota/Manatee MPO, asked for clarification on Chair rotations and MPOAC representations, and how they coincided. Mr. Kaplan responded, stating that each MPO decides independently, and the MPO Chair may select who will be the MPOAC representative.

## **8. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **9. Adjourn**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.