

MINUTES
Island Transportation Planning Organization

April 9, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.
City of Anna Maria
10005 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, FL 34216

Note: More than one Elected Official may be in attendance.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
Present: Anna Maria Mayor Murphy, Holmes Beach Mayor Johnson, Bradenton Beach Vice Mayor Maro, MPO Executive Director David Hutchinson, FDOT Jesten Abraham, TAC Advisory Board Member Lynn Burnett, CAC Advisory Board Member Claudia Carlson and Sara Calhoun.
Also present: Anna Maria Deputy Clerk Debbie Haynes, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Janney, Elected Officials Anna Maria Commissioner Carol Carter, Anna Maria Commissioner Amy Tripp, Holmes Beach Commissioner Carol Soustek, and Holmes Beach Commissioner Chair/Deputy Mayor Judy Titsworth.
4. Approval of February 12, 2018 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes from February 12, 2018 meeting.
Action made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Maro.
On roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.
5. Review of February 26, 2018 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson
Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the draft minutes from the February 26, 2018 MPO meeting and noted two items of interest, first a report from FDOT on the design for the Anna Maria bridge, second that FDOT is finalizing recommendations on the Cortez Bridge which they hope to present to the MPO board at a future meeting as well as at a future ITPO meeting. There were no questions for Mr. Hutchinson or public comment.
6. Preview of April 23, 2018 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson
Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the draft agenda for the next MPO Board Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2018 at 9:30am, Holiday Inn, Sarasota. Agenda to include committee reports, FDOT reports, meetings, minutes as well as three items related to the unified planning work program, safety assessment status report, 2018 project priorities. No public comment.
7. Standardized Pedestrian Crossing Signage – Jesten Abraham
Mr. Abraham indicated the RFB flashing beacon signals were off the table due to conflicts with the patent owner but since then we are now able to use the flashing pedestrian signals. The safety department has submitted the approval to FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) and are awaiting response. The RFB locations would be a proposed treatment, pending approval. Mayor Johnson asked if by

going forward it would be with the product they choose, Mr. Abraham replied yes, to make it standardized. No additional questions or public comment.

8. FDOT Report – Jesten Abraham

Mr. Abraham noted the first Barrier Island Traffic Study technical working group met on March 7th and there is a project update on the website. The technical group is made up of designated staff from each local government. The goal was to use a small group to provide a more concentrated focus study by utilizing local technical expertise to further evaluate the proposed recommendations. Lynn Burnett noted the next scheduled technical meeting is scheduled for June 20th. Mr. Abraham also noted the last steering committee will meet at the beginning of June prior to beginning phase three. There were no questions or public comment.

9. Appointment of CAC Advisory Member Sara Calhoun – Mayor Murphy

Mayor Murphy noted Ms. Calhoun is in attendance along with Ms. Carlson, the prior CAC advisory member. Ms. Carlson noted she is still on the bicycle pathways advisory committee. Mayor Murphy requested a vote on the appointment of Ms. Calhoun as the CAC advisory member.

Motion to accept Sara Calhoun's application to be appointed CAC Advisory Member.

Action made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Maro.
On roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

10. Advisory Member Reports

- a. CAC Report - Sara Calhoun. Ms. Calhoun has nothing to report as the next meeting is scheduled for today at 5:00 p.m.

Claudia Carlson mentioned safety assessments have been recommended in two counties, twenty safety assessments total. Two points are located on the island, one is located on Gulf Drive, from 58th St to Holmes Blvd, the other on North Bay Blvd. between Pine Avenue & Poinsettia Rd, Anna Maria. She also noted only four assessments will be chosen. Ms. Carlson referenced a call she received from a tourist regarding bicycle safety and noted a survey conducted a few years ago indicated a thousand bicycles are rented on the island on a busy weekend. Mayor Murphy noted an accident that occurred last week in the City involving a ten-year old girl on a bike. Further discussion continued regarding bicyclist safety on the island.

- b. TAC Report - Lynn Burnett. Ms. Burnett referenced the Barrier Island Traffic Study Project Priorities list handed out by Mr. Hutchinson. Also noted were trainings and workshops she attended over the last few weeks. The most recent being held on March 1st and 2nd called Be Smart Shared & Social All Hazards Transportation Recovery Planning. She noted it was an excellent training session in which they went through intense exercises in the what if scenarios. Ms. Burnett noted the Manatee County Local Mitigation Strategy meeting was held on March 8th and she indicated all three island cities have projects that are included. She will be working with the county to ensure the allocation of funds for present and future projects. The application is due in August.

11. Member Comments:

Mayor Murphy welcomed several elected officials in attendance: Anna Maria Commissioner Carol Carter, Anna Maria Commissioner Amy Tripp, Holmes Beach Commissioner Carol Soustek, and Holmes Beach Commissioner Chair/Deputy Mayor Judy Titsworth.

- a) Bradenton Beach Vice Mayor Maro – no additional comments.
- b) Holmes Beach Mayor Johnson. Mayor Johnson indicated he looks forward to the updates from the safety studies.
- c) Anna Maria Mayor Murphy – no additional comments.

12. Public Comment

Commissioner Carter noted when referencing the number of bicycles rented on the island the numbers should be increased by at least 50% as most vacation rentals also have bicycles available and Mayor Murphy noted a lot of renters also bring their own bicycles.

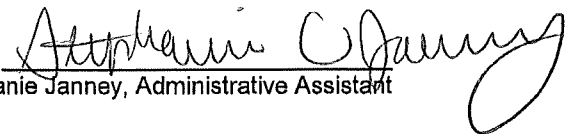
13. Date of next meeting – June 4, 2018 @ 2:00 pm - City of Anna Maria.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Murphy at 2:22 p.m.



Mayor
for ITPD

ATTEST: 
Stephanie Janney, Administrative Assistant