

**ISLAND TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING
CITY OF ANNA MARIA
JULY 17, 2006
3:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER (3:40 p.m.)
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor SueLynn (Anna Maria), Mayor John Chappie (City of Bradenton Beach), Mike Howe (Executive Director, Sarasota / Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bob Herrington (MPO Planning Mgr)
Absent: Mayor Carol Whitmore (Holmes Beach)
Also present: Bradenton Beach Commissioner Bill Shearon, Holmes Beach Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens
Press: Islander, Sun

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mayor John Chappie moved to approve the May 15th, 2006 meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor SueLynn.
Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

MPO / MEMBER UPDATES

Review of July 24th, 2006 MPO Agenda

Mike Howe distributed copies of the July 24th MPO Meeting Agenda [attached], noting that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Sutherland had been unable to speak at the last meeting, and was now scheduled to make a presentation at the September meeting. Mr. Howe said the MPO was eager to discuss the recently published FDOT estimates that projects both currently approved and underway would require forty-three years to complete in Manatee County, while Sarasota's projects would require sixty years. He indicated that the Sarasota / Manatee MPO project priority list attached to the July agenda would be presented to FDOT for their review. The MPO Executive Director noted that the prioritized projects contained in Sarasota / Manatee MPO's long-range plan to 2030 were expected to cost \$2.5 billion. Mr. Howe drew attention to the Congestion Management System program described in Attachment Two, and noted that Attachment Three contained a list of Major Improvement Project Priorities [please see attached].

Mike Howe acknowledged that the Legislature had assigned additional dollars to Metropolitan Planning Organizations statewide through the new Transportation Regional Incentive Program, a component of the Growth Management Act. He referred those present to Attachment 4 [attached], noting that this competitive

program was open to all twelve counties in District One and required a 50% local funding match. Mr. Howe indicated that the Sarasota / Manatee MPO would be required to negotiate its project priority list with its regional partner, the Charlotte / Punta Gorda MPO, as well as with the Polk TPO before submitting its application to the Tampa Bay affiliate. He said that in November, his organization would be informed by FDOT as to how much funding money would be available through its Five-Year Work Program.

Commissioner Bill Shearon inquired as to whether long-range cost projections had been calculated in today's dollars or if a future inflation factor had been incorporated in the figures. Mr. Howe noted that this was a good point, and responded that this factor would need to be added to the estimates shown when considering actual costs.

Mayor SueLynn observed that the State now faced an increasing problem with new development outstripping projected infrastructure planning in many areas.

OLD BUSINESS

No items offered.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Advertising for the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Vacancy:** Mayor SueLynn reported that the City of Anna Maria had already paid the \$328.30 for the publication of the advertisement before learning that funds were available for this purpose from the MPO. She asked if the other two cities would each agree to reimburse Anna Maria for a third of that expenditure. Mayor Chappie said that he could authorize such an expenditure for Bradenton Beach and Mayor SueLynn confirmed, at his suggestion, that she would be sending a written request to both Mayors.

Mayor SueLynn, in addressing the vacant position, recommended that the CAC be represented by three or more citizens, observing that the committee now had two members from Holmes Beach, Jane Early and Joy Courtney. Bob Herrington noted that the bylaws provided for establishment of a six-member CAC consisting of two members from each Island municipality, and itemized member qualifications and responsibilities. He said that the CAC chair was a position that rotated concurrently with the ITPO chairmanship, and indicated that the CAC chairperson was the individual designated to attend ITPO meetings on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Herrington observed that it would be advantageous to achieve full membership for the committee. Mr. Herrington recommended that the ITPO first nominate and appoint a new CAC Chairperson, then proceed to recruit additional members for the Committee, before placing the proposed membership and responsibilities on the agenda of a future ITPO meeting as an item for discussion. Bob Herrington noted that the CAC membership should include a Public Works

Director representing the TAC for each municipality. Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens said she would put the two nominations on the next Holmes Beach TAC meeting agenda. Mayor SueLynn confirmed with Mike Howe that the item would also be placed on the September MPO meeting agenda. Mr. Herrington recommended that Mayor SueLynn put the new Bradenton Beach Public Works Director's formal appointment on the September 18th ITPO meeting agenda. Mayor John Chappie informed Mr. Herrington that the new Public Works Director's name is Tom Woodard. The MPO Planning Director confirmed that, upon receipt of written advice of Mr. Woodard's formal appointment from Mayor SueLynn, a nameplate would be made for him in anticipation of his attendance at the Sarasota / Manatee MPO's September TAC meeting.

- **Closing Parking at Public Beach / Lots Full:** Holmes Beach Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens presented a recommendation from Mayor Carol Whitmore to post 'parking lots full' message boards on Cortez and Manatee Avenues, displaying instructions to encourage usage of the trolley. The Holmes Beach Mayor also suggested increasing use of the trolley system by adding two trolley vehicles to service the Cortez and Manatee access routes on weekends, when parking is most in demand, along with the establishment of park and ride beach accesses at spots such as K-Mart. Commissioner Haas-Martens noted that shortening the intervals between trolleys would also attract an increase in ridership and reduce traffic congestion. Bob Herrington indicated to Mike Howe that he yet to receive a response from the Manatee County Director of Transportation, Harry Mendenhall, since forwarding him the Informational Sign proposal.

Mayor SueLynn said that she would contact Mr. Mendenhall for an update on the Informational Signs proposal. She confirmed that she would also inquire as to the possible availability of existing portable programmable signs owned by the County, for posting continuously updated traffic and parking advisory information for Island beach accesses on public holidays and weekends.

A member of the public took the floor to comment that it would be unrealistic to expect usage of the trolley service to increase when the last County bus leaves the Island at 5:30 p.m., since early evening and sunset appear to be popular among beach goers.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORT

- **TAC Report** - Submitted in writing.

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MEMBER COMMENTS

Anna Maria – Mayor SueLynn reported that the City was preparing to draw down \$1 million from its line of credit to fund capital improvements.

Bradenton Beach - Mayor John Chappie said his staff had been working with representatives from the Manatee County Department of Parks and Recreation to examine all aspects related to beach parking at beaches in the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 18th, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Chappie moved to adjourn the meeting and his motion was seconded by Mayor SueLynn.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor SueLynn adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.