




## AGENDA

### Island Transportation Planning Organization

September 11, 2023 - 2:00 pm  
City of Anna Maria City Hall  
10005 Gulf Drive  
Anna Maria, FL 34216

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

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
  
4. Approval of May 8, 2023 Minutes
5. Review of May 22, 2023 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson
6. Preview of September 18, 2023 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson
7. FDOT Report
8. Advisory Member Reports:
  - a. CAC Report
  - b. TAC Report
9. Member Comments:
  - a) Bradenton Beach Mayor Chappie
  - b) Holmes Beach Mayor Titsworth
  - c) Anna Maria Mayor Murphy
10. Public Comment
11. Date of next meeting – November 4, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - City of Anna Maria
12. Adjournment

 (FSS 286.26) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK FOR ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING (941) 708-6130. SHOULD ANY INTERESTED PARTY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS BE MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.







## MINUTES Island Transportation Planning Organization

May 8, 2023 - 2:00 pm  
City of Anna Maria City Hall  
10005 Gulf Drive  
Anna Maria, FL 34216

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Murphy at 2: p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call

**Present:** City of Anna Maria Mayor Dan Murphy, City of Bradenton Beach Mayor John Chappie, City of Holmes Beach Commissioner Dan Diggins, Dave Hutchinson, Victoria Peters with FDOT, Pam Barr, Sara Calhoun, and Sage Kamiya.

**Others Present:** City Clerk/Treasurer LeAnne Addy and Deputy City Clerk Fransheska Berrios.

4. Approval of March 13, 2023 Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of March 13, 2023.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Diggins.  
On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Review of March 27, 2023 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson

*Dave Hutchinson* with MPO discussed the key items we have the interim secretary Mr. Kuebler which has been our interim until the main one comes back. He stated that the Governor added 7 Billion dollars to the FDOT work program to advance several items which includes widening State Road 70 and I75 at Fruitville. He stated the final package has not been passed but we are not sure if our projects are in there or not. The Board sent a letter of support asking for support for the projects.

*Mr. Hutchinson* stated that we are looking at the 2050 long range projects. They are looking at hiring a company to assist with this effort. Within the next year we will have this being worked on. The Board approved letters of support for the RAGE Grant for MCAT and some overpasses for the legacy trail. Priorities were adopted for the year that goes to FDOT for consideration and funding. The work program will come out of the legislature at the end of June. We heard an update on two different sun trail bringing it out to this direction and this will be coming back for recommendation at the next board meeting. There were reports from FDOT as to what is happening on I75 and downtown Bradenton that we will look at the state and regional highway system around the baseball stadium at Lecom.

*Mayor John Chappie* asked about the funding and the FDOT rates and how it is based on population. What is happening out here with basing the population on the main numbers and we have many more people staying in the vacation rentals and we would like to see more funding come back to our communities for the wear and tear of our infrastructure. We need to educate people that our daily population has increased tremendously. We need help and a better way to access the wear and tear of our infrastructure and highway system.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that they are looking at that such as looking at the schools, tourism and that does get factored in the traffic modeling. He mentioned that Manatee County set funds aside for a water taxi.

*Mayor Dan Murphy* stated that it is not just using the population, it is a coastal problem along the state. We have about 900 in the city and there is actually probably over 13,000 living in the city. We are at about 70% vacation rentals. It creates an impact of the infrastructure we have in our cities. The coastal communities are expanding so fast that we can't keep up.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that the gas tax funds federally ties back to the 2000 population numbers. He stated the long-range plan will take into account the population here.

*Mayor John Chappie* stated the language we need but it is everyone that comes and visits here.

#### 6. Preview of May 22, 2023 MPO Board Meeting – David Hutchinson

*Dave Hutchinson* went over the upcoming Monday, May 22, 2023 agenda. He mentioned the upcoming work program and we should have it in mid to late July. The performance measures is the asset management of the condition of the roads. The recommendation is to adopt the states standards versus coming up with our own. He mentioned that there will be a safety report at the meeting. He also mentioned the adoption of our regional trip program to provide matching funds to local or regional programs that will tie into our regional road network. He also mentioned that there will be a report outlining the SUN Trail alignments. He also mentioned that there are some presentations that will be presented.

*Mayor Chappie* asked about the Tiger Grant. He was told that all three cities agreed to going into the grant together.

*Mayor Murphy* stated that it is slim to get funding from that grant. He stated that we are looking for relief on the sales tax and not base it on population so we went to county. We all went together to put together a package for the Tiger Grant per the county's recommendation. He stated that it is hard to get funding from that.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that they are now called the Rays Grant but they are still hard to get the funding.

#### 7. FDOT Report

*Victoria Peters* from FDOT introduced Pamela Barr who is the new liaison to FDOT. She stated that there is a speed management workshop on May 18, 2023 in Bartow. She stated that they had one on May 1, 2023 and she was going to bring back some feedback.

*Craig Fox* with FDOT District 1 mentioned that we are in the scoping phase of the study. July 10, 2023 is the advertisement date and the execution to be in November of this year. The project is broken up in several sections. One being 789 to Pine Avenue. He stated that they will have a consultant on board by November which can last about two years. He mentioned that comments back to him regarding specifications the date will need to be by May 31, 2023.

*Mayor Murphy* stated that he does know that our city is not a FDOT road. Who requested this study.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach wanted it.

*Craig Fox* stated that they do understand that the City of Anna Maria is not a state road.

*Commissioner Dan Diggins* asked how this will get accomplished since it is not a FDOT road and how will it affect the right-of-way.

*Craig Fox* stated that this report is one that the cities can use. He mentioned the facts of what this can help such as public safety, drainage, and etc.

*Mayor John Chappie* stated that this is a multi-model report that the key part is safety.

*Mayor Dan Murphy* asked if we choose to not participate, we can, correct?

*Craig Fox* stated that yes we don't have to participate.

*Commissioner Dan Diggins* asked why they chose Gulf Drive versus Marina Drive.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that it would be Marina Drive until the roads split.

*Sage Kamiya* stated that there is a need for multi-modal path for public safety.

*Craig Fox* stated that they will be looking at design segments. July 10, 2023 is the advertisement date to advertise for consultants. It is scoped and sized and now in RFP format.

*Mayor Dan Murphy* asked if we need to opt out by July.

*Craig Fox* stated that he would like to know by July.

*Dave Hutchinson* stated that this was part of the traffic study and the multi-modal path is one factor and this could be the start of the state and federal funding saving you time and money.

*Commissioner Dan Diggins* wanted to know how the ebikes fit on the roads now. Is that considered multi-modal transportation.

*Craig Fox* stated that they are supposed to go the same direction as vehicles and should have lights similar to vehicles.

*Mayor Dan Murphy* stated if you have the specifications that are to be let July 2023 is it possible to change it to what the needs in our city. Can we add or delete to the specifications. He would like a copy of the specifications and the sooner they could get them would be beneficial.

8. Advisory Member Reports:

a. CAC Report

*Sara Calhoun* stated that our last meeting was \_\_\_\_\_ and the main items of discussion were the SUN Trail. She mentioned that maybe she could get comments to bring back to their meeting.

b. TAC Report

*Sage Kamiya* stated that the TAC met this morning on the performance measures, 2023-24-28 transportation program, and the SUN Trail alignments. They had a report on the destination ZERO matching the FDOT. They listed several things that they want to look at to make our roads safer.

9. Member Comments:

a) Bradenton Beach Mayor Chappie

*Mayor John Chappie* stated that they are moving along with the sewer project with Woodruff. They started construction on the finger docks. He stated that they also started budget and hurricane preparation.

b) Holmes Beach Mayor Titworth

*Commissioner Dan Diggins* stated that the city center construction will be done by the end of the month, and they will be putting on the second lift of asphalt down. The million dollars have been approved for the resiliency fund for the 64 area.

c) Anna Maria Mayor Murphy

*Mayor Dan Murphy* stated that we received one bid on our Pine Avenue Project, and we rejected that bid so we are now looking at making the project bigger by adding on Magnolia to the project.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Date of next meeting – September 11, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - City of Anna Maria


12. Adjournment

*Mayor Murphy* adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

**DATE:** Monday, May 22, 2023

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Holiday Inn  
8009 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, Florida 34243

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**MPO Chair, Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota County**  
**MPO Vice Chair, Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton**

**MEETING MINUTES MAY 22, 2023**

Vice Chair Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board, stated a quorum was present. The invocation was provided by Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Island Transportation Planning Organization (ITPO: [Anna Maria](#), [Holmes Beach & Bradenton Beach](#))**  
Mayor Dan Murphy

**City of Bradenton**  
Mayor Gene Brown  
Vice Mayor Jayne Kocher

**Town of Longboat Key**  
Commissioner Mike Haycock

**Manatee County**  
Commissioner Vanessa Baugh  
Commissioner Mike Rahn  
Commissioner Van Ostenbridge

**City of North Port**  
Commissioner Pete Emrich  
Mayor Barbara Langdon

**City of Palmetto**  
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant

**Sarasota County**  
Commissioner Mike Moran for  
Commissioner Ron Cutsinger  
Commissioner Mark Smith  
Commissioner Joe Neunder

**City of Sarasota**  
Vice Mayor Liz Alpert  
Mayor Erik Arroyo for  
Commissioner Jen Ahearn Kock

**City of Venice**  
Councilmember Mitzie Fiedler

**FDOT District One Non-Voting Advisor**  
Interim Secretary John Kubler  
for Secretary L.K. Nandam

**MEMBERS ABSENT**  
**Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority**  
Commissioner Carlos Beruff

**City of Sarasota**  
Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch

**MPO Staff Present**  
Ryan Brown, Planning Manager  
Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board  
David Hutchinson, Executive Director  
Lindsay Heinrich, Planning Assistant  
David Machado, Fiscal Coordinator  
Rachel McClain, Fiscal Technician  
Grace Scigousky, Public Involvement Coordinator  
Prakrati Shrivastava, Multi Modal Planner  
Wenonah Venter, Senior Planner

**Others Present**  
Pam Barr, FDOT  
Wayne Gaither, FDOT  
Louis Kosiba, Citizen



# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## May 22, 2023 MPO Governing Board Meeting

### Public Comment

Mr. Louis Kosiba expressed support of the SUN Trail Preferred Alignment on behalf of the Friends of The Legacy Trail.

### 4. Reports

- a. Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, Chair, Public Transportation Task Force, reported on the following:
  - Received reports from Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) and Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) regarding increasing ridership.
  - SCAT presented its Mobility On Demand service that launched in June 2021 as a curb-to-curb service and pick up is guaranteed with 30 minutes of a reservation being made.
  - Future Service for MCAT: Route 6/Cortez Road 30-Minute Service is MCAT's #1 service need as identified in the Fiscal Year (FY) 201-22 Transit Development Plan (TDP); 30-minute service to begin in December 2023.
  - Congratulations to Councilmember Mitzie Fiedler, City of Venice, as the newly elected Chair and Vice Mayor Jayne Kocher, City of Bradenton, newly elected Vice Chair to the PTF.
- b. On behalf of Florida Department of Transportation Interim Secretary John Kubler, Ms. Pam Barr, FDOT, and Mr. Wayne Gaither, FDOT, reported on the following:
  - Introduced new MPO Liaison Ms. Pam Barr.
  - FDOT will be developing the Work Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2029 Work Program and the cycle begins in July.
  - In the Fall FDOT's Project Engineer will be presenting an update to the Board regarding operational improvements on Project# 444807, City of Bradenton, traffic improvement projects.
- c. Executive Director, David Hutchinson, reported on the following:
  - The Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) will hold a meeting on June 23, 2023 at FDOT's District Seven facility in Tampa.
  - Central Office provided information regarding a Complete Streets Opt Out Provision that is offered in conjunction with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Section 11206(b), which requires states and MPOs to expend no less than 2.5% of certain types of funds for State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds on Complete Street activities; same will be brought to the Board at its September meeting.
  - After the Census is conducted every 10 years MPOs may get new population numbers and sometimes boundary modifications and it is within the period of time where this MPO will be taking a review of its Apportionment Plan. No changes are anticipated at this time.
  - A memorandum regarding the MPO's Budget Overview was provided to Board Members.
  - Recognized Staff Anniversaries: David Machado, Fiscal Coordinator, has completed his first year with the MPO; Ryan Brown, Planning Manager, 6 years; Wenonah "Nina" Venter, Senior Planner, well over a year; and Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board, 22 years with the MPO.
- d. MPO Vice Chair, Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton, had nothing to report.
- e. MPOAC Report, Ms. Vanessa Baugh reported on the following:
  - Secretary Purdue and Interim Secretary Kubler attended the last MPOAC meeting.
  - MPOAC Executive Director, Mr. Mike Reinhart, will be spending more time working with the MPOs.
  - MPO Members who attended the MPOAC Institute Weekend found it very informative, productive, and highly recommend those who haven't already attended to do so.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Mayor Gene Brown asked for a motion for the Consent Items.

Mr. David Hutchinson, MPO, noted Under Consent Item 5.b. reappointments of Gerald Noeske and Jeffrey Orenstein representing Manatee County, and John Teran representing the City of Sarasota to the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) would need to go before their respective jurisdictions prior to Board ratification.





# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## May 22, 2023 MPO Governing Board Meeting

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I move to approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item 5.b. reappointments of Gerald Noeske and Jeffrey Orenstein representing Manatee County, and John Teran representing the City of Sarasota to the MPO’s Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Consent items approved:

1. Approved the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023 and Sarasota/Manatee MPO Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023.
2. Confirmed the Sarasota/Manatee MPO’s Appointments and Reappointment with the exception of the reappointments of Gerald Noeske and Jeffrey Orenstein representing Manatee County, and John Teran representing the City of Sarasota to the MPO’s Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
3. Adopted Documentation for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund Grants for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.
4. Adopted Amendment to Florida Department of Transportation and Sarasota/Manatee MPO Agreement.
5. Approved Amendment to 2022/23-2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
6. Approved EcolInteractive Software Procurement Contingent on FDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Concurrence.

**6. Action Item**

- a. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments  
Mr. Ryan Brown, FDOT, presented the following STIP/TIP Amendments:

**MANATEE COUNTY**

**452241-1 Project Description: SWRS-STATEWIDE RUMBLE STRIPS (ON-SYSTEM NORTH)**

This is a new project to be included in your MPO’s TIP and will include funding for the Design phase in FY23. It was programmed as a “District Wide” project for the Northern Counties and was not specifically reflected in individual MPO areas and must now be amended into your MPO’s TIP for consistency and transparency purposes. To receive federal funds for this project, these changes are required to be amended into the Sarasota/Manatee MPO’s FY2022/2023 through FY2026/2027 TIP.

**SARASOTA COUNTY**

**452242-1 Project Description: SWRS-STATEWIDE RUMBLE STRIPS (ON-SYSTEM SOUTH)**

This is a new project to be included in your MPO’s TIP and will include funding for the Design phase in FY23. It was programmed as a “District Wide” project for the Southern Counties and was not specifically reflected in individual MPO areas and must now be amended into your MPO’s TIP for consistency and transparency purposes. To receive federal funds for this project, these changes are required to be amended into the Sarasota/Manatee MPO’s FY2022/2023 through FY2026/2027 TIP.

The MPO’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended Board approval. Vice Chair Gene Brown noted this item required a vote by the show of hands.

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move Board approval of the Statewide Improvement Program (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## May 22, 2023 MPO Governing Board Meeting

- b. Performance Measure Targets for Infrastructure Condition (PM2) and System Performance (PM 3)  
Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained it is recommended that the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorse the performance targets established by the FDOT on December 16, 2022 for Performance Measures 2 Bridge and Pavement, and Performance Measures 3 System Performance. The targets set for two (2) years will reflect the conditions of bridges and pavement by the end of the calendar year 2023, whereas the target for four (4) years will indicate the conditions by the end of 2025.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) requires State DOTs and MPOs to conduct performance-based planning by tracking performance measures and setting data-driven targets to improve those measures. Performance-based planning ensures the most efficient investment of federal transportation funds by increasing accountability, transparency, and providing for better investment decisions that focus on key outcomes related to seven national goals:

- Improving Safety;
- Maintaining Infrastructure Condition;
- Reducing Traffic Congestion;
- Improving the Efficiency of the System and Freight Movement;
- Protecting the Environment; and,
- Reducing Delays in Project Delivery.

State DOTs are required to establish statewide targets and MPOs have the option to support the statewide targets or adopt their own quantifiable targets for the MPO's planning area.

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I move for Board Endorsement of the Performance Measure Targets for PM 2 Bridge Pavement and PM 3 System Performance.

Mayor Erik Arroyo: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed and updated annually as part of the MPO urbanized area transportation planning process in accordance with state and federal statutes. It provides information to the public and the implementing agencies with regard to the schedule of projects including the MPO priorities.

The process to develop the DRAFT FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP started in February 2022 when the MPO Board adopted its 2022 Project Priority List. That list was forwarded to the FDOT to prepare its Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program. The TIP also includes regionally significant local projects from the capital improvement programs of MPO member jurisdictions.

The DRAFT FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be posted on the MPO website and sent out to various groups including committees and board members for review and comment. The complete document is available to view and download by clicking the link here: <https://www.mympo.org/our-work/mpo-plans/tip>.

The MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee recommended Board approval. Vice Chair Gene Brown noted this item required a vote by the show of hands.

Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant: I move Board Adoption of the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Commissioner Joe Neunder: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## May 22, 2023 MPO Governing Board Meeting

d. Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority Lists

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in "regional transportation areas." State funds are available throughout Florida to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will pay up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of project costs for public transportation facility projects.

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO has interlocal agreements with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and the Polk TPO (via the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance [SCTPA]) for joint regional transportation planning and coordination and asks that FDOT attempt to award TRIP funding on an equitable basis.

*Commissioner Vanessa Baugh expressed concern with alternating projects with the Polk TPO and how that may affect the Manatee County project (Moccasin Wallow) should any TRIP money become available. She asked if maybe the process should be changed. Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, stated he and the Executive Director, Mr. David Hutchinson, have discussed this. Also, as a way in addressing this to make sure the Sarasota/Manatee MPO is on an equitable basis with the POLK TPO they have requested a meeting with the Polk TPO Director, and to look at a report from the FDOT on a fair share analysis over the last 10 years in terms of TRIP funding. Discussion ensued regarding TRIP, the low amount of funds in the program. Mr. David Hutchinson stated Staff will do more follow up and report back at a future MPO Board meeting.*

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend MPO Board approval.

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh: I move to approve the 2023 Joint TRIP Project Priorities Lists with conversation noted.

Commissioner Kevin Van Ostenbridge: I second the motion I

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. SUN Trail Preferred Alignments

Mr. Franco Saraceno, Kittelson & Associates, explained the MPO has contracted Kittelson & Associates, Inc. to conduct two multi-use trail alignment studies in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

- The purpose of the Manatee Study is to identify a feasible alignment option between Green Bridge in Downtown Bradenton and the Palma Sola Causeway at SR 64 and 75<sup>th</sup> Street West/Northwest.
- The purpose of the Sarasota Study is to identify a feasible alignment option from the northern extension of the Legacy Trail east toward Lorraine Road.
- Expanding the network of multi-use trails in each area will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, provide more multi-modal options, and support the economic vitality of nearby businesses.
- A single recommended alignment alternative has been identified for each study area.
- The recommended alignments were identified following extensive and continuing data analysis, stakeholder feedback, two public surveys and a public workshop (for each study area), and three meetings of the Manatee & Sarasota Project Advisory Groups.
- The study may be found at <https://www.publicinput.com/SUNTrailStudies>.

**Recommendation Alignments:**

***Manatee Study, Alternative 5, 11<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue:***

- Beginning at the intersection of Manatee Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street West and south along Village Green Parkway, east along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to 51<sup>st</sup> Street West.
- Then heads North on 51<sup>st</sup> Street turning East on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Ballard Park Drive.
- The alternative goes North on Ballard Park to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, then East on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West where it connects with the Riverwalk.

### *Sarasota Study, Alternative 3, Legacy/Parks:*

- Begins at the Legacy Trail and heads East/North in easement through the Eastwood subdivision to Fruitville Road.
- After crossing Fruitville Road, it follows the Circus Trail to Bobby Jones Golf Course. The trail goes through Bobby Jones and 17<sup>th</sup> Street Regional Park, East on 17<sup>th</sup> to Honore, then up to Nathan Benderson Park.
- It then crosses I-75 to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard and heads East along Blue Lake Road to Lorraine Road.

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended Board adoption; the Citizen Advisory Committee recommend MPO Board adoption with consideration to utilize 14<sup>th</sup> Street for the Manatee Study.

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO's Technical Advisory Committee recommend MPO Board Adoption; Citizen Advisory Committee recommend MPO Board adoption with consideration to utilize 14<sup>th</sup> Street for the Manatee Study.

Commissioner Erik Arroyo: I move Board Adoption of recommended alignments.

Commissioner Mark Smith I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 7. Presentations

### a. MPO Report

#### i. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Resiliency Study Phase II

Mr. Ryan Brown, MPO, explained on January 23, 2023, the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board adopted the LRTP Resiliency/Vulnerability Assessment Study, which was completed based on recommendations in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and 2018 Security Assessment Report. The project aimed to develop and apply innovative methods that incorporate resilience corridor planning into transportation planning and decision-making processes. This approach helped to evaluate and mitigate risks from all hazards that could impact the Sarasota/Manatee region's transportation system. Consequently, transportation facilities in the MPO area were categorized into three tiers based on their vulnerability to hazards that could affect the region. The Sarasota/Manatee MPO is partnering with Kimley-Horn for the Resiliency/Vulnerability Study Phase II. The Study may be viewed by clicking here: [Resiliency Phase 1 Study](#).

#### ii. Destination Zero Safety Update

Ms. Wenonah "Nina" Venter, MPO, stated that on February 28, 2022, the MPO Board adopted *Destination Zero: Sarasota/ Manatee Path to Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries*. Destination Zero is the Sarasota/Manatee MPO's safety action plan to prevent life-ending and life-changing roadway crashes for all users in the two-county region. On January 23, 2023, the MPO Board supported FDOT's statewide safety targets by adopting 'zero' as the only acceptable number of fatal and serious injury crashes in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The MPO continues to monitor crash data and trends in the two-county region to evaluate progress toward the adopted safety performance measures against the 2014-2018 baseline.

- On March 14, 2023, the Sarasota/Manatee MPO began working on an implementation plan for a Destination Zero Safety Education Campaign.
- The goal is to support a safe and secure transportation system for all users by focusing on education, shared knowledge, and behavior.
- The objective is to develop an education campaign that can be targeted to various audiences and focused on various topics and host a safety event to boost awareness of safety issues, safety projects, and roadway user best practices.
- The Plan will be completed in late 2023.

# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

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- The MPO supports jurisdictional partners in developing local safety action plans and pursuing funding for safety projects.
- A second notice of funding opportunity for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program has been opened by DOT for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The deadline for applications is 5 PM (EDT) Monday, July 10, 2023. For more information, visit the Safe Streets and Roads for All website: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.
- Three jurisdictions in the MPO area were awarded SS4A Action Plan Grants in the FY 2022 funding cycle: City of Holmes Beach, Manatee County, and Sarasota County in partnership with the cities of North Port, Sarasota, Venice, and the Town of Longboat Key.

### b. FDOT Report-None

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh stated all on this Board know that we lost a dear friend, a coworker, past Senator, past Representative, and lastly a commissioner, with Nancy Detert. She had known Nancy before she was ever involved in politics and stated that although we may not have always agreed politically Nancy was still always a dear friend; she didn't let politics get in the way of her friendships and her loyalty to others. Commissioner Baugh asked for all to stand in a moment of silence.

### 8. Member Comments

- Vice Chair Gene Brown asked Mr. David Hutchinson how long he has been employed by the MPO and he responded 11 years.
- Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant encouraged Board Members to attend the kickoff for the DeSoto Bridge Project Development and Design (PD&E) at the Bradenton Area Convention Center in Palmetto on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She stated there is a looming issue with merging onto the highway to access the DeSoto Bridge; the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and US 41. Mayor Bryant stated City Staff and the Palmetto Police Department are very concerned with the merging onto that area. Discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the DeSoto Bridge, studies that are required, communication from FDOT regarding the same, and everyone working together.

### 9. Adjournment

Vice Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.



**Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**May 22, 2023 MPO Governing Board Meeting**

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Gene Brown  
MPO Vice Chair

State of *Florida*  
County of *Manatee*

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board  
Notary Public State of Florida

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# Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

## MPO Governing Board

**DATE:** Monday, September 18, 2023

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** **Holiday Inn**  
8009 15<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Sarasota, Florida



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MPO Chair, Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota County  
MPO Vice Chair, Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Confirmation of a Quorum**
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**  
Speakers during the meeting will be limited to two minutes.
4. **Reports**
  - a. Public Transportation Task Force, PTTF Chair, Councilmember Mitzie Fiedler
  - b. Florida Department of Transportation, Interim Secretary John Kubler
  - c. MPO Executive Director, David Hutchinson
    - i. Draft 2024 Sarasota/Manatee MPO Meeting Schedule
    - ii. 2023 Budget Overview
  - d. MPO Chair, Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota County
  - e. MPOAC Report
5. **Consent Agenda**  
The entire Consent Agenda will be read aloud for the record and passed in one motion. An MPO Board Member may remove an item from consent for further discussion.
  - a. Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023
  - b. Sarasota/Manatee MPO Committee Appointments/Reappointments
  - c. Updates to Sarasota/Manatee MPO Committee Policies
  - d. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modifications/Amendments
  - e. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications
  - f. CITIAN-Crash Software Purchase
6. **Action Items**
  - a. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
    - i. Moveable Bridge ITS Safety Project Funds
    - ii. TIP Roll Forward
  - b. 2024 Policy Priorities
  - c. Apportionment Plan Retention
  - d. Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Appointments
7. **Presentations (May Require Board Action)**
  - a. MPO Presentations
    - i. Destination Zero Implementation: Safety Education
    - ii. Interim 2023 Safety Report
    - iii. Project Prioritization Process Update
    - iv. 2023 Call for Projects
  - b. FDOT Presentations
    - i. Cortez Road Corridor Vision & Action Plan
8. **Member Comments**
9. **Adjourn**

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Advisory Committee: October 15, 2023, 2:30 p.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Transportation System Management & Operations: October 21, 2023, 8:00 a.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Technical Advisory Committee: November 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Citizen Advisory Committee: November 4, 2023, 5:00 p.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Manatee Local Coordinating Board: November 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Sarasota Local Coordinating Board: November 13, 2023, 1:00 p.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

Public Transportation Task Force Meeting: November 18, 2023, 8:15 a.m., 8100 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota

**MPO Board Meeting: November 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Holiday Inn, 8009 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Sarasota**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Meeting materials and information regarding technology and access will be posted to the MPO website at [www.mymppo.org](http://www.mymppo.org) on **Friday, September 8, 2023.**

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1. In person at the MPO Board Meeting by filling out a comment card.
2. Written comments will be accepted before, during, and after the meeting. All written comments will be included as part of the official public record of the meeting. Please email Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board at [Nanette@mymppo.org](mailto:Nanette@mymppo.org) and include your name, email address, and phone number with your written comment.
3. The **MPO Board meeting will be live streamed on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.** The public can view the meeting and comment during the meeting using the comment box at <https://publicinput.com/Q742> or at <https://facebook.com/Sarasota/ManateeMPO/>
4. The public may call-in by phone and leave comments via voicemail. Telephone Number 1-855-925-2801; Meeting code 8196.
5. For those wishing to address members of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board directly, you are requested to provide a written request in advance. Please email Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board at [Nanette@mymppo.org](mailto:Nanette@mymppo.org) **by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023** for your comments to be distributed to MPO Board Members prior to the meeting. Please provide the following information in the email:
  - a. Subject line (RE): PUBLIC COMMENT FOR **SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 MPO BOARD MEETING**
  - b. Please include the following information in the body of the email: 1) Name, email, and phone number; 2) The agenda item you wish to address; 3) A summary of your public comment (3000-character limit)
  - c. Following the receipt of the email, instructions will be sent on how to join the virtual meeting to speak once the Chair calls on you during the public comment period.

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**It would greatly help MPO staff if questions and comments could be emailed to Clerk to the Board ([Nanette@mymppo.org](mailto:Nanette@mymppo.org)) PRIOR to the beginning of the meeting, and ideally **before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023.****

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