



South Tampa Bay Area Transportation Partnerships

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

8:30 a.m.

MPO Conference Room
7632 15th Street East
Sarasota, Florida 34243

SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

Neil Spirtas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Welcome & Introductions

The following were in attendance: Neil Spirtas, Manatee Chamber; Fred Derr, Fredrick Derr and Company; Alan Prather, Porges, Hamlin, Knowles & Prouty, P.A.; Larry Mau, Cardno TBE; Mike Guy, STARTUPS; Harry Mendenhall, Manatee County Public Works; Mike Maholtz, MPO; Nick Lapp, Renaissance Planning Group; Leon Kotecki, Manatee County Public Works; Manon Lavoie, FDOT.

3. Approval of the August 29, 2009 Meeting Summary

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 29, 2009 Meeting Summary.

4. MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Focus Group

Mike Maholtz, MPO Transportation Planner and Nick Lapp of the Renaissance Planning Group were introduced and facilitated this portion of the meeting. Mike Maholtz began the discussion with an explanation of the non-attainment standard for federal ozone (air quality) standard. This process / designation have been delayed for 1½ years. EPA lowered levels to .75 parts per billion from .85 parts per billion.

Nick Lapp of the Renaissance Planning Group asked for input on what kinds of things need to be done. The top two items identified were additional transportation funding and improved transit.

Adoption of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan is due in December 2010.

5. FDOT Update

Manon Lavoie, FDOT noted that Charlotte County would not have a fixed route transit system. She also noted that FDOT is putting together its Work Program and noted that it is looking stable. Manon stated that the Work Program would be distributed electronically this year. There will be no hard copies of the Work Program.

Discussion ensued about the 9th Avenue Bridge funding being moved to SR64.

6. MPO Update

The next MPO Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2009.

7. Local Government and Agency Updates

There were no Local Government or Agency Updates.

8. Old Business

There was no Old Business to bring before the group.

9. New Business – Next Meeting Date

There was no New Business to bring before the group. The next STARTUPS meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

10. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.