



South Tampa Bay Area Transportation Partnerships

## **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

8:30 a.m.

MPO Conference Room

7632 15<sup>th</sup> Street East

Sarasota, Florida 34243

### AGENDA

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1. Call to Order / Introductions

David Sessions, President and Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 8:35am. The following were in attendance: David Sessions, Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc.; Neil Spirtas, Manatee Chamber; Del Borgsdorf, Sarasota Chamber; Jim Paulmann, Wilson Miller; Mike Guy, STARTUPS, Manon Lavoie, FDOT; Larry Mau, TBE Group; Harry Mendenhall, Manatee County Public Works; Bob Herrington, MPO

2. Approval of August 28, 2008 Meeting Summary

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the summary.

3. Election of Officers for 2009

Nomination and Election of the 2008 Officers. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect the full slate of officers as follows:

- President – David Sessions
- Vice President – Fred Derr
- Secretary – Jim Paulmann
- Treasurer/Manatee Chamber Member – Neil Spirtas
- Sarasota Chamber Member – Del Borgsdorf

4. Establish 2008-2009 Legislative Agenda

Discussion ensued regarding the development of the 2009 legislative agenda. Attachment 'A' represents the list of issues that STARTUPS will support and the actions to be taken

5. Discussion - Public, Private Partnership Summit.

Neil Spirtas advised that the PPP summit will be held on May 29, 2009. The actual length of time needed for the summit is yet to be determined pending agenda. Mike Guy advised that one of the invited keynote speakers, Jim Hatter of FHWA cannot travel due to FHWA budget constraints. Mr. Guy was directed to write a letter to the FHWA Tallahassee Regional Office requesting Mr. Hatter's presence at the summit.

6. Discussion - What STARTUPS can do to encourage both county commissions to expedite their economic stimulus projects

Discussion ensued with regard to what STARTUPS can do to encourage both county commissions to expedite their economic stimulus projects. Mr. Guy was directed to write a letter to both county commissions thanking them for what they have done to get projects production ready for the stimulus program and encourage to counties to expedite letting projects to contract.

7. FDOT Update

Manon Lavoie advised that the Department is working on its projects for the economic program but is not prepared to present this information.

8. Local Government/Agency Update

There was no local government/ agency updates.

9. Old Business

There was no old business to bring before the board

10. New Business – Next Meeting Date and Location

The next Board meeting will be held on May 20, 2009 at 8:30am.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Attachment 'A'  
STARTUPS  
2009  
Legislative Business Agenda

- STARTUPS will support a bill that would provide for indexing the local option gas tax to the CPI.
- STARTUPS will support incentive-based legislation for those counties that have passed the full local option gas tax. For example making the T.R.I.P. program 75% State and 25% local match for those counties, rather than the current 50%-50% match program for all counties.
- STARTUPS will support adjusting the tolls on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge to be comparable to the tolls on similar facilities within the state of Florida. STARTUPS will support a bill amending Section 338.165 Florida Statutes to include that one quarter (¼) of the Skyway toll revenues collected be used to fund the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA.)
- STARTUPS will support restoration and protection of the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- STARTUPS will support the local option rental car surcharge for regional transportation
- STARTUPS will support the practice of utilizing mobility fees as a tool for mitigating transportation impacts.
- STARTUPS will support changing the Charter County Surtax to an all-county surtax and providing funding for all transportation projects based upon local priorities.
- STARTUPS will support the creation of the Florida Transportation Revenue Study Commission as defined in SB 582 and HB 941.
- STARTUPS will support public private partnerships (P3) as related to transportation improvements.
- STARTUPS will support legislation to stop red light running
- STARTUPS will support improvements to ports and other multi-modal facilities to take advantage of the Panama Canal expansion.