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Summary Points of the December 8, 2014 MPO Board Meeting

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1. REGULAR ITEMS

F. Comments from the Chair

The Chair made the following comments:

- This was the last Palm Beach MPO meeting for FDOT District Secretary James Wolfe as he will retire on April 1, 2015. This was also the last meeting for Port of Palm Beach Commissioner Ed Oppel who was also retiring at the end of this year.

G. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Uhren reported on the following activities:

- Vinod Sandanasamy, Senior Planner for the MPO resigned this month and has taken a position with the City of Boca Raton. Renee Benezra, MPO Secretary is retiring in January. The MPO has two new hires; Francesca Taylor is the new Bike/Ped/TDM Coordinator and Valerie Nielson is the new Transit Coordinator, both begin their employment on January 5, 2015.
- Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad announced his resignation effective January 2, 2015. His successor has not yet been named.
- On October 21-24, City of West Palm Beach Commissioner Shanon Materio, Luke Lambert from the MPO and he attended the AMPO conference in the Buckhead region of Atlanta, GA. Mr. Uhren said his personal focus was on creating walkable communities and he was particularly impressed by the private investments and collaboration in creating wider sidewalks through perpetual easements along Peachtree Blvd.
- He will be attending the Florida Automated Vehicle Summit in Orlando on December 14-15 and hopes to gain a better understanding of the state of the practice and potential impacts on transportation infrastructure.
- MPO staff will be on Tri-Rail this year for the annual office lunch. Last year they rode Palm Tran to WPB and this year they will take the train down to Delray Beach and the City's trolley to Atlantic Ave.

- He attended the Tri-Cities Annual BBQ on Friday, December 5th. He commended Mayor Wilson and the League of Cities for hosting a quality event in a beautiful setting on Torry Island.
- Work continues with the attorneys on the interlocal agreement to modify MPO Board membership to include a full-time seat for the City of Greenacres and a new seat for the Village of Palm Springs pursuant to Board action in July.

H. The Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items

1. MPO Board member Travel to MPOAC Meetings and MPOAC Weekend Institute.
2. Appointments of Mr. Isaac Kovner and Mr. John Morgan to the Bicycle, Greenways, and Pedestrian Advisory Committee representing the City of Delray Beach.
3. Appoints of Mr. Randal Krejcarek and Mr. Dana Little to the Technical Advisory Committee representing the City of Delray Beach.

I. General Public Comments

No public comments were received.

2. ACTION ITEMS

A. Elected officers for the MPO Board

The MPO Board unanimously elected City of Boca Raton Mayor Haynie as the 2015 Chair and Palm Beach County Commissioner Valeche as the Vice Chair.

B. Approved representatives for the Southeast Florida Transportation Council

The MPO Board unanimously approved Chair Haynie as the representative and Commissioner James as the alternate representative for the Southeast Florida Transportation Council.

C. Approved appointments to the Florida MPO Advisory Council

The MPO Board unanimously approved the appointment of Chair Haynie as the representative and Councilor Harrison as the alternate representative for the Florida MPO Advisory Council.

D. Approved the FDOT FY 16-20 Draft Tentative Work Program with three separate amendments

Following the presentation and discussion, the MPO Board approved the Draft Tentative Work Program 10-1 with Commissioner James from the City of West Palm Beach in the minority and subject to the following:

1. Object to the postponement of construction funding for SR-7 from 60th to Northlake Blvd from FY-16 to FY-20 and request construction funding for this project in FY 16-19 without delaying other MPO Priority Projects.
2. Request allocation of 100% of Surface Transportation Revenue (SU) and 30% of Other Arterials Revenue to the newly created Local Initiatives Program starting in FY-20 in order to fund at least the initial phase of all Local Initiative Projects and to box the remaining funds until total project costs are known.

3. Request modifications to the funding of Palm Tran Maintenance Facilities to show design of the Delray Beach facility in FY-16 and construction in FY-17, design of the West Palm Beach facility in FY-19 and construction in FY-20.

E. Approved the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model (SERPM) Activities Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The MOU between the Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach MPOs, and the Florida Department of Transportation Districts 4 and 6 seeks to assign roles and responsibilities to various agencies and create a decision-making framework to advance a model development vision.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. January 2015 MPO Board Retreat

The draft schedule for the January retreat was presented for comment.

B. I-95 at Central /PGA Blvd Update

FDOT staff and consultants reviewed the alternatives considered for a new interchange on I-95 at Central Blvd. as well as the current status and next steps for the project.

C. I-95 Master Plan Update

FDOT staff and consultants presented a summary of the methodology to evaluate interchanges on the I-95 corridor between Linton Blvd. and Northlake Blvd. and a table of currently allocated and needed funding for each location.

D. Southeast Florida Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

Jessica Josselyn from Kittelson & Associates highlighted the development of the Southeast Florida 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

E. 2015 MPOAC Legislative Policy Positions and Amendment 1 Impacts

The MPOAC's 2015 State Legislative Policy Positions were presented with focus on:

- More general revenue, surtax options, indexed fuel taxes and/or mileage based user fee.
- Restore funds for TRIP.
- Don't divert funds for Amendment 1 from transportation.
- Make distracted driving a primary offense.

F. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the MPO.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Roadway Design Bulletin 14-17 mandates consideration of 11' travel lanes and 6-7' bike lanes on urban arterials where ROW permits.

G. Palm Beach County Draft FY 15-19 Five Year Road Program- Add-on

The document was provided to facilitate awareness of major transportation projects proposed throughout the County.

The Program will be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. There are 20 projects scheduled for construction in FY 15 and 16. 10 New projects were added; mostly small intersection improvements and maintenance. Jog Road extension from Roebuck to 45th Street is deleted.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Member Comments

Council Member Willhite said landscaping along the turnpike and I-95 had been discussed at previous meetings and he was glad to see new landscaping along the turnpike at various interchanges. Enjoyed holding this meeting at the Vista Center where the MPO offices are located because of the ample parking and large conference room that provides a larger seating area for the public. He also stated he was pleased the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had voted to stay with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC).

Councilor Harrison stated she too was pleased the BCC had voted to stay with the TCRPC. She suggested expanding the SEFTC meetings to include more people and encourage others to attend those meeting to get involved in SEFTC meetings. She also encouraged people to attend the SEFTC meetings.

Commissioner Valeche expressed his concern about the affect All Aboard Florida (AAF) may have on the Coastal Link project. He said there are a lot objections to the crossings with 32 AAF trains and thinks there may be a revolt if 50 more trains are added by the Coastal Link project.

Commissioner Burdick said she highly recommended the MPOAC Weekend Institute for those Board members who have not yet attended.

B. Next Meeting

The MPO Board Rolling Retreat will replace a formal meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015. They will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the West Palm Beach Intermodal Center, 150 Clearwater Drive (Tri-Rail southbound Platform) in West Palm Beach.

The public is welcome to join us and learn how their transportation tax dollars are put to use.

*Happy Holidays from the Palm Beach
MPO Board and Staff*