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## PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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### **Summary Points of the March 20, 2014 MPO Board Meeting**

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<http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/committees/agenda.htm>

#### **1. REGULAR ITEMS**

##### **F. Comments from the Chair**

The Chair had no comments at this time.

##### **G. Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Uhren reported on the following activities:

- Accepted an invitation to the Palm Beach Zoo to discuss their efforts in reducing their carbon footprint.
- Attended the opening of the Jog Rd. extension between Northlake Blvd and the Turnpike.
- Attended a meeting for the US 1 Bridge which is scheduled for construction in FY 16.
- Attended the March 19th meeting of the COWBRA delegates.
- Was the guest speaker at the March Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce.
- As part of Leadership Palm Beach County of which he is co-chair, Mr. Uhren will lead Transportation Day on April 9. A portion of the day will take place on a Tri Rail train car stopped at West Palm Beach layover facility.
- Attended the kickoff meeting for the FEC Quiet Zone TIGER grant application. The Whitehouse Group consulting firm will be writing the application lead by Mr. Todd Brauer.
- Will travel to Washington, D.C. on April 10 with MPO Chair and Boca Raton Mayor-Elect Susan Haynie and West Palm Beach Commissioner Shanon Materio to provide additional information for the TIGER grant application.
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council executive director Michael Busha recently sent a letter to the Governor, the Florida legislators and congressional delegation regarding All Aboard Florida (AAF).

**H. Consent Agenda Items**

The MPO Board unanimously approved appointment renewals for two members to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board and certified the current membership. They also approved travel for board members to go Washington, D.C.

**I. General Comments and Public Comments on Action Items**

Former Boynton Beach Vice Mayor and MPO board member Woodrow Hay expressed his thanks for the certificate of appreciation given to him for his service to the MPO and encouraged the Board to keep up the good work.

Village of Tequesta (Village) Mayor Abby Brennan expressed her concern for the AAF project and the Loxahatchee River Bridge.

Richard Radcliffe, Director of the League of Cities reported that on March 14 he attended a meeting with United States Representative Lois Frankel and local mayors from her district to discuss the AAF project. Representative Frankel suggested the cities apply for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to evaluate the impact of the AAF project.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the FEC technical and legal committees continue to work with the AAF.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee**

The board unanimously approved Mr. Andre´ Varona nominated by Vice Mayor Paulette Burdick, as a new member to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**B. Technical Advisory Committee Membership and Appointments**

1. The board unanimously approved membership to the City of Greenacres on the Technical Advisory Committee.
2. The board unanimously approved Mr. Thomas Lanahan to represent the City of Greenacres on the Technical Advisory Committee.
3. The board unanimously approved Mr. Alex Hansen to represent the City of West Palm Beach's Planning Department on the Technical Advisory Committee and Ms. Denise Malone as his alternate. The board also unanimously approved Ms. Miranda Beadles as the alternate for the City of West Palm Beach's Engineering Department.

**C. Approval of Amendment #1 to the adopted 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan**

The board unanimously approved an amendment to the adopted 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (2035 LRTP) to add the Northwood Connector Track as a cost feasible project.

**D. Transmittal of the draft FY 15-16 Unified Planning Work Program**

The UPWP is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. It is essentially a business plan and budget for the MPO.

The estimated cost of the Program is approximately \$2M per year. Federal, State and local sources provide the funding with federal funds comprising over 75% of the total and local funds less than 3%. The board unanimously agreed to transmit the draft FY 15-16 Unified Planning Work Program for the Palm Beach MPO to the reviewing agencies.

**E. Approval of the FY 15 Palm Beach MPO Operating Budget**

The board unanimously approved the FY 15 Palm Beach MPO Operating Budget for submittal to the County including a request for two additional staff members for the MPO.

**F. Approved Advisory Committee Bylaws**

1. The board unanimously approved changes to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bylaws. The changes provide clarity and significantly mirror the MPO's other advisory committees bylaws.
2. The board unanimously approved the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws.
3. The board also unanimously approved the deletion of Chapter 35 0-3 of the Rules of the MPO of Palm Beach County for the West Palm Beach Urban Study Area last revised May 1986, and deals with MPO committees.. The 1986 document outlines the organization structure, responsibilities and operating rules for the MPO Board and its committees. Approval of this item deleted all conflicting regulations for the committees.

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Preliminary Needs Plan**

Leftwich Consulting Engineers (LCE) provided a brief overview of the anticipated levels of roadway congestion and major improvements identified to address them.

**B. Correspondence -**

**City of Boca Raton Resolution NO. 26-2014**

The MPO received a resolution from the City of Boca Raton requesting that the MPO remove/modify a number of projects within their city limits from consideration during the development of the 2040 LRTP.

**Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Funds**

The MPO received a letter from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announcing the start of the TRIP cycle.

**Port of Palm Beach Representative**

The Port of Palm Beach has notified the MPO that Commissioner Edward R. Oppel had been renewed as their representative on the MPO for 2014.

### **SR-7 Corridor Extension Project Development and Environmental Study**

Previously the MPO requested a shared-use path be added along the east side of the SR-7 Corridor extension from Okeechobee Blvd to Northlake Blvd. The FDOT has responded that the 12-ft. wide shared-use path previously considered was replaced by sidewalks on both sides of the road to help balance the concerns of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other permitting agencies.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

##### **A. Member Comments**

##### **B. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor McEaddy Conference room of the Palm Beach County Governmental Center in West Palm Beach. The public is always welcome to attend and learn how their transportation tax dollars are put to use.

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