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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – AGENDA

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014**
TIME: **9:00 A.M.**
PLACE: **Vista Center 4th Floor Conference Room 4E-12
2300 North Jog Road, 4th Floor
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411**

1. REGULAR ITEMS

- A. Roll Call
- B. MOTION TO ADOPT Agenda for May 7, 2014
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes for April 2, 2014
- D. Comments from the Chair
- E. Executive Director's Report
- F. General Public Comments and Public Comments on Agenda Items

Any members from the public wishing to speak at this meeting must complete a Comment Card which is available at the welcome table. General Public comments will be heard prior to the consideration of the first action item. Public comments on specific items on the Agenda will be heard following the presentation of the item to the Committee. Please limit comments to three minutes.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- A. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the FY 15-16 Unified Planning Work Program

Attached is the final two-year FY 15-16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Palm Beach MPO incorporating stakeholder input and review comments. 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 funds comprise 89% of the total, State funds are 7% and local funds are 4%.

B. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of Amended FY 15-19 Priorities:
US 1 Bridge and second Tri Rail Station in Boca Raton

The Palm Beach MPO adopted a list of priority projects for FY 15-19 on September 19, 2013. This list guides FDOT in development of their work program and leads to project funding in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There are two projects in the current TIP for which the MPO can leverage federal funds together with state funds to significantly enhance the transportation system:

The introduction of \$2-3M in federal funds to the US 1 bridge rehabilitation over the Loxahatchee River (FM 428400.1) will provide dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Without the federal funds the project would only provide pedestrian facilities.

The introduction of up to \$8.5M in federal funds to the second Boca Tri-Rail station (FM 430458.1) will retain state 50% matching funds allocated to the project via the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). Without the federal funds the project would be deferred and state matching funds would be lost.

C. MOTION TO RECOMMEND ENDORSEMENT of the 2040 Long Range
Transportation Plan Desires Plan

Leftwich Consulting Engineers (LCE) will provide maps and tables identifying major roadway, transit and freight improvements for inclusion in the 2040 LRTP Desires Plan. This information has been refined from previous presentations to incorporate stakeholder input.

D. Amendment #6 to the FY 14-18 Transportation Improvement Program

FDOT has requested approval of Amendment #6 (FM 229896-1), Beeline Hwy/SR 710 from W of Australian Ave to Old Dixie Hwy, which seeks to increase ROW funding by \$1.3M and add \$150K for PE in FY 14. The TAC requested further information relative to the increase in ROW funding. FDOT responded that the amendment is primarily required to add the PE phase and that increase in costs for ROW is due to requirements to update appraisals for court proceedings. The original ROW total was based on older now outdated appraisals.

3. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

1. LRTP Survey Results Summary

LCE will present a summary of the survey responses to date and the aggregated input to be considered in the LRTP update.

2. Cost Feasible Plan Development

LCE will present a summary of the revenues available to be programmed and the approach to prioritizing projects for inclusion in the 2040 Cost Feasible Plan.

B. FY 15-19 Transportation Improvement Program - First Reading

Attached is the FY 15-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Palm Beach County. This program was developed based on information provided from FDOT and various local sources and includes transportation projects funded by federal, state and local sources for all modes of transportation. The program

reflects current revenue expectations in the coming years from the latest State Revenue Estimating Conference. Attached is a draft of the TIP. The list includes phases and funding sources by year for each project. This information will be incorporated into the TIP to be distributed for review and public comment prior to adoption by the MPO after a public meeting on June 19.

C. All Aboard Florida Update - US DOT On-site Engineering Field Report

The Federal Railroad Administration has published Part 1 of their diagnostic field review and safety improvement recommendations for the FEC rail corridor from Miami-Dade to St Lucie Counties. The FRA evaluation notes the AAF commitment to provide constant warning time at all crossings and also highlights general safety recommendations for pedestrian gates and vehicle presence detection systems. Finally, the report identifies specific recommendations for safety improvements within the portion of the corridor seeking a proposed maximum train speed of 110 mph (i.e. the "sealed corridor"). The report is attached. At the April 17, 2014 MPO Board meeting, the MPO Board unanimously voted to endorse the recommendations of the FRA evaluation.

D. TIGER VI Discretionary Grant Application – Florida East Coast Railway Crossing Safety Improvements

On April 28, 2014, the Palm Beach and Broward MPOs jointly submitted the attached TIGER grant application to the US DOT. The project will implement safety improvements at 176 railroad crossings in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The improvements will include four-quadrant (quad) gates, raised medians, pedestrian access management, interconnected traffic signals and other safety enhancements consistent with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) recommendations to maximize safety. The application identified a total project cost of \$40,550,000 with a funding request of \$20,275,000.

E. Summary Points from April 17, 2014 MPO Board

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Member Comments

B. Next Meeting – **June 4, 2014**

C. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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