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# PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## Summary Points of the September 18, 2014 MPO Board Meeting

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### 1. REGULAR ITEMS

#### F. Comments from the Chair

The Chair made the following comments:

- She would not be able to attend the AMPO Conference in October.
- Welcomed Lake Worth Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell as the alternate for Mayor Triolo who was unable to attend.

#### G. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Uhren reported on the following activities:

- The MPO resumed coordination of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board. Mr. Luke Lambert with the MPO is the coordinator.
- Bret Baronak resigned last month as senior planner and bicycle/greenways/pedestrian coordinator to relocate to North Carolina.
- The MPO is currently advertising to fill two open positions; one for a Principal Planner/Transit Coordinator and the other for a Senior Planner/Bicycle/Pedestrian/Transportation Demand Management Coordinator. Two new positions will be advertised after October; a Chief Planner and a Planner I.
- Attending the Rail-volution Conference in Minneapolis, MN with Councilwoman Wendy Harrison September 21-24, 2014.
- Drafting interlocal agreement for new composition of the MPO Board.
- With this meeting the City of Greenacres rotates off and the Village of Royal Palm Beach come onboard.
- On September 9th the Board of County Commissioners endorsed three vendors to operate Palm Tran CONNECTION.
- MPO staff is working with the County and municipalities to establish quiet zone safety improvements and missing links in sidewalks from 15th St in West Palm Beach to the Broward County line.
- The Broward and Palm Beach MPOs TIGER grant application for Quiet Zone funding was not successful. The only Florida project selected was an elevated roadway for a portion of the Tamiami Trail to restore fresh water flow into the Everglades.

#### H. The Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items

1. Mr. Glen Harvie reappointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) representing citizens at large.

2. Ms. Ingrid Allen as the new representative and Mr. Jean-Paul Perez as the new alternate representing the City of Boca Raton on the TAC.
3. Board member travel to Rail-volution and AMPO annual conferences.

**I. General Public Comments**

Jim Smith with Safety as Floridians Expect (SAFE) spoke on the lack of funding to reconstruct road ways with improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the County.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **The Board approved an amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program as presented with direction to Mr. Uhren to evaluate the deleted improvements to Community Dr. at Military Tr. project as a potential Priority Project for next year. Commissioner Keith James and Commissioner Shanon Materio of West Palm Beach in minority.**
- B. **The Board approved the FY 2016-2020 Priority Projects with a request to maximize vertical clearance over canals to promote waterway navigation. Commissioner Keith James and Commissioner Shanon Materio of West Palm Beach in minority.**
- C. **The Board unanimously endorsed the updated 2040 LRTP Goals, Objectives and Values.**

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Draft 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan**

Leftwich Consulting Engineers presented the proposed Cost Feasible Plan which the MPO Board will vote on in October. The Plan as presented would have \$322M in remaining funds. The Technical Advisory and the Citizens Advisory committees both recommended increased funding for Local Initiatives with various points of emphasis.

**B. System Maintenance- FDOT, PBC and Lake Worth**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Palm Beach County Engineering (PBC) and the City of Lake Worth (LW) were each invited to present their approach to maintaining their portion of the roadway system. While the FDOT is able to maintain their roadways to an 80% standard, PBC and LW do not currently fund their annual maintenance costs sufficiently.

**C. Correspondence**

The following letters were received by the MPO.

Federal Railroad Administration - Quiet Zones

USDOT Secretary Anthony R. Foxx - Build America Transportation Investment Center and Build America Investment Initiative

Improvements at Community Dr. and Military Tr.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. Member Comments**

No member comments.

**B. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 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.