



PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE and CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015**
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 April 1, 2015
- C. Minutes will be presented at the next individual committee meetings
- E. Comments from the respective Chairs
- F. Executive Director's Report
- G. 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. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Innovative Metropolitan Planning Organization

Your commute this morning, and your entire metro region, was shaped by the work of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The last several years have seen a surge in innovative thinking and practice among MPOs nationwide and their work inspired Transportation for America to create a new, free guidebook to help MPO staff, board members, and civic leaders find innovative ways to make communities prosper. MPO staff are providing this item as a resource to encourage informed local input in the MPO planning process. The full guidebook is available at t4america.org/maps-tools/the-innovative-mpo/

- B. All Aboard Florida Status Update

Ali Soule from the All Aboard Florida project team will provide an update on the status of the All Aboard Florida project as it pertains to Palm Beach County.

- C. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Funding
MPO staff will highlight two items – the statutory funding target for the DDR fund code and the role of the MPO Board in allocating SU funds to projects in the TIP.
- D. Correspondence
SR 7 Extension Letter of Support from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.
- E. Summary Points from February 19, 2015 MPO Board Meeting.

3. WORKSHOP ITEM – TIME CERTAIN at 9:45 a.m.

- A. Presentations and Review of the Local Initiatives (LI) Transit Applications
There were 13 applications submitted to the MPO seeking a total of \$16.5M in funding. Seven bike/ped applications will be reviewed and scored by the BGPAC. This joint committee is tasked with reviewing the six transit project applications which will be presented according to the schedule below.

9:45 – Delray Beach

10:00 – Boca Raton

10:15 – West Palm Beach

10:30 – Palm Tran

10:45 – West Palm Beach CRA

11:00 – Lake Worth

Applicants will be given 8 minutes for presentation and 7 minutes for questions and answers by the joint committee. The project application materials can be accessed at <ftp://co.palm-beach.fl.us> in the TAC/CAC folder by entering “mpopublic” as the username and “mpopublic” as the password. A limited number of paper copies will be available at the meeting. The scoring criteria for the Local Initiatives Program is attached.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Member Comments
- B. Next Meeting – **May 6, 2015**
- C. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE and CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 9:00 A.M.

Vista Center 4th Floor Conference Room 4E-12
2300 North Jog Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

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http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/committees/tac/pdf/2015/2015_APR_1_TAC_&_CAC_Agenda_&_Backup.pdf

1. REGULAR ITEMS

A. Roll Call

CHAIR LIVERGOOD called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. The Recording Secretary for each respective committee called the roll. A quorum was present for each committee as depicted in Exhibit A of these Minutes.

B. Motion to Adopt Agenda for April 1, 2015

CHAIR LIVERGOOD inquired if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were none.

A motion to adopt the April 41 2015 Agenda was made by MS. HARDNEY; seconded by MS. DAVERSA. The motion carried unanimously.

C. The individual committee minutes of February 4, 2015 will be presented at their next committee meeting

D. Comments from the Chairs

TAC CHAIR LIVERGOOD had no comments.

CAC CHAIR FAGAN welcomed everyone.

E. Executive Director's Report

MR. UHREN stated the following:

- Thanked the CAC members for taking the time to come to the joint meeting.
- Introduced Renee Cross as the new MPO Deputy Director and Seth Contreras as the new LRTP Coordinator.
- Highlighted conclusion of Florida Bike Month by noting that five PBC cities signed up for the Mayor's Challenge, and promoted BikePalmBeach.org as an ongoing resource. New BikeShare in WPB was announced on March 4.

- Leadership transitions - Gerry O'Reilly was announced as the new FDOT D4 Secretary. Miami Dade MPO is seeking new executive directors and Palm Beach County is seeking a new administrator.
- On March 29, SFRTA assumed control of dispatch and maintenance of the South Florida Rail Corridor. The change will help minimize service disruptions and commuter rail delays. On April 5, Tri-Rail's Miami Airport Station will open with a direct connection to Miami International Airport. Also, on April 9, SFRTA and MDT will celebrate National Transportation Infrastructure Day with a grand opening ceremony at 11 am at the new Tri Rail station.
- April 28 is SERPM model peer review by FHWA.

F. General Public Comments and Public Comments on Action Items

No general public comments were received.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Innovative Metropolitan Planning Organization

MR. UHREN said he was providing this item as a means of growing the committee member's expectations of our MPO. MR. UHREN requested that they skim the table of contents provided and read further on any case studies that interest them, and then provide feedback and suggestions to the MPO on how to improve the performance of the Palm Beach MPO. In talking with Transportation for America (T4A), he told them he didn't want them to publish another resource on innovation without including at least one example from our area.

B. All Abroad Florida (AAF) Status Update

MS. ALI SOULE, Public Affairs Manager for AAF provided a brief update on the project as it pertains to Palm Beach County. MS. SOULE introduced MR. RUSTY ROBERTS, Vice President of Governmental Affairs. She stated AAF would be using the existing Florida East Coast Railroad corridor, investing more than \$1.5B to double track the corridor, install positive train control and upgrade every single crossing between Miami and Cocoa. Last year the Broward and Palm Beach MPOs indentified the funding that would be needed to implement quiet zones between Hallandale Beach and 15th Street in West Palm Beach. AAF is now in the process of selecting their rail contractor that will perform construction updates in the corridor as well as quiet zone improvements. The AAF team is working closely with the local cities as to the maintenance of traffic plans and crossing closure schedule. When the contractor is onboard they will have a more final schedule of when the work in the corridor and crossings can be expected to commence. Construction is scheduled to begin in May for the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach stations. The Miami station is currently underway. The State is in the process of identifying the funding required so when AAF opens at the end of 2016 Tri Rail can use the FEC corridor and end at Miami Central.

Public meetings are being setup north of West Palm Beach to review AAF 90% plans. They are hopeful that their final environmental impact statement (EIS) will be completed over the next couple of months, and then they can begin construction on the segment north of West Palm Beach. The Miami to West Palm Beach corridor is projected to be completed by the end of 2016 and the West Palm Beach to Orlando International Airport section by mid 2017.

MR. BRAUN joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

MS. SOULE continued with the following:

- FEC is aware of the complaints with the train horn noise since they introduced their new locomotives and in response they have added a frequently asked questions page on their website that talks about the train horns and what FEC is doing to resolve the problem. FEC will maintain the webpage as the process continues.
- AAF is eager to work with the cities and counties to the north of West Palm Beach. It is up to the counties to work with the MPO to pursue the quiet zone designation, but they believe that the improvements they are making at those corridors will realistically cover almost all the costs needed to fund the quiet zones.
- AAF has no plans to expand service to the western communities.

MS. DAVERSA voiced her community's concern with the impact the AAF project will have in the Jupiter area. She hoped there would be a better plan when it is all said and done and that the train could be run farther to the west, perhaps using the CSX corridor.

- AAF is proposing 2 passenger trains that will go through the crossings every hour for a total of 16 trains each way per day. Those trains will take less than 50 seconds to make it through the crossing. AAF has committed to making a significant investment to upgrade the Loxahatchee Bridge which will include double tracking and installing new signalization that will actually cut time off the amount of time it takes for the bridge to go down and up in advance. They have been working very closely with the Coast Guard. There are several bridges along the corridor and they recognize the concerns that the maritime industry has, as well as, the concerns of the residents that utilize the waterway.
- Boaters will be able to use an app which will indicate when the next train will be coming through the bridges. The bridges will also be double tracked. Signs will also be provided along the waterway with approaching train information.
- AAF could not comment on freight trains since that is a different company.

C. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Funding

MR. UHREN highlighted the statutory funding target for the DDR fund code and the role of the MPO Board in allocating SU funds to projects in the TIP. The draft TIP will be presented at the May meetings and present approval recommendations at the June meetings.

Committee members expressed a desire to have DOT present on the topic and discuss the funding peaks and valleys in the past.

MR. BRAUN said he would work with MPO staff on cost estimates prior to the May meeting.

D. Correspondence

The Palm Beach MPO received a letter of support for the SR 7 Extension from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.

- E. Summary Points from December 8, 2014 and MPO Board Meeting and January 15, 2015 MPO Board Rolling Retreat notes were included in the agenda package.

Commissioner Malissa McKinlay is the new TDLCB Chair and served in that capacity since March 25, facilitating adoption of TDSP annual update.

3. WORKSHOP ITEMS

A. Presentations and Review of the Local Initiatives (LI) Transit Applications

The joint committee heard presentations regarding the five of the six transit projects submitted for funding via the Local Initiatives Program. MR. UHREN stated that MPO staff had already evaluated the projects against the scoring criteria which were developed from the LRTP goals, objectives and values. The joint committee's role was to listen to the presentations and understand each project application, and then answer three questions:

1. Do you want to reorder the ranked list of projects based on the presentations, application materials or discussion?
2. Do you want to have a future action item to further refine the scoring criteria for next year's applications?
3. Did you find value in the presentations and want to continue this practice next year?

Applicants were given 8 minutes for presentation and 7 minutes for questions and answers by the joint committee.

1. Delray Beach- Replacement of Trolley Fleet
2. Boca Raton- Downtown Shuttle and Circulator
3. West Palm Beach- Downtown Trolley Shelters
4. Palm Tran- Bus Shelters
5. West Palm Beach CRA - North and South Trolleys

The City of Lake Worth declined to make their presentation.

Motion to defer ranking at this time was made by MR. WEISBERG; seconded by MR. MOHYUDDIN.

MS. SONNEBORN left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

A substitute motion to accept the MPO's staff methodology and scoring of the applications as presented was made by MR. STUBBS; seconded by MR. BAILEY.

MR. UHREN informed the members that the final priority list would be presented to both committees separately for independent action at the July meetings.

The motion did not carry with 8 yea's, 12 nay's and 1 abstention.

The first motion to defer ranking at this time carried with 22 yea's and 2 nay's.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS


- A. Member Comments
- B. Next Meeting – **May 6, 2015**

CHAIR LIVERGOOD said the next individual TAC and CAC meetings would be held on May 6, 2015.

C. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business a motion was made by CHAIR FAGAN to adjourn the meeting; seconded by MR. HARVIE. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

These signatures attest that the undersigned are the Chairpersons or a designated nominee, of the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee and that information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the **April** meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee, dated this 5th day of May, 2015.



TAC Chairperson



CAC Chairperson Pro Tem

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EXHIBIT A

Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2014-2015

Representative/Alternate Agency Name	May '14	June '14	July '14	Aug '14	Sept '14	Oct '14	Nov '14	Dec '14	Jan '15	Feb '15	Mar '15	April '15
STEVE BRAUN/L. Maack/A. Tanis/D. Mayer FDOT. - Planning & Environ Manage.	Alt	Alt	Alt		Alt	P		A		P		P
DAN WEISBERG/K. Graham PBC Engineering Department	Alt	E	E		P	P		P		P		P
KHURSHID MOHYUDDIN/David Wiloch PBC Planning, Zoning & Bldg.	P	Alt	P		P	P		P		P		P
RANDAL KREJCAREK/Vacant City of Delray Beach - P&Z	-	-	-		-	-		-		P		E
DOUGLAS HESS City of Boca Raton - Engineering	P	P	P		E	P		P		P		P
BRIAN COLLINS City of West Palm Beach - Eng.	P	E	E		P	Alt		E		P		E
JERRY ALLEN/Wil Hicks PBC Airports Department - Planning	P	Alt	Alt		Alt	Alt		P		Alt		Alt
CARL BAKER Port of Palm Beach	P	P	P		P	P		P		P		P
CHARLES COHEN/Fred Stubbs/C. Frazier PalmTran	Alt	Alt	E		Alt	E		Alt		Alt		Alt
ALEX HANSEN/Denise Malone City of West Palm Beach - Planning	Alt	P	P		P	P		E		P		P
*JEFF LIVERGOOD/Michael Rumpf City of Boynton Beach - Public Works & Eng.	P	P	E		P	P		P		P		P
KENNY WILSON/Janelle St. Ange PBC Health Department - Environ/Air Pollution	P	P	Alt		P	P		P		P		P
ANGELA USHER/Joyce Cai PBC School District	***P	P	P		P	P		Alt		P		P
INGRID ALLEN/Vacant City of Boca Raton - Planning	P	P	E		P	***P		Alt		Alt		P
**TERRENCE BAILEY City of Riviera Beach - Engineering	P	P	P		P	P		P		P		P
THOMAS DRISCOLL/CJ Lan Town of Jupiter - Community Develop.	E	P	Alt		P	Alt		Alt		E		P
WILLIAM CROSS/Joseph Quinty SFRTA - Tri-Rail - Planning	P	Alt	Alt		Alt	Alt		Alt		Alt		Alt
VACANT/Kim Delaney Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	E	Alt	E		Alt	Alt		Alt		Alt		Alt
NATALIE CROWLEY/Todd Engle/ Dawn Sonneborn City of Palm Beach Gardens - Planning	Alt	Alt	Alt		A	Alt		Alt		Alt		Alt
THOMAS LANAHAN City of Greenacres - Planning & Eng.	P	P	P		P	P		P		P		P
JAMIE BROWN/Felipe LoFaso City of Lake Worth - Public Services	-	-	-		-	-		***E		P		P

*2015 Chair

**2015 Vice-Chair

P = Member Present

Alt = Alternate Present

E = Excused Absence

A = Absent/No Attendance

- = Member not assigned

***New Appointment

Shaded Area= Meeting not held

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Citizens Advisory Committee Attendance Record – 2014-2015

Representative/Alternate Appointed by	May '14	June '14	July '14	Aug '14	Sept '14	Oct '14	Nov '14	Dec '14	Jan '15	Feb '15	Mar '15	Apr '15
BRUCE BASTIAN City of Delray Beach	***P	P	E		P	P		P		E		P
TOMAS BOITON Not applicable	P	P	P		P	A		A		E		P
TERRY BROWN Not applicable	E	P	E		A	P		P		P		P
JUDY DAVERSA Not applicable	E	P	P		A	E		P		P		P
*GREG FAGAN Not applicable	P	P	P		P	P		P		P		P
MARCIA HARDNEY Belle Glade	P	E	P		P	P		E		P		P
**GLENN HARVIE Not applicable	P	P	P		P	P		P		P		P
MOLLY STAHLMAN Not applicable	P	A	P		P	E		E		P		E
MYRON UMAN Not applicable	P	P	P		E	P		P		P		P
ANDRE VARONA PB BCC	P	P	E		E	P		P		P		E
DICK VERDUIN PB BCC	P	P	P		P	E		P		P		E

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