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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 4E-12  
2300 North Jog Road, 4th Floor  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411**

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#### 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/](http://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

**NOTICE**

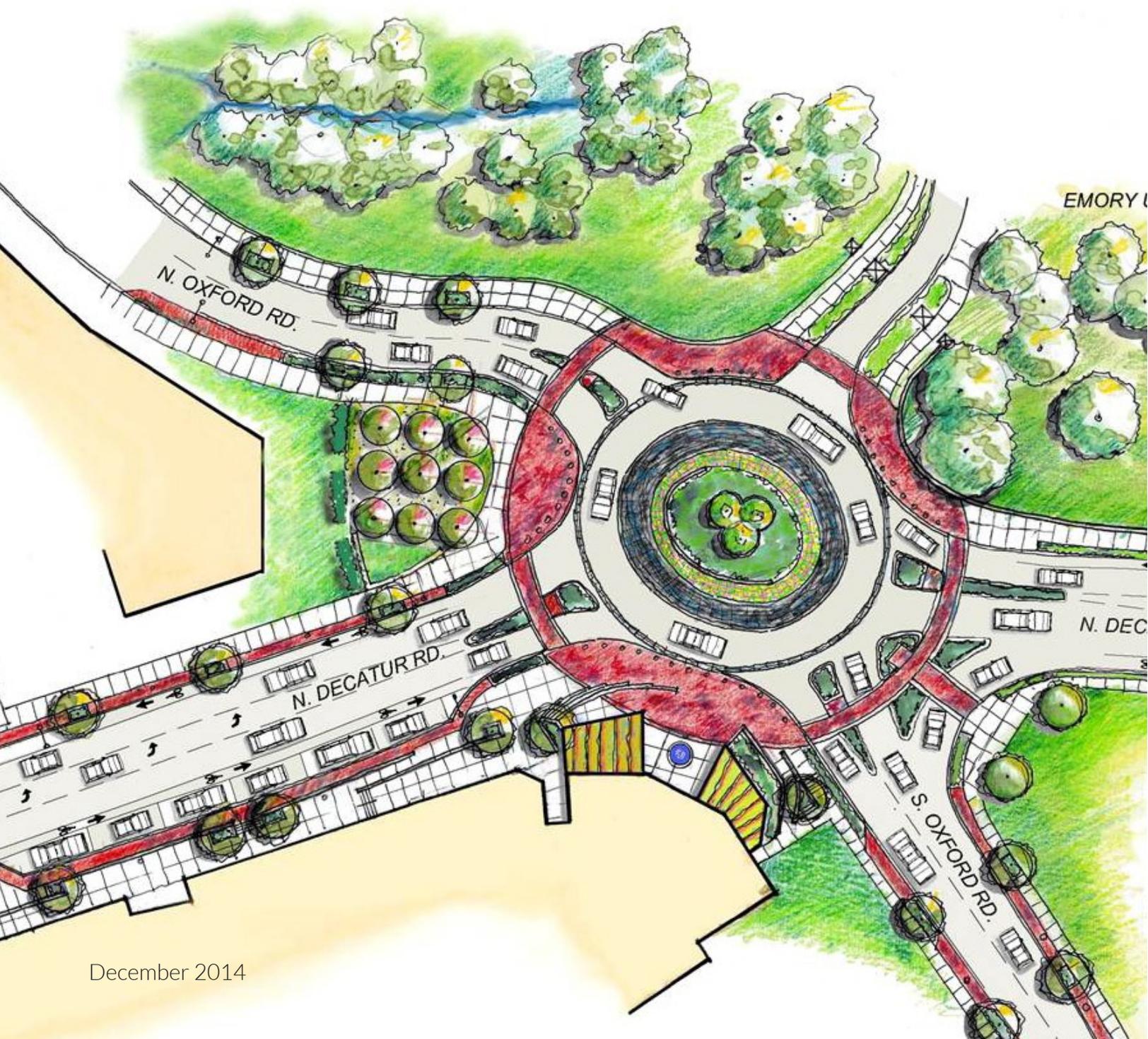
In accordance with Section 286.0105, *Florida Statutes*, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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# THE INNOVATIVE MPO

SMART PLANNING, STRONG COMMUNITIES

A GUIDEBOOK FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



## Acknowledgements

In developing this guidebook, **Transportation for America** established a **Project Advisory Group** of national and metropolitan transportation leaders to help identify the issues and actions that define MPO innovation. Transportation for America contracted with **MZ Strategies, LLC** to conduct the research and write the guidebook. We gratefully acknowledge the vital input of all those who reviewed drafts and provided insight, including the Project Advisory Group, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; the National Association of Regional Councils; staff from the US Department of Transportation; and staff members from those MPOs spotlighted in the case studies.

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The Hon. Stephen Cassano, Majority Whip, Connecticut State Senate; Board of Directors, National Association of Regional Councils

The Hon. Elaine Clegg, Member, Boise City Council Member; Board Member, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

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**Transportation for America** is an alliance of elected, business and civic leaders from communities across the country, united to ensure that states and the federal government step up to invest in smart, homegrown, locally-driven transportation solutions — because these are the investments that hold the key to our future economic prosperity. [t4america.org](http://t4america.org)

Everywhere across this country, local leaders are working hard to provide what our residents want: a place where they can live, work, spend time with family and friends and be proud to call home. In Indianapolis as elsewhere, people's lives are changing, as new technologies allow for innovations, not only in how people interact with each other, but in how they get from place to place. Many younger people are choosing smart phones over cars and favor walking, biking and taking public transportation. Baby Boomers are looking for walkable communities with convenient access to social and cultural opportunities. Businesses no longer hold large quantities of inventory on their shelves, but rely on just-in-time delivery services – managed by the latest logistics technology – to provide consumers what they want, when they want it. Places that can capture these market shifts and provide the systems and infrastructure to make it all work will thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



But let's face it, many communities are still being built under growth and development policies adopted in the 1950s. Transforming a region from a post-war model to a 21<sup>st</sup> century place is not easy. I know I have had to work hard with other leaders in my own region to shift the mindset from "This is the way it's always been done" to "We can do something new." Political differences, financial constraints and out-dated tools can be challenging to overcome. And with many regions fractured into dozens or even hundreds of individual jurisdictions, how can they possibly reach consensus on a common vision for the future? By reading this guidebook, you are taking the first step toward answering that question.

Metropolitan planning organizations have the geographic scope and the power – yes, power – to help regions meet these demands by planning for the transportation needs of the future rather than the past. Cities like mine can't do what we need to do on our own; we need MPOs to step up. In my own region, the Indianapolis MPO (Indy MPO) has partnered with our transit providers to develop Indy Connect, the most comprehensive transportation plan – created with the most public input – our region has ever seen. While I think the Indy MPO presents a fine example, there is no one right answer for achieving regional goals. Success requires determined leadership willing to think outside the box and back up vision with action.

Why, then, do we need this guidebook? Because now, more than ever, communities are looking to their MPOs to address cross-jurisdictional challenges and use their authority and expertise to spur smarter investment and greater innovation. Even the MPOs using innovative practices today will benefit from this guidebook's examples of exciting new opportunities undertaken by their colleagues around the country. The guidebook provides a wealth of practical examples of actions that MPOs of all sizes can take to become innovative leaders. Whether you are an elected official sitting on an MPO board, an MPO staff member passionate about your work, or a neighborhood leader looking for ways to improve your community, this guidebook has ideas for you. I look forward to joining you in the important work of helping our regions succeed into the future.

**The Honorable Gregory A. Ballard**  
**Mayor of Indianapolis, IN**  
**Transportation for America Advisory Board Member**

## INTRODUCTION

America today is a metropolitan nation: More than 85 percent of us live in metro areas large and small.<sup>1</sup> That makes planning for how people and goods move within and through these metropolitan areas more critical than ever. Fortunately, the last several years have seen a surge in innovative thinking and practice among many of the entities whose job it is to provide that guidance: **metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs)**. Their work has inspired this guidebook.

Metropolitan planning issues are by nature complex and interconnected, crossing multiple jurisdictions with differing political cultures, demographic makeup and economic or ecological needs. Regional transportation planning occurs in this context. Roads, bridges, transit systems, bike lanes and sidewalks connect people of all income levels to jobs and other opportunities. Rail lines, highways and ports connect regional goods to larger national and global markets. Traffic congestion, development patterns, air quality, public health and quality of life are all influenced by federal policy and the decisions made by individual jurisdictions and state departments of transportation. At the intersection of this complexity is the MPO.

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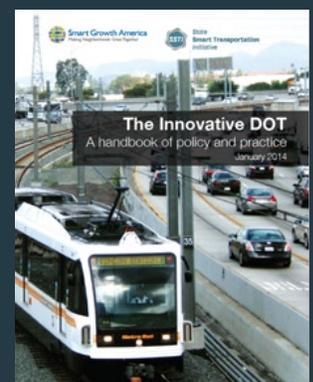
Billions of dollars from federal, state and local sources are spent each year in metropolitan areas to improve transportation systems. Historically, state departments of transportation controlled the substantial federal share. However, in 1962 Congress established a metropolitan planning process to ensure that metropolitan areas have a voice and required states to create MPOs for larger urban areas. Congress tasked MPOs with coordinating transportation needs across the multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders as they identify projects that will be eligible for federal dollars.

<sup>1</sup> 2010 U.S. Census

### Better together: The Innovative MPO and The Innovative DOT

**The Innovative MPO** is intended as a companion to **The Innovative DOT** handbook. Produced in 2012 (and updated in 2014) by partner organizations Smart Growth America and the State Smart Transportation Institute, it is intended to provide innovative best practices to leaders and staff of state departments of transportation.

[www.smartgrowthamerica.org/the-innovative-dot](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/the-innovative-dot)



The governing bodies of MPOs comprise local elected officials and other regional and state representatives, who in turn develop and guide policies and investment priorities. An MPO's effectiveness often depends upon the extent to which this leadership sees its role as serving parochial interests at a regional table, or advancing shared priorities that benefit both local communities and the region as a whole.

MPOs play a critical role in people's daily lives and the regional economy through the planning and programming decisions they make. For public officials and other members of an MPO board, it can be a daunting task to understand the scope of work that MPOs undertake and their relationship to state departments of transportation (DOTs) or other regional agencies. Even trickier is uncovering what an MPO could do to push the envelope and innovate — whether to stretch public resources, achieve multiple benefits with a transportation dollar or simultaneously advance regional and local transportation priorities. Innovation requires both strong political and executive leadership and a capable staff with the resources and policy support to develop new approaches that yield more cost-effective and beneficial results.

This guidebook is designed to help MPOs — their staff, policy-setting bodies, technical and advisory committees and other interested stakeholders — find innovative ways to achieve goals on behalf of their communities. It offers a range of recommended actions in planning, programming, technical analysis and community partnership, from those that cost little in staff time or dollars to more complex and expensive undertakings. Each of the seven chapters focuses on a key aspect of metropolitan planning and provides a set of actions that MPOs — regardless of their size, structure or authority — can tailor for their region or pursue in tandem with other policies and practices. Each recommendation is bolstered with real-world examples showing how the strategies have worked in practice.

Although all the topic areas strengthen and reinforce one another, each chapter also works as a stand-alone resource. Those less familiar with metropolitan planning may want to start with the **MPO 101** section in the appendix for a brief history of relevant federal statutes and regulations and an overview of the various ways MPOs are structured, funded and administered.

The seven areas of focus in this guidebook are:

1. CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AND VISIONARY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
2. ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN REGIONAL DECISION MAKING
3. FULLY UTILIZE ALL AVAILABLE FUNDING TOOLS
4. USE DATA TO MAKE SMART INVESTMENTS
5. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES
6. MAKE FREIGHT WORK FOR REGIONS
7. GOING BEYOND TRANSPORTATION

This detailed matrix on the following two pages shows the seven focus areas and the MPOs spotlighted under each focus area within this report. Those listed in bold are the subject of more detailed case studies found in the **Innovation in Action** section of each chapter. Each case study includes a quick snapshot of the MPO's structure, authority, staff size and budget to help MPOs of all sizes find strategies appropriate to their capacity. We encourage you to look at the work being done by your peers for inspiration, without necessarily limiting yourself to only those who are of similar size or structure. All of these examples have elements that could be adopted and tailored by other MPOs. Additionally, every chapter includes footnotes and recommended resources for additional information on topics covered. MPOs in **bold** are featured in a more detailed case study in the second half of that focus area.

## FOCUS AREA 1

### CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AND VISIONARY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

FULLY LEVERAGE FEDERAL PLANNING FACTORS	MAKE SCENARIO PLANNING A STANDARD PRACTICE	PRIORITIZE REGIONAL CENTERS	MAKE USE OF INNOVATIVE MODELING TOOLS	PLAN FOR ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
<b>Nashville (Nashville Area MPO)</b> , San Diego (SANDAG), Portland (Metro), Seattle-Tacoma (PSRC), Chicago (CMAP), Minneapolis-St. Paul (Met Council)	<b>San Luis Obispo (SLOCOG)</b> , Sacramento (SACOG), San Diego (SANDAG), Salt Lake City (WFRC)	Wilmington (WILMAPCO), Austin (CAMPO), Broward County (Broward MPO), Boise (COMPASS), San Diego (SANDAG)	Dallas-Ft. Worth (NCTCOG), Phoenix (MAG), Seattle-Tacoma (PSRC), San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose (MTC)	<b>Phoenix (MAG)</b> , Kansas City (MARC), Denver (DRCOG)

## FOCUS AREA 2

### ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN REGIONAL DECISION-MAKING

MAKE INVOLVEMENT ENGAGING	REACH OUT PHYSICALLY AND VIRTUALLY	BE INNOVATIVE WITH HIGH-TECH TOOLS	SUPPORT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ORGANIZING
<b>Missoula (Missoula MPO)</b> , Washington, DC (TPB), Chattanooga (Chattanooga TPO)	<b>Tulsa (INCOG)</b> , Nashville (Nashville Area MPO), Orlando (Metroplan)	Chicago (CMAP), Miami-Dade (Miami-Dade MPO)	<b>Omaha-Council Bluffs (MAPA)</b> , Houma-Thibodaux (HTMPO), Minneapolis-St. Paul (Met Council)

## FOCUS AREA 3

### FULLY UTILIZE ALL AVAILABLE FUNDING TOOLS

MATCH FUNDING CRITERIA WITH LONG-RANGE GOALS	ESTABLISH FUNDING SET-ASIDES	BLEND FUNDING PROGRAMS TO MAXIMIZE ELIGIBILITY	TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FEDERAL FLEXIBLE FUNDING PROVISIONS	ALIGN MPO PROCESSES TO ENABLE P3S
Kansas City (MARC), Atlanta (ARC), Portland (Metro)	<b>Seattle-Tacoma (PSRC)</b> , St. Louis (E-W COG), Portland (Metro)	Denver (DRCOG), Dallas-Fort Worth (NCTCOG)	<b>Flagstaff MPO</b> , Stockton (SJCOG), Seattle-Tacoma (PSRC)	<b>Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)</b> , Dallas-Fort Worth (NCTCOG), San Diego (SANDAG), Houston-Galveston (H-GAC)

## FOCUS AREA 4 USE DATA TO MAKE SMART INVESTMENTS

ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PRIORITIZE MAINTENANCE & SAFETY TO MAXIMIZE ROI	ANALYZE COMBINED HOUSING + TRANSPORTATION COSTS	PERFORM HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS	ADDRESS REGIONAL DISPARITIES
<b>San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose (MTC)</b> , Kansas City (MARC), Sacramento (SACOG), Savannah (CORE)	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose (MTC), St. Louis (E-W COG), Newark-Jersey City (NJTPA), Chattanooga (Chattanooga TPO)	<b>Charlottesville (TJPDC)</b> , Nashville (Nashville Area MPO), Champaign-Urbana (CUAATS), St. Louis (E-W COG), Knoxville (KRTPO)	Springfield (PVPC), Nashville (Nashville Area MPO)	<b>Houston (H-GAC)</b> , Seattle-Tacoma (PSRC), Austin (CAPCOG)

## FOCUS AREA 5 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ASSIST LOCALITIES IN DEPLOYING NEW TOOLS & POLICIES	ADOPT & IMPLEMENT COMPLETE STREETS REGIONALLY	ESTABLISH A LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
<b>Washington, DC (TPB)</b> , Tampa (Hillsborough MPO), Portland (Metro)	<b>Kansas City (MARC)</b> , Indianapolis (Indy MPO), Columbus (MORPC), Chattanooga (Chattanooga TPO), Nashville (Nashville Area MPO)	<b>Atlanta (ARC)</b> , Akron (AMATS), Albany (CDTC)

## FOCUS AREA 6 MAKE FREIGHT WORK FOR YOUR REGION

INTEGRATE FREIGHT INTO LONG-RANGE PLANS AND MEASURES	MITIGATE LAND-USE AND FREIGHT CONFLICTS	DEVELOP FREIGHT PROFILES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES	ADDRESS FREIGHT-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACTS
Huntington, Ashland, Ironton (KYOVA), Chicago (CMAP), Toledo (TMACOG)	Memphis (Memphis MPO), Pittsburgh (SPC)	<b>Duluth-Superior (MIC)</b> , Seattle (PSRC), Washington, DC (TPB)	<b>Philadelphia (DVRPC)</b> , Los Angeles (SCAG), Houston-Galveston (H-GAC)

## FOCUS AREA 7 GOING BEYOND TRANSPORTATION

PLAN FOR DISASTERS, PREPARE TO RESPOND	ALIGN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS	ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS	ACT AS A PARTNER ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
San Diego (SANDAG), Cincinnati (OKI), Fargo-Moorhead (Metro COG)	<b>Salt Lake City (WFR)</b> , Richmond (RRPDC & CPDC), Asheville (LOSRC), Exeter (RPC)	<b>Sacramento, CA (SACOG)</b> , Atlanta (ARC), Broward County (Broward MPO)	<b>Chicago (CMAP)</b> , Atlanta (ARC), Seattle (PSRC)

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Mr. Nick Uhren**  
Palm Beach MPO  
2300 North Jog Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Dear Mr. Uhren,

We are writing to express our support for the planned connection of State Road 7 between 60<sup>th</sup> Street and Northlake Boulevard. The Northern Palm Beach County Chamber's Executive and Government Affairs Committees have both voted unanimously to support this connection as it provides a vital link between North County and Western Palm Beach County.

This particular planned connection of State Road 7 has the potential to relieve congestion and benefit over 200,000 residents in the Northern and Western communities, as well as countless businesses in both communities. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



**Nathan E. Nason, Chairman**  
Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Gerry O'Reilly, Secretary, FDOT District 4  
Chairperson Michelle Damone, Western Communities Council, Inc.




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### Summary Points of the February 19, 2015 MPO Board Meeting

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[http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/committees/pdf/2015\\_MPO\\_Board/2015\\_FEB\\_19\\_MPO\\_Agenda\\_&\\_Backup.pdf](http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/committees/pdf/2015_MPO_Board/2015_FEB_19_MPO_Agenda_&_Backup.pdf)

#### 1. REGULAR ITEMS

##### F. Special Presentation - Bicycle Month Proclamation

The Chair presented Ms. Franchesca Taylor, Palm Beach MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian/TDM coordinator and Mr. Alex Hansen chair of the Bicycle, Greenways and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with an MPO Proclamation declaring March 2015 as Florida Bicycle Month. Ms. Taylor spoke on the newly created [BikePalmBeach.org](http://BikePalmBeach.org) website to highlight special events planned to promote bicycling in Palm Beach County and to support March as Florida Bike Month.

##### G. Comments from the Chair

The Chair made the following comments:

Stated that because she serves as the chair of the statewide MPOAC she was appointed as vice chair to steering committee for the Florida Transportation Plan.

##### H. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Uhren reported on the following activities:

- Palm Tran Connection service changed to the new contractors effective February 1, 2015. The County assumed dispatch responsibility and introduced 231 new vehicles to active service.
- FDOT is performing a major update to the Florida Transportation Plan and SIS Cost Feasible Plan. The regional forum in Delray Beach on February 5 was very well attended and provided an opportunity for local input to the plan.
- FY 15 Work program amendments going through admin approval will fund \$1.37M resurfacing of East Main Place in Pahokee, \$1.41M resurfacing of MLK Blvd in South Bay, and \$512K resurfacing of South Canal Street in Belle Glade. These state funded projects are implementing the \$9M allocated in FY 15 to the Rural Areas of Opportunity Program and the Small County Outreach Program.
- On Monday February 23 at 4 pm at FAU's Boca Raton campus there will be a presentation entitled "Engineering Livable Communities."

- MPO staff and our agency partners collaborated very well to pull off the first MPO rolling retreat in January. Specifically, SFRTA, the City of Boca Raton, FDOT, the City of Delray Beach and Palm Tran were integral to the success of the event.

**I. The Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items**

1. Appointments of Mr. Steven Braun, Ms. Arlene Tanis, Ms. Lisa Maack and Ms. Darci Mayer to the Technical Advisory Committee representing the Florida Department of Transportation District 4.
2. Appointments of Mr. Motasem Al-Turk and Ms. Cornelia Wantz to the Bicycle, Greenways and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, representing the Palm Beach County Traffic Division.
3. Appointment of Mr. Wibet Hay to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board representing the Florida Department of Transportation District 4.
4. Appointments of Ms. Karen Huegel and Ms. Dina Hill to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordination Board representing CareerSource Palm Beach County.

**J. General Public Comments**

Jim Smith with Safety as Floridians Expect (SAFE) commented that the Palm Beach MPO should establish a Complete Streets program and the Board of County Commissioners should find a funding source for it. He also commented that PBC arterial roads should be redesigned as "Complete Streets" with buffered or protected bike lanes and more signalized pedestrian crossings between major intersections.

Mayor Abby Brennan of the Village of Tequesta advised that the Village Council had passed a resolution to reduce US 1 in the village from six to four lanes and add bike lanes. She thanked Kim Delaney and Michael Busha from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for their help and also thanked the Town of Jupiter for approving a similar resolution.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Appointed the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair**

The MPO Board unanimously approved Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay as chair to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board.

**B. Approved the Florida Turnpike FY 16-20 Work Program Summary**

The MPO Board unanimously approved the Florida Turnpike FY 16-20 Work Program Summary with a request to align construction of 6 lanes between the Lantana Toll Plaza and Okeechobee Blvd. to avoid a bottleneck.

**C. Approved amendments to the FY 15-10 Transportation Improvement Program**

The MPO Board unanimously approved two amendments to the FY 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adding funding for design to two

Turnpike widening projects in southern Palm Beach County in FY 15. The inclusion of these projects will not impact any other projects in the TIP.

**D. Received and Filed the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan full documentation**

The MPO Board unanimously agreed to receive and file the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan full documentation.

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Local Initiatives (LI) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Schedule**

Mr. Lambert presented the application schedule and highlighted important dates for both the Local Initiatives (LI) Program for FY 21 and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for FY 19. Additional information can be found at [www.palmbeachmpo.org/Applications-2015/](http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/Applications-2015/)

**B. U.S. Department of Transportation Mayor's Challenge**

Ms. Neilson presented the U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets and encouraged all local government mayors to participate in the challenge. More information is available at [www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge](http://www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge).

Ms. Neilson also provided a copy of the latest edition of the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide to each local government represented on the MPO Board. More information is available at [www.nacto.org/usdg](http://www.nacto.org/usdg).

**3. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received by the MPO.

1. SR 7 Extension from 60th to Northlake - Town of Loxahatchee Groves Resolution 2015-03, Western Communities Council, Inc. Resolution 2015-001 and PBC Board of County Commissioners Resolution R-2015-0231, objecting to the delay of the project to FY 20 and urging construction in FY 2016.
2. FDOT response to MPO actions regarding the FY 16-20 Draft Tentative Work Program.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. Member Comments**

Mayor Triolo invited everyone to the City of Lake Worth Street Painting Festival February 21 and 22, 2015.

Commissioner McKinlay requested a TIP amendment to reprioritize sidewalks on Hamlin Rd to provide children a safer access to Hamlin Elementary School.

Councilman Willhite said Southern Blvd did not have deceleration lanes in the eastbound portion between SR 7 and the Turnpike. Mr. Uhren noted that the TIP includes construction of improvements at Southern Blvd and Sansbury's Way/Lyons Rd to provide an eastbound right turn lane and a second westbound left turn lane in FY 2018. He also noted that the draft FDOT work program includes construction of westbound right turn lanes at the Turnpike intersections in FY 20 and an update to the SR 80 corridor action plan from US 27 to I-95 in

FY 16. Mr. Uhren said he would pass along concerns to the Traffic Division for better signal coordination.

Councilwoman Davis announced this would be her last meeting and Councilman Cedrick Thomas would be representing the City of Riviera Beach on the MPO Board. She would be the alternate if re-elected.

Commissioner James presented two-hundred and forty-six petitions from West Palm Beach residents opposing the extension of SR 7 from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Northlake Blvd.

**B. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the 12th Floor, McEaddy Conference Room of the Palm Beach County Governmental Center in West Palm Beach. The public is welcome to join us and learn how their transportation tax dollars are put to use.