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BICYCLE/GREENWAY/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015**
TIME: **9:07 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 December 3, 2015
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes for October 8, 2015
- D. Comments from the Chair
- E. Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator'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 ELECT OFFICERS for the 2016 Calendar Year
The BGPAC, by majority vote of the voting members present, shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall serve for one year. Mr. Alex Hansen is the current Chair and Mrs. Sally Channon is the current Vice Chair.
- B. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Local Initiatives (LI) Program Guidelines and Scoring System

Directions 2040 created the Local Initiatives Program to be funded primarily with the MPO's suballocation of federal Surface Transportation Program funds. This program provides an annual, competitive application process to identify and fund the best non-regionally significant, lower-cost transportation projects that our communities want and our economies need. In order to create a more streamlined and transparent process, staff is recommending the attached 2016 program guidelines and scoring system. Staff recommendations include improvements to the application and required documents, scoring evaluation criteria, and application handling process by switching to an online submission form.

C. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Guidelines and Scoring System

Established by MAP-21 the federal Transportation Alternatives Program is a cost-reimbursement program where projects are selected by the MPO. In order to create a more streamlined and transparent process and to better align project scoring with *Directions 2040* goals, objectives and values, staff is recommending the attached 2016 program guidelines and scoring system. Staff recommendations include improvements to the application and required documents, scoring evaluation criteria, and application handling process by switching to an online submission form.

D. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Safer People/Safer Streets Initiative

The attached resolution authorizes the Palm Beach MPO to join the USDOT Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets in an effort to promote safe and convenient streets for all modes of transportation and users, including pedestrians, motorists, bicyclists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets, please visit: <http://www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge>.

E. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Palm Beach County portion of the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan

The attached plan identifies a system of existing and proposed greenways and trails that seek to establish a connected, integrated regional network. The plan is intended to serve as a guide for the MPO and others for prioritizing and advancing projects over time. The plan focuses on three facility types:

- a. Multi-Use Paved Trails \geq 10-ft in width, used by pedestrians and cyclists
- b. Multi-Use Unpaved Trails \geq 10-ft in width, used by pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians
- c. Unpaved Hiking Trails \geq 5-ft in width, used by pedestrians exclusively

The Palm Beach County map is attached and reflects modifications requested by the County Engineering department for facilities shown within county rights of way. Regional maps are included for informational purposes.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Transit Planning Activities Update

MPO staff will present on:

- Transit App, a smart phone app to access real time transit services, Uber cars and bike share stations
- Remix Software, a web based system recently acquired jointly with Palm Tran to evaluate changes to fixed route bus service, and
- Commuter Challenge, an opportunity in March 2016 to compete against other agencies, companies, etc. for most miles commuted without driving alone.

B. State Road 80 Corridor Action Plan

FDOT staff and their consultant will present on the SR 80 project, a study of the 45-mile Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) corridor from US 27 to I-95 aimed at maintaining a safe and efficient transportation system that accommodates all users and modes and is well integrated with the land uses in the study area. The final plan will ultimately recommend actions to be taken by FDOT, local governments, and other stakeholders to protect and enhance the corridor and identify improvements necessary to bring the roadways to SIS standards within a 20-year planning horizon. A project overview is attached.

C. Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

On October 27, 2015, SEFTC adopted the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The plan was developed in coordination between the three MPOs and is consistent with each MPO's locally adopted LRTPs and desire to move the entire Southeast Florida region toward an agreed-upon transportation vision. The regional consultant will present and overview of the plan. The full regional plan can be viewed at <http://www.palmbeachmpo.org/RTP>

D. January 2016 MPO Board Retreat

In lieu of the January 21, 2016 MPO Board meeting, Board members are invited to participate in a rolling retreat according to the attached draft schedule. Review of the draft schedule is requested.

E. Summary Points from October 15, 2015 MPO Board Meeting

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Member Comments

B. Next Meeting – **February 4, 2016**

C. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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