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Summary Points of the February 19, 2015 MPO Board Meeting

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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 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/

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.

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.

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 60th 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.