Transitioning to an Independent MPO

What, Why, and When?

MPO Board and Advisory Committees
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What is an independent MPO?

- Hosted MPOs operate as a division of the host and are subject to host policies and regulations
- The Palm Beach MPO has been hosted by PBC since inception in 1979
  - May 2013 Interlocal between MPO & PBC expires Sept 2018
  - PBC provides a line of credit for MPO operations
  - PBC provides a cash match for FTA grant funding
- Independent MPOs operate under their governing boards and must meet all of their operating needs
- 6 MPOs in Florida with a population >1,000,000
  - 3 are independent, 3 are hosted
Why independence?

• Clear chain of command and responsiveness to MPO Board
  • Governance creates culture – Independence positions the MPO to lead transportation decisions
  • MPO voice is strongest when all participate – city/county collaboration

• Equitable Distribution of Local Financial Dues
  • Ownership mindset - increased member interest

• A downtown MPO office advances the vision
  • Safe, Efficient, Connected, Multimodal
  • Adequate space for board, committees and public
  • Increased community visibility
When would this happen?

1. MPO Board action item to approve terms and conditions for draft 2-party interlocal in Feb 2017
   • Create MPO Revolving Fund for Cash Flow
   • One-time contribution to MPO of 90¢/capita
   • Provide annual cash match for FTA grant, non-reimburseables
   • Annual dues of 9¢/capita
   • Both one-time and first-year dues are due Dec 2017 (FY 2018)

2. Members would execute in Spring 2017
   • All agreements come back to MPO Board for final approval

3. MPO Board actions in Summer/Fall 2017
   • Office lease, director & staff policies, legal services

4. Move in date late 2017/early 2018