CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016
TIME: 1:30 P.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 July 13, 2016
   C. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of June 1, 2016
   D. Comments from the Chair
   E. CAC Liaison'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 RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Palm Beach MPO's Five Year
      Strategic Plan
      MPO staff and consultants will present the mission, vision, strategic goals and
      measurable objectives for each goal of the Strategic Plan. The draft plan is
      attached.
   B. MOTION TO RECOMMEND ENDORSEMENT of the I-95 at Central Boulevard
      Interchange Preferred Alternative
      Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff and consultants will present
      the proposed interchange at Central Boulevard and I-95, within the City of Palm
      Beach Gardens. The project is part of the Strategic Intermodal System and
      therefore the role of the MPO is to endorse as presented, endorse with
      suggested revisions, or reject the improvements proposed for this project. The
      Draft Preliminary Engineering Report can be viewed at PalmBeachMPO.org/static/sitefiles/Central_Blvd.pdf and presentation slides are attached.
3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. I-95 at Boynton Beach Boulevard and Gateway Boulevard Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
FDOT staff and consultants will present proposed alternatives for improvements of the Boynton Beach Boulevard and Gateway Boulevard interchanges at I-95. This presentation will include project locations, implementation timeline, as well as benefits and impacts of proposed improvements.

B. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan State of the System
MPO staff and consultants will provide an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Study “State of the System” report which includes some demographic information and pedestrian and bicyclist crash heat maps.

C. Annual Palm Tran Update
Palm Tran staff will provide an update on the status of their MPO funded projects. This presentation will include project locations, funding status, implementation timeline, as well as benefits and impacts of proposed improvements.

D. Summary Points from the June 16, 2016 MPO Board Meeting

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Member Comments

B. Next Meeting – September 7, 2016 (no August meeting)

C. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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1. REGULAR ITEMS

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. Due to no Chair or Vice Chair being present, the committee voted Mr. David Flannigan Chair Pro Tern by consensus.

1.A. Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. No quorum was present as depicted on Exhibit A of these minutes.

1.B. TABLED: Agenda for July 13, 2016

This item was tabled until quorum was present.

1.C. TABLED: Minutes for June 1, 2016

This item was tabled until quorum was present.

1.D. Comments from the Chair

There were no comments from the Chair Pro Tem.

1.E. CAC Liaison’s Report

MR. LAMBERT welcomed new member Mr. Andrew Thomson and apologized for lack of quorum. He stated the Information Items would be heard prior to the Action Items to give members additional time to appear so the committee could have a quorum.

No liaison report was presented.

Ms. Tinu Peña joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

1.F. General comments and Public Comments on Agenda Items

No general public comments were received.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.A. DISCUSSED: I-95 at Boynton Beach Boulevard and Gateway Boulevard Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
MR. HANK DEIBEL with Arcadis U.S., Inc. presented this item. He reviewed the project study area, delivery schedule and the project's purpose and need. He noted an Alternatives Public meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2016 at the Inn at Boynton Beach. He reviewed the existing level of service (LOS), projected design year 2040 LOS and Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSM&O) LOS.

MR. DEIBEL highlighted the three alternatives being considered for both boulevards, which include a Concept Development Alternative (CDA), a Streamlined CDA and a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). He highlighted major proposed improvements, the right of way impacts for each alternative and the pedestrian/bicycle improvements.

Mr. DEIBEL reviewed the PD&E Study schedule and next steps which include completing the environmental documents, presenting a preferred alternative at a public hearing and selecting a preferred alternative.

Several discussions ensued and concerns arose regarding the ramp widening's effect on the community and lack of improvement on the LOS.

3.B. DISCUSSED: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan State of the System

MR. STEWART ROBERTSON, Consultant with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. presented this item, and noted this was a midpoint review of the activities completed thus far in the safety study. He stated when reviewing pedestrian and bicycle safety information, numerous factors are taken into consideration including the area demographics and existing network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. He reviewed the current mode choice and demographic information for minorities and the potential transportation disadvantaged population.

Vice Chair Glen Harvie joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

MR. ROBERTSON reviewed the pedestrian and bicycle crash data provided by the five data sources utilized during this five year study. He highlighted the ten hot spots and ten high crash corridors identified by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety study team. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bruce Bastian left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

3.C. DISCUSSED: Annual Palm Tran Update

MR. FRED STUBBS, Manager of Transit Planning at Palm Tran presented this item. He reviewed current MPO funded projects of the Broward County Transit/Palm Tran Easy Card Interface with Miami-Dade Transit/South Florida Regional Transportation Authority project and the Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Route 43 and 62 projects. He also discussed the Delray Beach Maintenance Facility expansion project and noted this facility is being evaluated to become the main headquarters for administrative staff. A brief discussion ensued.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.A. RECOMMENDED ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS: Palm Beach MPO’s Five Year Strategic Plan

MS. JESSICA JOSSELYN, Consultant with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. presented this item. She gave a brief overview of the scope and schedule, highlighted the process that began with research and feedback which fed into the development of the Mission and Vision statements and ultimately the six goals and their measurable objectives. She requested committee member feedback as she reviewed each goal, its objectives, how it’s measured and the targets set.

A discussion ensued among members after each goal was reviewed with several questions arising regarding training opportunities and public outreach.
MS. JOSSELYN reviewed the annual report card, which is a summary tool to assist MPO staff and committee members with tracking each goal’s progress.

Due to lack of quorum there was a unanimous consensus to recommend adoption of the Palm Beach MPO’s Five Year Strategic Plan.

2.B. **RECOMMENDED ENDORSEMENT:** I-95 at Central Boulevard Interchange Preferred Alternative

MR. GAVIN JONES, Senior Transportation Planner with BCC Engineering presented this item. He reviewed the study’s progress and noted a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 28, 2016. He highlighted the two I-95 mainline alternatives which include a collector distributor (CD) road and a braided ramps option. He reviewed the right of way impacts for each and provided a brief comparison with the final recommendation of the CD road option. A brief discussion ensued.

MR. JONES highlighted the two interchange alternatives which include a tight diamond and diverging diamond option. He reviewed the interchange right of way impacts for each and provided a brief comparison with the final recommendation of the tight diamond interchange. He summarized the environmental and right of way impacts, stated the noise impact is currently being studied and highlighted the total cost and right of way impacts for all alternatives. A discussion ensued.

Due to lack of quorum there was a 3-1 recommendation for endorsement of the I-95 at Central Boulevard Interchange Preferred Alternative with recommendations of 11’ travel lanes with extra space from lane reduction being utilized for pedestrians, keep the bicycle lanes and provide a decorative cage option. Ms. Tiiu Pena opposed as she preferred the braided ramps and diverging diamond options, however she did not object to the committee’s recommended safety improvements.

3.D. **Summary Points from the June 16, 2016 MPO Board Meeting**

There was no discussion on this item.

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

4A. **Member Comments**

MR. ANDREW THOMSON expressed his pleasure in joining the committee.

4.B. **Next Meeting – September 7, 2016** (no August meeting)

4.C. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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## EXHIBIT A

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A = Absent/No Attendance = Member not assigned ***New Appointment
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## OTHERS PRESENT

- Gavin Jones
- Hank Deibel
- Leonard Simons
- Dawn Cox
- Council Member Robert Weinroth
- Fred Stubbs
- Stewart Robertson
- Jessica Josselyn
- Margarita Cortez
- Renee Cross
- Luke Lambert
- Franchesca Taylor
- Malissa Booth

## REPRESENTING

- BCC Engineering, Inc.
- Arcadis U.S., Inc.
- COBWRA
- Citizen
- City of Boca Raton
- Palm Tran
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
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