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## PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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### Technical Advisory Committee Liaison Report – March 1, 2017

1. **MPO Funding Applications:** Applications for the MPO's annual Local Initiatives (LI) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding programs are due to the MPO by **March 3, 2017**. For more information, go to [www.PalmBeachMPO.org/Funding](http://www.PalmBeachMPO.org/Funding). Below is a summary of key activities and deadlines:

Date	Activity and Deadline
March 3, 2017	<b>Applications Due to MPO.</b> Completed applications to be submitted by project applicants via MPO website.
March 3 – March 17, 2017	<b>MPO Application Screening.</b> MPO staff will screen applications for completeness and then determine a pre-eligibility ranking for those projects that appear to be eligible and "constructible".
March 20, 2017	<b>MPO Submits Project List and Tentative Ranking to FDOT.</b> MPOs submit applications and a summary list of candidate projects with tentative project rankings to the Program Management Office for project feasibility assessment and eligibility determination.
April 10-14, 2017	<b>Applicant Presentations to MPO Staff.</b> MPO staff will provide feedback and clarify project intent.
May 26, 2017	<b>FDOT D4 returns Eligibility Determinations.</b> MPO shares eligibility issues with applicants and creates draft priority ranking for eligible projects.
May 30 – June 16, 2017	<b>Applicants to Resolve Outstanding Eligibility Issues.</b>
Priority List to Committees: July 12-13, 2017 MPO Board: July 20, 2017	<b>MPO Final Ranking.</b> Committee reviews draft priority ranking. Each committee member gets to submit their own ranking for all projects – no discussion, just a staff presentation and then a silent ballot with an option to approve MPO staff ranking.
August 1, 2017	<b>Submit Project Priorities to FDOT.</b> The MPO submits an adopted list of finalized priority projects to the FDOT D4 Program Management Office and notifies sponsors of final priority rankings.

2. **Updated 2017 Meeting Calendar:** Please note that the meeting schedule has been updated and will include MPO Committee and Board meetings in July, with no meetings in August. The TAC will meet on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
3. **Project Meeting:** FDOT staff will be holding a preconstruction open house for the Southern Blvd./SR 80 Bridge Replacement over the Intracoastal Waterway and Lake Worth Lagoon on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Greek Church Cultural Center, 110 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach.
4. **Project Meeting:** Florida's Turnpike staff will be holding a design public information meeting at the West Boynton Recreation Center on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will provide information on planned improvements along Florida's Turnpike between Boynton Beach Blvd. and Lake Worth Rd.
5. **Safety Outreach Campaign:** The Palm Beach MPO, FDOT and the Village of Palm Springs are partnering to conduct a safety outreach event at the intersection of Military Trail and Forest Hill Blvd. Staff will be on site to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety.
6. **Brightline Test Track and Quiet Zone:** Brightline has begun testing passenger service from south of Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach to the southern municipal border of Lantana. MPO and TCRPC staff will be working with municipal staff in West Palm Beach, Lake Worth and Lantana to file the required Notice of Establishment (NOE) for a quiet zone throughout the test track. The additional safety gates must be in place before filing, which is now expected to occur mid-March. There is a required 21-day notice period so the test track quiet zone would become effective in early April.