



PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Bicycle, Trailways and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Liaison Report – March 2, 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. Below is a summary of key activities and deadlines:

Date	Activity and Deadline
March 3, 2017	Applications Due to MPO. Completed applications to be submitted by project applicants via MPO website.
March 3 – March 17, 2017	MPO Application Screening. 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	MPO Submits Project List and Tentative Ranking to FDOT. 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	Applicant Presentations to MPO Staff. MPO staff will provide feedback and clarify project intent.
May 26, 2017	FDOT D4 returns Eligibility Determinations. MPO shares eligibility issues with applicants and creates draft priority ranking for eligible projects.
May 30 – June 16, 2017	Applicants to Resolve Outstanding Eligibility Issues.
Priority List to Committees: July 12-13, 2017 MPO Board: July 20, 2017	MPO Final Ranking. 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	Submit Project Priorities to FDOT. 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 BTPAC will meet on Thursday, July 13th at 9:07 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 15th 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 30th 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. **Bike Month Activities:** Please visit BikePalmBeach.org to stay abreast of upcoming Florida Bike Month Events.
6. **Safe Route to School Mandatory Applicant Workshop:** There is a mandatory workshop for applicants and maintaining agencies of the statewide SRTS program on May 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Florida Department of Transportation District 4 office. This funding source is for infrastructure and non-infrastructure programs. Please visit www.srtsfl.org for more information.
7. **Bike/Ped Count Program:** Heads Up! MPO staff needs your assistance in observing and counting pedestrians and cyclists. A map of locations where manual counts are to be collected is forthcoming. More information to follow.