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SUMMARY OF THE BICYCLE, TRAILWAYS, AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BTPAC) Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:07 A.M.

Vista Center 4th Floor Conference Room 4E-12
2300 North Jog Road
West Palm Beach, Florida

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1. REGULAR ITEMS

CHAIR TRIBOU called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

1.A. Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. A quorum was not present as depicted in Exhibit A of these Minutes.

1.B. **ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS**: Agenda for September 14, 2017

MR. KEVIN FISCHER noted that Item 3.A would be removed from the agenda.

Due to the lack of quorum, there was consensus to adopt the Agenda for September 14, 2017 with the modifications.

1.C. **DEFERRED**: Minutes for July 13, 2017

Due to the lack of quorum, there was consensus to deferred the approval of the Minutes until a quorum was present.

1.D. Comments from the Chair

CHAIR TRIBOU expressed her concerns towards members post Hurricane Irma and hoped all is well with minimal damage.

1.E. BTPAC Liaison's Report

There was no discussion on this item.

1.F. General Public Comments and Public Comments on Action Items

There were no general public comments received.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.A. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS: Amendment #1 to the FY 18-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Roll Forward projects

MR. ANDREW UHLIR, Palm Beach MPO TIP Coordinator, presented this item from the agenda backup. He noted this roll forward report was provided by FDOT and occurs annually. He stated

these projects were funded in FY 17 but were not obligated; therefore, the funds have been rolled forward into FY 18. He noted that no new projects have been included. He briefly highlighted that the State Road (SR) 7 project had federal funds in FY 17 and funds were switched with the SR 80 project, because they were not obligated at the time.

Due to the lack of quorum, there was a 3-1 consensus to Recommend Approval of Amendment #1 to the FY 18-22 TIP to include FDOT's Roll Forward Projects. Ms. Heather Tribou dissented due to the presence of the SR 7 project.

2.B. DISCUSSED: State Road (SR) 80 Corridor Action Plan Update

MR. NICK UHREN, Palm Beach MPO Executive Director, presented this item on behalf of the FDOT project team, which he noted could not be present at the meeting. He reviewed the study's outcome, objectives, and the backup material included in the agenda packet. He highlighted the importance of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and future development details. He reviewed the project development process flowchart and provided an overview of the tiered alternative development process. He reviewed Alternative 1: Signalized Arterial with Alternate Intersections and provided a video example of the intersection movements.

A brief discussion ensued on the bicycle facilities and traffic movements.

MR. UHREN reviewed Alternative 2: Grade-Separated Access Controlled Lanes & Frontage Roads. He reviewed the existing and proposed grade separations along with the proposed mainline access points, right of way impacts and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

A discussion ensued on the bicycle facilities.

MR. UHREN reviewed Alternative 3: Elevated Access Controlled Lanes & Frontage Roads. He reviewed the mainline access points, typical section and highlighted the bicycle facilities.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the number of lanes, right of way impacts, project length, design speed, and the non-motorized design possibilities.

MR. UHREN reviewed the multimodal alternatives from US 27 to 20-mile bend, which are based on the identified needs and goals. He mentioned that the MPO Governing Board adopted the Annual Priority Project list in July and added construction of a US 27 connector road, which would pass from 715 and Hooker Highway down to US 27 in South Bay as a third north/south option. He noted an alternatives public workshop is forthcoming with the completion of the study and a final report expected in early 2018.

A brief discussion ensued on the Priority Project addition, possibility of managed lanes, and the bicycle facilities in the southern portion of the project.

2.C. RECOMMENDED ENDORSEMENT BY CONSENSUS: Recommended Alternative at the I-95/Southern Boulevard (SR 80) Interchange

MS. CASSIE PICHÉ, Consultant with RS&H, introduced Mr. Humberto Arrieta and noted he would be replacing Mr. Anson Sonnett as the Project Manager. She briefly reviewed the I-95 Interchange Master Plan for Palm Beach County, project study area, purpose and need, and adjacent studies, which include the SR 80 Corridor Action Plan and the I-95 Managed Lanes Master Plan. She highlighted the current year and design year with a no build alternative traffic data, and noted Alternative 2 has been eliminated from further evaluation due to the number and elevation of the flyovers.

MS. PICHÉ reviewed an evaluation matrix of the no build and all the build alternatives, and noted Alternative 4 is recommended as it has the most benefits. She reviewed further details of Alternative 4 in regards to the right of way impacts, typical section, and impacts on the Vedado neighborhood, Dreher Park, and Parker Avenue. She noted that the collaboration with the City of West Palm Beach

is still ongoing regarding the typical section and there may be changes when this is presented at the Public Hearing next month.

MS. PICHE reviewed other improvements of the bridge widening over I-95 and the CSX Rail line, increased ramp storage at entrance/exit ramps and turn lanes, upgraded bicycle facilities and upgraded pedestrian facilities & cross walks. She highlighted the visual aesthetics, noted that views of the Town of Cloud Lake's advertising sign will not be blocked, and reviewed the next steps that include a Public Hearing on October 19, 2017.

A discussion ensued on the items presented versus what was included in the agenda packet, landscaping options, Dreher Park pedestrian/bicycle access and signalization options, right of way acquisition, and the need for additional review of bicycle facilities or a shared-use path.

MR. UHREN clarified that the committee can recommend this item with endorsement, recommend endorsement with requested changes, or reject the endorsement.

A brief discussion ensued on future meetings with the public and next steps if this item was rejected, and the bicycle and pedestrian facility needs and potential alternatives.

Due to the lack of quorum, there was a 3-1 consensus to Recommend Endorsement of the Recommended Alternative at I-95/Southern Boulevard (SR 80) Interchange with the request to for FDOT's commitment to evaluate narrowing lanes and utilizing that additional space to improve the pedestrian/bicycle facilities, further evaluation of the crossing at Dreher Park, and further coordination with the City of West Palm Beach to address their concerns on Parker Avenue. Ms. Heather Tribou dissented due to the City of West Palm Beach's desire for further coordination.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.A. REMOVED: Okeechobee Corridor Study Update

This item was removed from the agenda.

3.B. 2018 MPO Governing Board and Committees Meeting Schedule

There was no discussion on this item.

3.C. Summary Points from the July 20, 2017 Governing Board Meeting

There was no discussion on this item.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4.A. Member Comments

There were no member comments received.

4.B. Next Meeting – October 5, 2017

4.C. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

