



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Thursday, January 12, 2017
Regular Meeting, 3:00 p.m.**

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OPENING

Call to Order
Proper Noticing
Determination of Quorum

I. REPORTS

- A.** Florida Department of Transportation
- B.** MPO Staff Reports

II. AGENDA UPDATE

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of November 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program**

At the time the agenda was finalized, the MPO had received no TIP amendment requests from the FDOT. The item is placed on the agenda to meet the statutory requirements for public notice should a TIP amendment request be received prior to the committee meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities

The 2017 Florida Legislative Session begins March 7, 2017, and will end in May. After receiving input from the Governing Board at the December 2016 meeting, staff has prepared a draft list of positions and priorities. The Governing Board will be requested to finalize the positions and priorities in February 2017. The draft list is focusing on a limited number of positions and priority projects.

B. Draft Policy 2017-1: Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O)

The final policy in a series of policies supporting *Transportation 2040* is presented in draft form for committee review and recommendation. Originally contemplated as two separate policies, the draft policy includes Intelligent Transportation Systems as part of the TSM&O policy. The policy supports the current efforts underway in both counties to develop ITS/TSM&O master plans.

C. Update of Bylaws

The committee is requested to approve minor changes to the committee's bylaws as part of the annual bylaw review process.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. List of Priority Projects - Submittal of New Projects

The process of developing the 2017 List of Priority Projects began in September 2016 with a request for submittal of new or updated projects along with the required FDOT Project Information Application. This process applies to projects seeking FDOT funding through the Local Agency Program, which is a program in which local governments are eventually certified to manage projects receiving state or federal funds. Submittal of new or updated projects and the required application packages must occur by January 13, 2017. This is the final year the MPO has funding through FDOT to manage consultants in assisting in the preparation of all required information in the application packages. A draft List of Priority Projects will be presented in February.

B. Regional Analysis of Major Intersections

The MPO is undertaking an effort to prioritize major intersections in need of analysis. The prioritization process will focus on intersections appearing to be experiencing safety or operational concerns. This initial effort will focus on regionally-significant intersections, meaning that the candidate intersections will include two regionally-significant roadways, which can include state or county facilities. Committee members are requested to provide candidate intersections. The initial list will be populated with candidates and a planning-level analysis will be conducted on each intersection. Following the planning-level analysis, an engineering analysis may be conducted. As a result of the analysis, some intersections may have safety or operational projects committed.

C. State Gas Tax Increase

Florida's tax on gasoline and diesel fuel was automatically increased January 1. The gas tax is indexed by statute to increase each year per the Consumer Price Index. This year's increase was 0.1% to 20.8 cents per gallon. The state tax is in addition to federal (18.4 cents per gallon) and local gas taxes. Although the state tax is indexed, the legislature has not provided for the indexing of local gas taxes.

VII. PROJECT UPDATES

A written project update is presented for review. Staff will answer questions on any projects in the report or on projects not included in the report.

VIII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2017 @ 2 p.m. at Lake~Sumter MPO

IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING:

February 9, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. @ Lake~Sumter MPO

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization at (352) 315-0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.