

**Florida MPO Advisory Council
Meeting of the Governing Board
April 28, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO
Commissioner Bill Dozier, Bay County TPO
Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO
Commissioner Nick Maddox, Capital Region TPA
Commissioner James W. Herston, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
Councilmember Charles Bare, Florida-Alabama TPO
Commissioner Nick Nicholson, Hernando/Citrus MPO
Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO
Commissioner Scott Boyd, MetroPlan Orlando
Councilmember Bill Cox, Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Commissioner Nathaniel Birdsong, Polk TPO
Councilmember Pat Patterson, River to Sea TPO
Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO
Mr. Darrell Drummond, St. Lucie TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director
Brigitte Messina, MPOAC
Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel
James Christian, FHWA
Lee Ann Jacobs, FHWA
Karen Brunelle, FHWA
Carmen Monroy, FDOT Office of Policy Planning
Sean Santalla, FDOT Office of Policy Planning
Bob Herrington, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
Mary Beth Washnock, Florida-Alabama TPO, Okaloosa-Walton TPO, Bay County TPO
Dennis Dix, Hernando/Citrus MPO
Alice Bojanowski, Martin MPO
Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando
Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade MPO
Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO
David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO

Peter Buchwald, St. Lucie TPO
Jeff Kramer, CUTR
Alex Carroll, CUTR
Hal Beardall, FCRC Consensus Center
Bob Jones, FCRC Consensus Center
Howard Glassman, Gannet Fleming
Richard Perrin, T.Y. Lin International
Gus Schmidt, T.Y. Lin International
David Porter, SunRail Riders
David Bottomery, Sierra Club
Marty Sullivan, Hillsborough County citizen
Mauricio Rosas, Stop TBX
Liz Johnson, Hillsborough County citizen
Jason Ball, Sunshine Citizens, Inc.
Chris Vela, Sunshine Citizens, Inc.
Adam Metz, Sunshine Citizens, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Susan Haynie, Palm Beach MPO, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38pm. The Chair welcomed those in attendance and self-introductions were made. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Charles Bare, Florida-Alabama TPO, moved to approve the minutes of the January 28 joint meetings of the MPOAC Governing Board and Staff Directors' Advisory Committee. Commissioner Nick Maddox, Capital Region TPA, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke in opposition to the Tampa Bay Express project, a planned system of express toll lanes that will be built as an addition to existing interstate routes in the Tampa Bay Area:

- Chris Vela, 9241 E 11th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605, who presented a video;
- Adam Metz, 777 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602;
- Liz Johnson, 5708 River Terrace, Tampa, FL;
- Marty Sullivan, 901 Georgia Avenue, Winter Park, FL; and

- Jason Ball, 5802 Idle Forest Place, Tampa, FL.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, reported on the MPOAC budget. During the 3rd quarter (January 1 – March 31, 2016), approximately \$153,129 was spent, roughly 29% of the total \$532,048 budget. So far, the MPOAC is operating below budget for the year.

B. FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Mikyska provided a legislative update and summarized four bills that passed that are of primary interest to the members:

- HB7061 Transportation
 - Authorizes a minimum of \$25 million per year for the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program.
 - Transfers ownership of the Pinellas Bayway System from FDOT to the Florida Turnpike.
 - Establishes the Seaport Security Advisory Committee.
 - Changes the maximum population for eligibility in the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) from 150,000 to 170,000.
 - Establishes Chloe's Law, which requires FDOT to install roadside barriers to shield certain bodies of water where deaths have occurred due to drowning. The law is somewhat flexible in that it authorizes engineers to determine the best solution for improving safety at these locations.
 - Makes several statutory changes to the operation and regulation of autonomous vehicles. Allows drivers of autonomous vehicles operating in fully autonomous mode to use television-like receiving devices such as cell phones. Also requires MPOs to include consideration of automated vehicles in their long range transportation plans.
 - Requires FDOT to study Driver-Assistive Truck Platooning Technology, which helps commercial trucks increase fuel efficiency by following closely behind each other and reducing wind resistance. This study would be conducted in a controlled environment and not in general traffic.
 - Establishes a definition of commercial megacycles and allows local governments to regulate them. Commercial megacycles are exempt from Florida open container laws.
- HB7027 Transportation
 - Contains many provisions that are identical to those contained in HB7061.

- Authorizes FDOT to assume federal responsibilities associated with the NEPA (environmental) review process.
- Grants the Florida Legislative Budget Commission approval authority for work program amendments that exceed \$3 million and add a project or phase.
- Establishes the FDOT Financing Corporation, which enables FDOT to fund projects by issuing bonds and refinancing existing projects. This will allow projects to advance several years. The bill also includes provisions for a Board of Directors, membership and organization, and powers and duties of the organization.
- HB1361 Growth Management
 - Reduces the threshold for sector plans from 15,000 to 5,000 acres.
 - Allows local governments to approve land use changes to “essentially built out” developments as long as there is no net increase in impacts to public facilities.
- SB416 Utilities
 - Shifts the cost of relocation of utilities within the right-of-way from the utility company to the local municipal government.

Mr. Mikyska also provided an update on an attempt by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) to define “traffic engineering.” The FBPE withdrew the definition after receiving several opposition letters from the MPOAC and other organizations and is no longer pursuing a definition. This may be due to case law from North Carolina where dentists were prohibited from defining who could perform teeth whitening.

A member commented that SB416 could have the potential to delay projects due to fiscal constraints.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Carmen Monroy, Director, FDOT Office of Policy Planning, updated the members on the activities of FDOT and brought forward topics of interest to the MPOs.

- Autonomous Vehicle Legislation
 - HB7027 requires that MPOs consider advances in vehicle technology when developing long-range transportation plans. It also requires that FDOT accommodate advances in vehicle technology when updating the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan. The law becomes effective July 1, 2016. FDOT is working with the MPOAC and individual MPOs to develop guidance for complying with the new law.

- Statewide Revenue Forecast
 - Updates to the Statewide Revenue Forecast are required every five years, and the next update is due in 2018. FDOT is beginning to move forward with the forecasting process and is working with the MPOAC to agree upon a methodology. The tentative schedule includes development of the Revenue Forecast Guidebook throughout the month of May and an initial discussion with the October 2016 MPOAC meeting. FDOT plans to begin developing the revenue forecast in January 2018 and release the final version by June 2018.

- Repurposing Old Federal Earmarks
 - Per the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the state has the authority to repurpose any earmark that was:
 - Designated on or before September 30, 2005;
 - Is less than 10% obligated; or
 - Has been completed and closed with remaining unobligated funds on the earmark.
 - Repurposed federal earmarks must be obligated on a new or existing project in the state within 50 miles of the original earmark designation, and the project must otherwise be eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. The Florida DOT will consult with MPOs and other local governments within the geographic boundary of each earmark before making any decisions to repurpose the funds. The amount of unobligated earmarks totals over \$112 million, though only \$52 million of obligation authority is available for this purpose. An FDOT implementation guidance document and a list of projects was distributed to FDOT staff on April 1, 2016 to share with MPOs, local governments, and other interested parties.

- SUNTrail Network
 - The purpose of the SUNTrail Network is to develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. It receives \$25 million annually from new vehicle tag revenues. The public comment period concluded in March 25, 2016.
 - There is a tiered structure for program funding selection. The Coast-to-Coast Connector was selected as the Top Regional Trail System. The St. Johns River to the Sea Loop was selected as the Second Regional Trail System. Funding will also be available for individual trails, though the individual trail category is still being developed. FDOT Central Office is finalizing the eligibility criteria and will be selecting projects to include in the tentative FDOT Work Program this summer. More information can be obtained by contacting Robin Birdsong, SUNTrail Program Manager, at 850-414-4922 or Robin.Birdsong@dot.state.fl.us. Updates can also be found at www.FloridaSunTrail.com.

- Nonmotorized Transportation Count Data Collection
 - The FDOT Statistics Office is working with a number of partners to collect data on nonmotorized transportation traffic. The intent is to collect bicycle and pedestrian counts statewide and to develop a standard methodology for counting nonmotorized transportation users. FDOT will be sharing the data and methodology with other agencies and stakeholders who wish to better understand how the bicycle and pedestrian network is used. The team is currently performing a literature review and conducting stakeholder workshops. A final report with results of the pilot test is expected to be completed by December 2016. For any questions, members can contact Chris Francis at Chris.Francis@dot.state.fl.us.

B. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Lee Ann Jacobs, Planning Team Leader, Office of Project Development at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division Office, presented a variety of items of interest to the members.

Ms. Jacobs notified the members that the FHWA Florida Division will be hosting an open house at their new offices on June 21, 2016. More details will be provided at a later date.

Ms. Jacobs then discussed some funding opportunities with the members:

- FHWA announced \$60 million in grants for advanced transportation and congestion management technologies. This will fund cutting-edge technologies that will improve transportation safety, efficiency, system performance, infrastructure return on investment, and enhanced use of existing capacity. The new program – Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program (ATCMTD) – is aimed at addressing concerns outlined in *Beyond Traffic*, the USDOT report issued last year that examines the challenges facing America’s transportation infrastructure over the next three decades, such as growing population and increasing traffic. Applications can be submitted through www.grants.gov, and the deadline is June 3.
- FHWA announced \$15 million in grants under a new program to test alternative revenue mechanisms to help sustain the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. The Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) program will fund projects to test the design, implementation, and acceptance of user-based alternative revenue mechanisms. Applications may be submitted through www.grants.gov, and the deadline is May 20.
- FHWA is soliciting pilot proposals for green infrastructure for coastal highway resilience. State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Federal Land Management Agencies, and Tribes are eligible to apply

for funding to perform pilot assessments of green infrastructure techniques for protecting coastal highways against sea level rise and storm surge. Coastal green infrastructure includes dunes, wetlands, living shorelines, oyster reefs, beaches, and artificial reefs. Eligible projects are those that analyze the feasibility of a green infrastructure solution to protect a coastal roadway section or bridge. It is anticipated that 2 to 4 applied research projects will be selected and funded at approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000 each, with a matching requirement of at least a 20% non-federal share, 50% non-federal share preferred. In-kind contributions may count as match. Informational webinars will be held on May 10 and May 19. Proposals are due to FHWA Division offices on May 25.

Ms. Karen Brunelle, Director, Office of Project Development at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division Office, also presented a variety of items.

USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx launched a national conversation called “Bridging the Divide” about how transportation infrastructure can better connect people and communities to opportunity. Secretary Foxx laid out three key principles central to achieving this goal:

1. Transportation connects people to opportunity and can invigorate opportunity within communities. To the greatest extent possible, we should support transportation projects that do both;
2. While we cannot change the past, we can ensure that current and future projects connect and strengthen communities, including areas that have, in the past, been on the wrong side of transportation decisions; and
3. Transportation facilities should be built by, for, and with the communities impacted by them. Development of transportation facilities should meaningfully reflect and incorporate the input of all the people and communities.

USDOT is asking for MPOs and other agencies to share specific examples of how their work is connecting people to opportunity and/or improving communities by emailing opportunity@dot.gov. More information about DOT’s Ladders of Opportunities initiatives can be found at www.transportation.gov/opportunity.

Ms. Brunelle then presented on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. FHWA has 34 fact sheets on its website – one for each of the different program areas including metropolitan planning. FHWA also recently released guidance for the selection of critical urban freight corridors and critical rural freight corridors.

On April 22, 2016 the FHWA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to propose national performance management measure regulations to assess the performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. The comment period closes on August 20, 2016. The planning regulations are anticipated to be issued as final in May 2016 and bridge

performance measures and highway asset management plan final rules are anticipated to be published in October 2016. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, confirmed that the MPOAC will be submitting comments on the NPRM and that a draft document will be ready for discussion at the July MPOAC meeting.

Ms. Brunelle then provided an overview of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Safety Performance Management Measures Final Rules.

- The HSIP is one of the core Federal-aid programs. Its purpose is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, and it receives a \$2.5 billion annual apportionment. The final rule requires the State to update the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) every five years. FDOT is working on an update right now. The HSIP also integrates performance measurement targets. The targets are based on the calendar year and apply to all public roads.
- The Safety Performance Measures Final Rule includes five performance measures, including number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Five-year rolling averages will be used to set baselines for each of these measures. The rule institutes a process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish and report on their targets and for FHWA to assess whether a State has met their targets or made significant progress toward meeting their targets.
- States must submit annual targets as part of the August 2017 annual HSIP report. Targets must be identical to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Highway Safety Plan (HSP) targets for three measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of serious injuries. States may establish additional targets, but they will not be included in FHWA's assessment.
- MPOs must establish targets 180 after the State establishes its targets. The first deadline for establishing targets is February 27, 2018. MPOs can either agree to support the State DOT target or establish a numerical target specific to the MPO planning area. MPO targets will apply to all public roads. MPO targets are reported to the State DOT and must be available to FHWA, if requested.
- In order for State DOTs to be considered as having met or making significant progress toward meeting performance targets, four out of five targets must be better or equal to the established baseline.
- The HSIP and Safety PM Final Rules and the NPRM documents can be found at the following links: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0019> and <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0020>. The new rules are effective April 14, 2016.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

A. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mayor Haynie opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair which became vacant. Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO, moved to nominate Commissioner Nick Maddox, Capital Region TPA. Councilmember Charles Bare, Florida-Alabama TPO, seconded. Mayor Haynie asked Commissioner Maddox if he would be willing to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Maddox responded that he would. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ELECTION OF AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mayor Haynie entertained nominations for the position of At-Large Executive Committee Member, which became vacant as Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, recently stepped down from the MPOAC. Commissioner Maddox moved to nominate Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO. Councilmember Charles Bare, Florida-Alabama TPO, seconded. Mayor Haynie asked Councilmember Caletka if he would be willing to accept the position. Councilmember Caletka responded that he would. The motion carried unanimously.

C. MPOAC BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Mr. Mikyska opened discussion of a proposal to form an MPOAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group. The purpose of the proposed Working Group would be to:

- Improve safety;
- Create a forum for exchanging ideas, best practices, and developing a network of bicycle/pedestrian professionals;
- Provide a knowledge-exchange benefit to smaller-staffed MPOs;
- Review the state of bicycle and pedestrian planning;
- Develop outreach techniques to local communities to develop partnerships; and
- Partner with FDOT district bicycle and pedestrian staff.

Mr. Mikyska then informed the members that the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee had recommended that the MPOAC Governing Board take action to consider the formation of an MPOAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group as part of the development and implementation of the MPOAC Strategic Plan, instead of taking that action independent of that ongoing process. In that way, the formation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group could be evaluated against other working groups recommended as part of the strategic planning process.

Commissioner Nicholas Nicholson, Hernando/Citrus MPO, moved to add consideration of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group to the development and implementation of the

MPOAC Strategic Plan. Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016/2017–2017/2018 UPWP

Mr. Mikyska provided an overview of the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. Some changes from the FY 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 UPWP include:

- Formatting and fonts have been modified to make the document more appealing;
- The addition of the Heartland Regional TPO (HRTPO); and
- The addition of the MPOAC Executive Committee.

Mr. Buchwald informed members that the MPOAC Staff Directors' Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the draft UPWP with the following amendments:

- Task 2.5 relating to the formation of an MPOAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group folded into Task 4.5, MPOAC Strategic Plan and Implementation; and
- The MPOAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group concept be broadened to include the concept of Complete Streets.

Commissioner Nicholas Nicholson, Hernando/Citrus MPO, moved to adopt the UPWP as amended. Councilmember Charles Bare, Florida-Alabama TPO, seconded. Mr. Mikyska asked for an amendment allowing him to make any changes as requested by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) during their review of the draft UPWP. Commissioner Maddox asked that the Governing Board be notified of any updates. The motion maker and seconder had no objection to the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH PAUL GOUGELMAN

Mr. Mikyska provided an overview of the new contract:

- There was no change in the hourly rate;
- The new contract is more detailed regarding work Mr. Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel, performs for the MPOAC. It includes a scope of work listing typical work products;
- It explains how billable hours will be determined for partial hours and phone calls;
- It details who retains records; and
- It identifies other lawyers in the firm who are specialists in particular areas of law.

Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO, moved to approve the contract for legal services with Paul Gougelman. Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

F. MPOAC STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Hal Beardall, FCRC Consensus Center, presented the first draft of the MPOAC Strategic Plan. His presentation highlighted changes made at the previous Strategic Directions Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting as well as changes recommended by the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee.

The SDAC conducted several surveys over the past few months, including a survey of the MPOAC Governing Board, the MPOAC Staff Directors' Advisory Committee, and MPOAC partners, including FDOT. Key elements of the draft Strategic Plan are as follows:

- MPOAC Mission
 - The MPOAC improves transportation planning and education by engaging and equipping its members to deliver results through shared innovations, best practices, enhanced coordination and communication, and advocacy.
- Guiding Principles in Developing the Strategic Plan:
 - Maximize the role of the MPOAC in transportation policy, planning and education.
 - Serve as a state transportation leader and agent of positive change.
 - Empower and enable individual members to do their jobs better.
 - Provide opportunities for MPOAC members to participate in committee and workgroup efforts to enhance the organization's mission and impact.
 - Evaluate organizational effectiveness in implementing goals/objectives/actions.
- Goals, Objectives, and Actions
 - Goal A: Communication and Sharing Best & Successful Practices
 - Objective 1: The MPOAC will convene working groups to determine how best to share information on best practice and successful innovations with members and other interested parties.
 - Establish an MPOAC best practice working group to determine how best to share information on best practices and successful innovations with members and other interested parties.
 - Development of new MPOAC operational and topical best practices workshops.
 - Operational: e.g. Federal certification reviews, member orientation best practices, budgeting/funding, business and strategic planning, benefit procurement, etc.
 - Topical: e.g. automated/connected vehicles, technology/data management, public participation, sunshine/ethics, etc.

- Establish an MPOAC Bike & Pedestrian Working Group to share information and best practices in coordination with the State, including complete streets.
 - Objective 2: The MPOAC will implement effective internal and external communication and coordination strategies with members and other organizations.
 - Create an MPOAC Communications Workgroup
 - MPOAC quarterly meeting format
 - Opportunity for MPOAC member participation on committees and workgroups
- Goal B: Leadership Training and Education
 - Objective 1: The MPOAC will increase participation in the MPAOC Institute as the core leadership and educational program.
 - Continue to support the delivery and update of the MPOAC Institute
 - Expand participation in the MPOAC Institute
 - Exporting MPOAC Institute components to partner organizations
 - Objective 2: Develop an MPOAC-sponsored training program.
 - Establish an MPOAC Training Workgroup
 - Identify national training opportunities
 - Assess online training strategies
 - Consider a “train the trainers” approach to staff training
- Goal C: Advocacy for Policy and Planning
 - Objective 1: The MPOAC will take steps to develop a stronger relationship with the Florida Transportation Commission
 - MPOAC representative on the FTC
 - MPOAC presentations to FTC
 - Strengthen MPOAC and FTC coordination
 - Objective 2: Optimize the MPOAC relationship with the FDOT Central Office and the Districts to advance shared goals and member missions and programs
 - Document FDOT/MPOAC relationship
 - Regular briefings/updates with FDOT
 - Update FDOT/MPOAC procedures
 - Enhance the relationship of MPOAC and Districts
 - Objective 3: Strengthen the MPOAC relationship and coordination with USDOT to advance member missions and programs.
 - Enhance the MPOAC and USDOT relationship
 - Objective 4: Enhance coordination on advocacy for transportation policy and planning with partners and other organizations.
 - Coordinate advocacy
 - MPOAC/FAC partnership on certification

- FLC/FAC education opportunities
- MPOAC involvement in AMPO and NARC committees

Mr. Mikyska noted that, given the number of action items in the Strategic Plan, it would be helpful for individual MPOs to donate staff time to certain projects to avoid an increase in the MPOAC budget.

Mr. Buchwald informed members that the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the MPOAC Strategic Plan with the following amendments:

- Adding "and advocacy" to the MPOAC mission statement;
- Changing "working group" in Goal A, Objective 1 to plural;
- Adding "Create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group" as an action item under Goal A, Objective 1;
- Adding "MPO advisory committees" as an example in Goal B, Objective 1, Action C;
- Rewording the language in Goal C to say "The MPOAC will advocate and collaboratively lead effective local, regional and statewide transportation policy and planning"; and
- Replacing "FHWA" with "USDOT" in Goal C, Objective 3, Action A.

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve the MPOAC Strategic Plan, as amended. Commissioner McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

G. 2017 MEETING LOCATIONS

Mr. Mikyska informed members that the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee recommended the following meeting locations for 2017:

- January 2017 in South Florida, in conjunction with the Broward MPO Complete Streets event;
- April 2017 in Orlando;
- July 2017 at a location to be determined, in coordination with the Floridians for Better Transportation annual conference; and
- October 2017 in Northwest Florida, in coordination with the annual Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium (hosted by the West Florida Regional Planning Council).

Commissioner Maddox moved to adopt the 2017 meeting locations as recommended by the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee. Commissioner Bill Dozier, Bay County TPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

H. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAFF DIRECTORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

All reports and recommendations from the Staff Directors' Advisory Committee meeting were addressed in the previous agenda items.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mikyska noted two communications items in the agenda packet:

- Weekly Legislative Updates from the Executive Director; and
- Resolutions supporting the MPOAC Legislative Policy Positions from the Florida-Alabama TPO, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, and the Bay County TPO.

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Haynie allowed new members to introduce themselves:

- Commissioner Bill Dozier, Bay County TPO, introduced himself and noted that he is acting as the alternate for Commissioner Rodney Friend; and
- Councilmember Bill Cox, Okaloosa-Walton TPO, introduced himself and noted that he was temporarily filling the empty MPOAC Governing Board seat previously held by Councilmember Jim Wood.

Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, thanked the MPOAC, Jeff Kramer, Scott Paine, Hal Beardall, and Karen Seggerman for providing the MPOAC Institute Training. He noted that it was a very valuable experience.

Mayor Haynie thanked Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, for hosting the MPOAC meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm. The next meeting of the MPOAC Governing Board will be held on July 18, 2016 at the Loews Don CeSar Hotel on St. Pete Beach, FL.