

**Florida MPO Advisory Council  
Meeting of the Governing Board  
April 6, 2017  
Final Meeting Minutes**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO  
Commissioner Nick Maddox, Vice-Chair, Capital Region TPA  
Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO  
Commissioner James Herston, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO  
Commissioner Nicholas Nicholson, Hernando/Citrus MPO  
Commissioner Charles Klug, Hillsborough County MPO  
Councilmember Pat Kelley, Lake-Sumter MPO  
Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO  
Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO  
Councilmember Dick Rynearson, Okaloosa-Walton TPO  
Commissioner Nat Birdsong, Polk TPO  
Mayor Willie Shaw, Sarasota/Manatee MPO  
Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO  
Linda Hudson, St. Lucie TPO

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Carl Mikyska, MPOAC  
Paul Gogleman, MPOAC General Council  
Brigitte Messina, MPOAC  
Karen Brunelle, Federal Highway Administration  
Lee Ann Jacobs, Federal Highway Administration  
Alex Gramovot, Florida Department of Transportation, Office of Policy Planning  
Mark Reichert, Florida Department of Transportation, Office of Policy Planning  
DeWayne Carver, Florida Department of Transportation – Roadway Design Office  
Brian Stanger, Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
David Cooke, Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
Kellie Smith, Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
Carol Scott, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Turnpike Enterprise  
Jeff Kramer, Center for Urban Transportation Research, USF  
Christen Miller, Center for Urban Transportation Research, USF  
Mary Beth Washnock, Bay County TPO, Florida-Alabama TPO, Okaloosa-Walton TPO  
Greg Stuart, Broward MPO  
Greg Slay, Capital Region TPO  
Bob Herrington, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO  
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Michael Escalante, Gainesville MTPO  
Steve Diez, Hernando/Citrus MPO  
Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO  
Bob Auwaerter, Council Member, Indian River Shores (Indian River County MPO)  
Nancy Auwaerter, Public  
T.J. Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO  
Beth Beltran, Martin MPO  
Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando  
Tewari Edmonson, Miami-Dade TPO  
Michael Daniels, Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Nick Uhren, Palm Beach MPO  
Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO  
David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO  
Steven Boston, Space Coast TPO  
Laura Carter, Space Coast TPO  
Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO  
Lisa Hickman, Space Coast TPO  
Sarah Kraum, Space Coast TPO  
Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO  
Peter Buchwald, St. Lucie TPO  
Wiley Page, Atkins, Inc.  
Bob Roming, H.W. Lochner, Inc.  
Steve Szabo, Space Florida  
David Jackson, U.S. Rep. Bill Posey (FL-8)  
Lisa Broadt, TC Palm  
Rusty Roberts, All Aboard Florida

• **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO, called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. The Chair welcomed those in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions were made.

Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO, welcomed the members and gave a brief summary of the Space Coast area.

## • APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kathy Meehan, Space Coast TPO, moved to approve the minutes of the January 2017 Governing Board meeting. Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## • PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

## • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### A. UPWP REPORT

Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, presented the MPOAC Quarterly UPWP update stating that MPOAC is on track to stay on budget this fiscal year.

Mr. Mikyska announced that the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) will be presenting a webinar entitled "Working to Integrate Social Equity into Regional Planning" on April 27, 2017 at 12 pm. Presentations will be made by Kristine Williams (CUTR), the Hillsborough MPO and Portland Metro. Recordings of the webinar will be available on the CUTR website shortly thereafter.

### B. FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Mikyska presented an update on legislation before the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. He noted that the official start of the 60 day legislative session was March 07, 2017, noting that the legislative session was roughly half over. He then provided a brief summary of legislative proposals of interest to the MPOAC membership.

Mr. Mikyska provided an overview Bills to watch:

- HB 865 and SB 1118 – FDOT Bill  
Requiring the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in consultation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to develop the Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program; providing for assessment and calculation of a fine for unlawful weight and load of a vehicle fueled by natural gas; requiring FDOT to undertake an economic feasibility study relating to the acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge; prohibiting the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority from

entering into certain contracts or agreements without FDOT approval of the authority's expenditures, etc.

- **HB 17 – Local Preemption**  
Prohibits certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses, professions, & occupations after certain date; preempts to state regulations concerning businesses, professions, & occupations; provides exceptions to preemption.
- **SB 144 – Texting While Driving**  
Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Revising the legislative intent relating to the authorization of law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are texting while driving; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law be accomplished only as a secondary action; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc.
- **HB 221 – Transportation Network Companies**  
Providing that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; requiring a TNC to designate and maintain an agent for service of process in this state; providing fare requirements; providing that TNC drivers are independent contractors if specified conditions are met; requiring a TNC to implement a zero-tolerance policy for drug or alcohol use, subject to certain requirements; requiring a TNC to conduct a certain background check for a TNC driver after a specified period; requiring TNC drivers to comply with the nondiscrimination policy and certain applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination and accommodation of service animals, etc.
- **SB 460 – Personal Delivery Devices**  
Authorizing the operation of personal delivery devices within county or municipal jurisdictions under certain circumstances; prohibiting the operation of personal delivery devices on the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; requiring a personal delivery device operator to maintain an insurance policy that provides general liability coverage of at least a specified amount for damages arising from the operation of a personal delivery device; exempting personal delivery devices from certain registration and insurance requirements, etc.
- **SB 596 – Utilities**  
Authorizing the Department of Transportation (FDOT) and certain local governmental entities to prescribe and enforce reasonable rules or regulations with reference to the placing and maintaining across, on, or within the right-of-way limits

of any road or publicly owned rail corridors under their respective jurisdictions any voice or data communications services lines or wireless facilities; creating the “Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act”; providing requirements for the collocation of small wireless facilities on authority utility poles; authorizing an authority to enforce local codes, administrative rules, or regulations adopted by ordinance in effect on a specified date which are applicable to a historic area designated by the state or authority, etc.

Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, asked about HB 865 and SB 1118 and bridges discussed in those bills would be reviewed according to pre-planned schedules. Mr. Mikyska replied that there most likely would not be a pre-planned schedule, but that bridges that are at higher risk would be reviewed more often than lower risk bridges.

A conversation took place about regulations for TNCs, including Uber and Lyft. Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO, asked how taxicabs are regulated and asked if Uber and Lyft should be regulated in a manner similar to taxis. Mr. Mikyska replied that he is not sure.

Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, led a discussion on the SB 596 and offered a summary on the bill and its potential effects on MPOs.

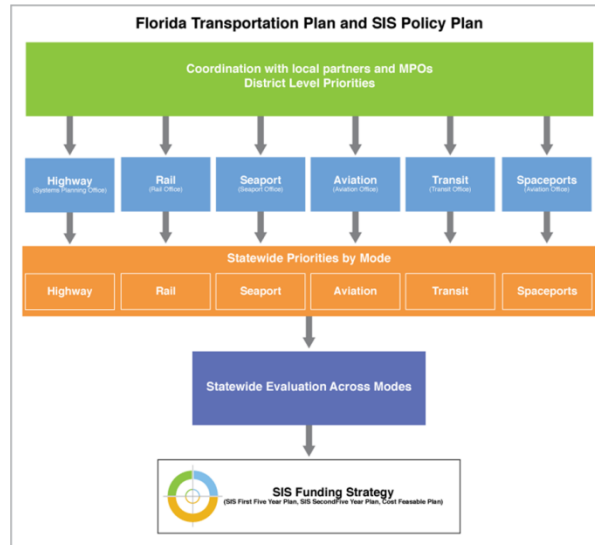
#### C. MPO COLLABORATION AND PLANNING AREA REFORM RULE UPDATE

Mr. Mikyska presented a form letter prepared jointly by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) relating to the potential repeal of the MPO Collaboration and Planning Area Reform rule which went into effect on January 19, 2017. He noted that legislation had been passed in the US Senate and a Companion Bill has is currently in the US House of Representatives that would repeal the final rule and prohibit the US Department of Transportation from introducing similar rulemaking in the future. NARC and AMPO prepared the form letter for individual members to send to their members of Congress encouraging their support for the proposed legislation.

#### D. SIS PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA AND FUNDING POLICY OVERVIEW

Mr. Mikyska gave a summary of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) prioritization criteria and funding policy which was discussed at the Staff Director's meeting on March 02, 2017. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is looking at the process and there may be some changes implemented to the program. However, FDOT is in only the beginning stages of considering if the current approach is still appropriate for Florida.

- Focus on: Transportation facilities of statewide and inter-regional importance.
- Designation Criteria.
- Needs Policies – Eligibility Criteria.
- Prioritization Process.



Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, suggested that the MPOAC should stay mindful and that FDOT include a section that talks about how SIS money will be distributed.

#### E. STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEES UPDATE

Mr. Mikyska presented an overview of the Best Practices Working Group and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group, both formed at the January 2017 MPOAC meeting. The Best Practices Working Group and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group met for the first time on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. The groups will continue to meet in conjunction with the Staff Directors’ Advisory Committee meetings.

Mr. Mikyska provided an update on the Best Practices Working Group. He described the group mission as being broadly focused on general best practices across a number of MPO interest areas. He then listed a number of items that the Best Practices Working Group will focus on for the foreseeable future:

- Defining the term “Best Practice.”
- Developing categories and topic areas for further investigation.
- Establishing the process and format for making the working group an effective forum for sharing information.

- Determining if the working group should hold a workshop focusing on MPO best practices, possibly in conjunction with a larger event.

Mr. Mikyska then summarized the recent work of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group, noting that work of this group would be more focused than the work of the Best Practices Working Group and that they were developing a work plan that would include regular roll-outs of information. He also noted that the group was formally requesting a name change and the addition of new members and alternate members. The requested changes were to:

- change the name of the working group to the Complete Streets Working Group.
- add individuals as members:
  - David Henderson – Miami-Dade TPO, and
  - Bob Herrington – Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO.
- allow the appointment of alternate members and to appoint the following alternates:
  - Nick Lepp – MetroPlan Orlando,
  - Peter Gies, Broward MPO,
  - Carlos Roa – Miami-Dade TPO, and
  - Gary Harrell – Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO.
- reduce Palm Beach MPO membership on the working group to one, naming Nick Uhren the member and Valerie Neilson as the alternate.

Mr. T.J. Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, requested that he be listed as the member and that Mr. Mike Woods, Lake-Sumter MPO, be listed as an alternate. Councilmember Pat Kelley, Lake-Sumter MPO, approved of Mr. Fish’s request.

Commissioner Nick Maddox, Capital Region TPA, moved to approve the Working Group name change from Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group to the Complete Streets Working Group and the requested membership changes. Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, seconded. The motion carried.

• **AGENCY REPORTS**

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Mark Reichert, Transportation Planning Manager, FDOT Office of Policy Planning, updated the members on FDOT activities and brought forward topics of interest to the MPOs.

- FDOT has hired Alex Gramovot as the new Statewide Metropolitan Planning Coordinator focusing on long range planning and programming, statewide planning and research.
- Mr. Reichert provided a risk assessment update: Federal regulations require pass-through entities to conduct a risk assessment on the pass-through funds and the receiving agencies. FDOT is the pass-through agency for each of the MPOs federal planning funds. FDOT is required to perform a risk assessment on each MPO and monitor the MPOs appropriately, depending on their level of risk. Those assigned with a higher risk will be required to undergo more intensive monitoring than those with lower risk. The first official risk assessments will begin June 30, 2017.
- Mr. Reichert confirmed that modifications to the MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) do not require an amendment to the MPO agreement.
- FDOT has issued a task work order focusing on MPO Mobility Performance Measures Reporting. The objective of this task is to provide the MPOs with performance measures data capturing varying dimensions of mobility by mode of transportation. The measures reported for the individual MPOs will align with performance measures reported by FDOT. Through this effort, the MPOs will be able to access the measures to report on the transportation system in their areas. This will assist MPOs in evaluating how well the MPOs Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) align with FDOT priorities and the goals in the Florida Transportation Plan.
- Mr. Reichert mentioned a technical bulletin that was released March 1, 2017 that provides guidance regarding the programming of new projects with the funds repurposed from the old federal earmarks program. All repurposed funds must be obligated no later than September 30, 2019.
- Mr. Reichert discussed the TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) & RIDES (Roadways In Developing Elementary Students) educational outreach programs. The TRAC and RIDES programs are designed for use in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) classes to provide hands-on activities to introduce students in grades K-12 to the work world of transportation and civil engineering and to inspire them to consider careers in those fields. Both programs are aligned with national standards and are currently being aligned with Core Curriculum Standards of Learning. State departments of transportation work with schools in their state by providing the curricula and resources for the schools and providing engineers to visit the classrooms to serve as speakers, teach a hands-on activity, and/or talk to students about the importance of math and science in preparing for their future.
- Mr. Reichert referred to the TransPlex (Transportation Planning Exchange) card that was distributed to the membership. He mentioned that TransPlex is a forum for transportation professionals to learn and exchange ideas about transportation planning and is being held from August 8-10, 2017, at the Marriott in Ponte Vedra.
- Mr. Reichert closed by reminding the membership that Ms. Rusty Ennemoser, the FDOT Statewide Public Involvement Coordinator, is available for all MPOs as a



resource regarding their own public involvement issues. She can be contacted at 850-414-5337 or by email at [rusty.ennemoser@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:rusty.ennemoser@dot.state.fl.us).

Ms. Beth Alden, Hillsborough County MPO, asked if the performance measures are limited to mobility performance measures or if other types (like safety and maintenance) could also be considered. Mr. Mikyska replied that they will be looking at performance measure as a whole.

A discussion took place amongst members about the risk assessments described by Mr. Reichert during his presentation. David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, expressed his concerns about the way FDOT plans to measure an MPO's risk levels.

## B. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Lee Ann Jacobs, Planning Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division, Office of Project Development, made announcements of interest to the members:

- Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) Award – FDOT was awarded a \$200k award under SHRP2 for a project entitled “Proof of Concept - Reliability in Simulation and Planning Models.” SHRP 2 was created to find strategic solutions to three national transportation challenges: improving highway safety, reducing congestion, and improving methods for renewing roads and bridges.
- A new federal bicycle and pedestrian guide has been released. The new guide is entitled “Noteworthy Local Policies that Support Safe and Complete Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks” and can be found on the FHWA website at [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/).
- Updated information is available for 2300 Census Urban Areas with population greater than 5,000 on the FHWA Environment and Planning Web-based GIS Portal (HEPGIS). The updated information can be found at <http://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/> by clicking on the link entitled “FHWA Adjusted Urban Boundaries” under MPO Information.

Ms. Karen Brunelle, Director, FHWA Florida Division Office of Project Development, announced that the effective date for the system performance/CMAQ/Freight and the bridge/pavement final rules had been delayed to May 20, 2017, as announced in a March 21, 2017 Federal Register notice. She indicated that FHWA webinars on the subject have not yet been scheduled, but they area expected and will be shared at a future meeting.

Mr. DeWayne Carver, AICP, State Complete Streets Program Manager, gave a presentation on Complete Streets and the FDOT design manual. The goal is to implement a policy that promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida. To implement this

policy, FDOT will routinely plan, design, construct, reconstruct and operate a context sensitive system of “Complete Streets.” While maintaining safety and mobility, Complete Streets shall serve the transportation needs of transportation system users of all ages and abilities, including but not limited to: cyclists, freight handlers, motorists, pedestrians and transit riders.

Mr. Carver continued his presentation by stating that FDOT specifically recognizes Complete Streets are context-sensitive and requires transportation system design that considers local land development patterns and the built form. FDOT will coordinate with local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, transportation agencies and the public, as needed, to provide Complete Streets on the State Highway System, including the Strategic Intermodal System. The FDOT Complete Streets policy can be found on [www.FLCompletestreets.com](http://www.FLCompletestreets.com).

The FDOT Complete Streets Handbook and the new FDOT Design Manual will help provide more context-sensitive roads by putting “the right street in the right place.”

Mr. Carver made the following points about the Complete Streets Implementation plan:

- Prepared by SmartGrowth America working with FDOT.
- Provides a “common vision” for the various offices.
- Each office is responsible for implementing its own part of the plan.

Mr. Carver noted that an external draft of the Complete Streets Handbook will be available for review in April 2017 and that the final version will be complete in June 2017. The handbook will connect various FDOT guidance and procedures together and provides an explanation for context-based design criteria and standards. The handbook also provides the groundwork for the FDOT Design Manual (FDM).

A discussion took place among those in attendance about extending the final date to allow the MPOAC to review the handbook. Mr. David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, cautioned the membership to be careful not to slow down the process.

Mr. Hutchinson then asked about lane eliminations. Mr. Carver stated that lane elimination is not addressed in the handbook and said that the handbook focuses mainly on the classification structure.

## • BUSINESS ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

### A. APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC Executive Director, presented a proposed legal services agreement to the membership. Each year, the MPOAC considers a contract renewal for Mr. Paul Gougelman, MPOAC General Counsel. Mr. Mikyska noted that the contract presented to the membership for their consideration is similar to previous legal counsel contracts.

Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO, made a motion to approve the legal services agreement. Mayor Willie Shaw, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, seconded. Motion carried.

### B. REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FL TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PROJECTS IN THE TIP

Mr. Mikyska summarized the requirements to include Florida Turnpike Enterprise projects (and other toll agency projects) in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for informational purposes. Florida statutes also state that transportation projects cannot be removed from a TIP by an MPO once the project reaches the preliminary engineering phase.

- “The transportation improvement program must, at a minimum ... Include projects and project phases to be funded with state or federal funds within the time period of the transportation improvement program and which are recommended for advancement during the next fiscal year and 4 subsequent fiscal years. Such projects and project phases must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government located within the jurisdiction of the M.P.O. For informational purposes, the transportation improvement program shall also include a list of projects to be funded from local or private revenues.” (Section 339.175(8)(c)(1), F.S.)
- “Projects included in the transportation improvement program and that have advanced to the design stage of preliminary engineering may be removed from or rescheduled in a subsequent transportation improvement program only by the joint action of the M.P.O. and the department. Except when recommended in writing by the district secretary for good cause, any project removed from or rescheduled in a subsequent transportation improvement program shall not be rescheduled by the M.P.O. in that subsequent program earlier than the 5th year of such program.” (Section 339.175(8)(d), F.S.)

### C. REQUEST FOR FDOT FUNDING FOR REVIEW OF LRTPS

Mr. Mikyska summarized the Staff Directors' Committee discussion and recommendation at the March 2017 meeting regarding funding for a Review of MPO Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) and Estimate of Statewide 2040 Metropolitan Area Financial Shortfall. At the MPOAC Governing Board meeting held in January 2017, Mr. Mikyska was directed to inquire with the FDOT about providing funding for the study and that the Best Practices Work Group and the Staff Directors' Committee consider any changes to the proposed scope to meet the needs of the membership. Mr. Mikyska indicated that when asked, the FDOT indicated that they would not be able to provide funding for the study at this time. The Best Practices Working Group decided that until a funding source is found, work to revise the scope would be fruitless. The scope and funding was discussed by at the March 2017 Staff Directors' Committee meeting and concurred with the Best Practices Working Group. The Staff Directors recommended to the Governing Board a motion to have Mr. Mikyska send a formal request for funding to the FDOT.

Mr. T.J. Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, stated that this research benefits the MPOs, FDOT and the FHWA. He supported the recommendation that the MPOs ask FDOT to fund the research.

Commissioner Nat Birdsong, Polk TPO, made a motion to send a formal request to FDOT asking them to provide funding for the study. Councilmember Pat Kelley, Lake-Sumter MPO, seconded. The motion was approved with one member, Councilmember Bryan Caletka, Broward MPO, opposed.

### D. AMOUNT OF PL RESERVE DISTRIBUTION BY MPO

Mr. Mikyska stated that at the January 2017 MPOAC meetings, direction was given to have the \$2 Million of federal planning funds (PL) currently held in reserve distributed to the MPOs based on population as is the case for the statewide PL formula. This additional distribution of funds is expected to be available to the MPOs after the beginning of the new State Fiscal Year, which begins July 1, 2017. A table showing PL reserve funding distribution by MPO was included in the meeting packet.

### E. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGET SETTING BY FDOT

Mr. Mark Reichert, FDOT Office of Policy Planning, presented the activities of the Florida DOT to establish a performance target for the federally established safety performance measure. Florida DOT will first establish statewide targets in their August 31, 2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Annual Report for calendar year 2018. The MPOs will be required to set their own safety performance targets 180 days after the adoption of the state targets.

The Safety Performance Measure Final Rule establishes five performance measures as the five-year rolling averages to include:

1. Number of Fatalities.
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).
3. Number of Serious Injuries.
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT.
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries.

A short discussion ensued on this subject. Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, asked for FDOT to consider complete streets in the five measures and targets.

#### F. SPACE FLORIDA MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Steve Szabo, Spaceport Development Program Manager, presented an overview of the Space Florida Master Plan update. Space Florida is an Independent Special District of the State of Florida, created by Chapter 331, Part 11, Florida Statutes, for the purposes of fostering the growth and development of a sustainable and world-leading space industry in Florida. Mr. Szabo kept his comments brief, indicating that significantly more detail would be provided the next morning when members of the MPOAC Governing Board were scheduled to take a bus tour of the Florida Spaceports territory, including the Kennedy Space Center.

Councilmember Jim Burch, Lee County MPO, asked if the companies are paying to use the areas. Mr. Szabo replied that he cannot predict where the markets are going and that Florida Space Port needs to remain the primary place for growth and company development. Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO, replied that there is not a direct fee for the companies, but that they are paying taxes.

#### G. ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT PRESENTATION

Mr. Rusty Roberts, VP of Government Affairs, All Aboard Florida, gave a presentation on all Aboard Florida and shared with the membership an overview of their efforts to bring passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando. The service, also known as Brightline, will operate in the Florida East Coast Railway corridor along the Atlantic Coast and then along State Route 528 (Beach Line) as it turns west to Orlando. He shared images of station locations, the rail cars and an aerial view of the proposed route. He indicated that project development was moving forward as scheduled and concluded by sharing that Phase I service between Miami and Palm Beach is expected to begin in 2017 with Phase II service to Orlando anticipated beginning in 2018.

Commissioner Troy McDonald, Martin MPO, voiced his concern about Brightline and the extra costs that are not predicted, particularly those costs that will accrue to local communities.

Mr. Kamm asked if Mr. Roberts would be willing to make his presentation for the Space Coast TPO, mentioning that the Space Coast TPO is interested in having a station in Brevard County. Mr. David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, asked when Brightline service will be heading towards the Tampa area. Mr. Roberts responded that they plan to expand west of Orlando sometime in the future, but no timeline has yet been established.

• **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Susan Haynie, Chair, Palm Beach MPO, mentioned the communication items in the agenda packets:

- Thank you note from Mr. Sean Sullivan, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) Executive Director, to Mr. Carl Mikyska expressing his thanks for speaking at their regional transportation summit.

• **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Mikyska provided details about the schedule for the space center tour the following morning.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the MPOAC Governing Board will be held on July 19, 2017 in Boca Raton, Florida.