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MPOAC Revenue Study

DISCUSSION:

Steve Reich from the Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF will give a brief status report on the proceedings of the Revenue Study Advisory Committee (RSAC) meeting held March 3, 2011 in Tallahassee.

The study process, as approved by the MPOAC, calls for the presentation of the pros and cons of a number of potential options for stabilizing the State's transportation revenues and for the RSAC to narrow down the list to those items that will be investigated in-depth by CUTR and the Committee. The "short list" of revenue items is then to be reviewed and acted on by the MPOAC.

At the March 3rd meeting, chaired by Mr. Michael Howe, with Mayor Richard Kaplan in attendance representing the MPOAC, CUTR presented 23 potential revenue sources or actions to raise transportation revenue. RSAC deliberated and settled on a list of 16 items and/ or issues to be considered by the MPOAC Governing Board for further research and analysis.

The list of potential options is not an endorsement of support in any way, but rather a request for CUTR to include these items in their investigation.

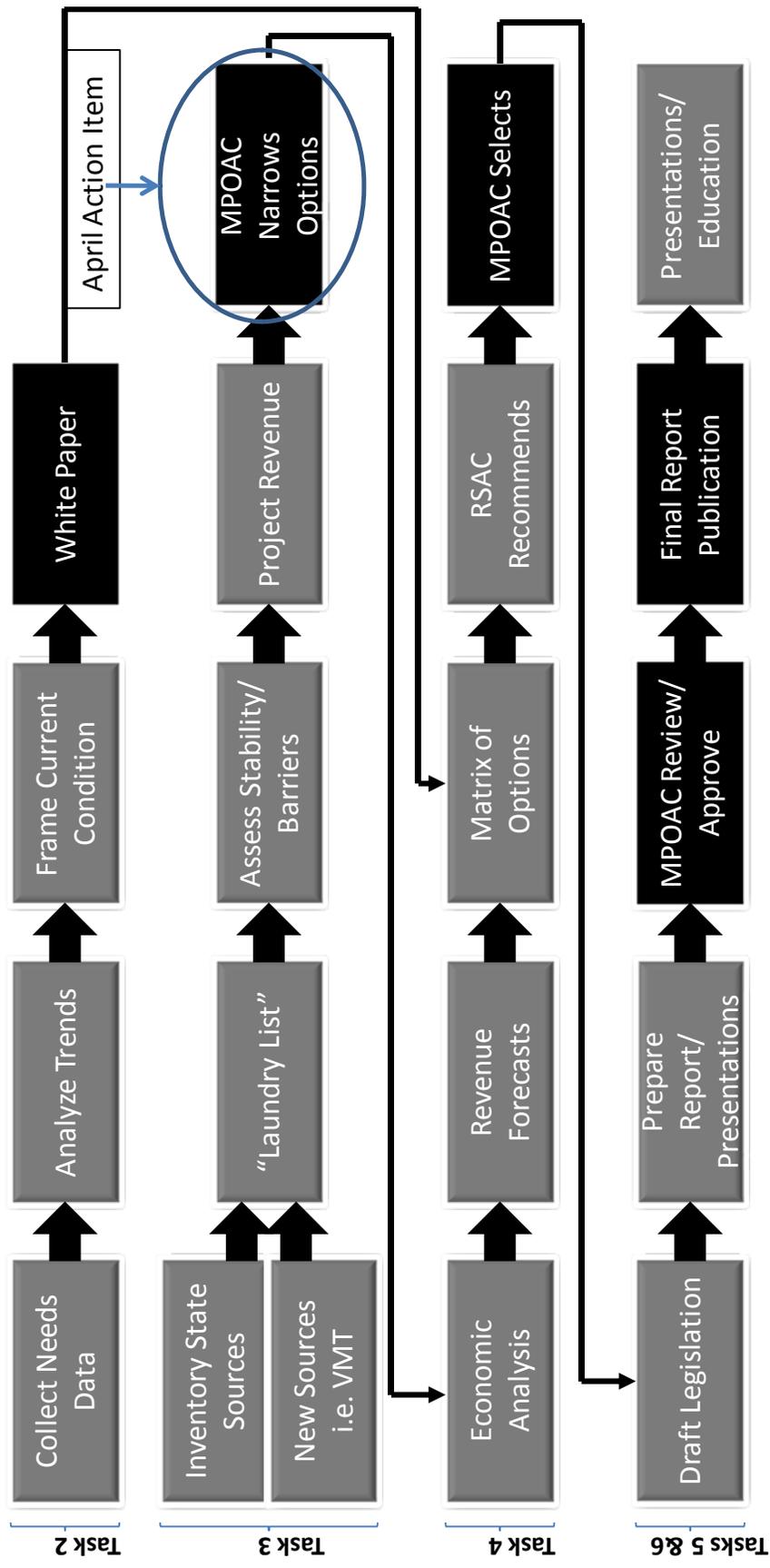
REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve a list of revenue options for detailed analysis. These results will be available for the RSAC meeting scheduled for September 15, 2011.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MPOAC Revenue Study Process
2. Revenue Study Advisory Committee Recommendations – Options/ Sources for in-depth Study

MPOAC Revenue Study Process



Revenue Study Advisory Committee (RSAC) Recommendations
Options/ Sources for in-depth study
Outcomes of the MPOAC RSAC Meeting of March 3, 2011

The following list of concepts, policies and/or revenue sources were discussed and debated by the RSAC and are recommended to the MPOAC Governing Board for approval for further study and analysis by the study staff (Center for Urban Transportation Research).

1. **Fuel Tax** – examine various incremental increases in the State Motor Fuels Sales Tax, State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System (SCETS) Tax and other state imposed fuel taxes and indexing those not currently indexed
 - Analyze indexing of the federal 18.4 cents for State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF)
 - Investigate raising of Local Option Motor Fuel Tax
2. **Fees** – look at indexing existing fees currently remitted to the STTF
3. **Vehicle Sales Tax** – currently not going to STTF. Research various increments of sales value of motor vehicles that could be directed to the STTF
4. **Right-of-Way Cost Savings** – investigate revisions to property acquisition procedures to reduce overall cost of right-of-way acquisition
5. **Return Fees to STTF** – examine implications of dedicating additional transportation related fees to the STTF. This would include revenues raised from a recent increase to fees on motor vehicle registrations and licenses as well as those that have not traditionally gone to the Trust Fund
6. **Sales Tax on Motor Fuels** - research replacing cents per gallon state fuel tax with a percentage tax including a “floor“
7. **VMT Charges** – examine replacement of state motor fuel tax and other transportation taxes and fees with a vehicle miles traveled charge that is basic in its implementation
8. **Maximization of Local Option Taxes** – research issues surrounding incentives to take advantage of existing avenues to raise transportation revenue including local option motor fuel taxes and local option sales taxes for transportation
9. **Mobility Fees** – document previous research and analyze financial impacts of statewide adoption
10. **Toll Rate Making** – research options for independent authority to set toll rates on state facilities, e.g., a Public Service Commission model

11. **Regional Transportation Financing Authorities** – review legislative proposals on the concept and develop potential alternatives
12. **Sales Tax on Motor Vehicle Parts/ Accessories** – investigate revenue potential of assessing or dedicating an existing portion of sales tax on vehicle related goods and services to the STTF
13. **Optional Municipal Sales Tax for Transportation** – research and document the potential for broadening the Charter County Surtax to allow municipalities of a certain size to implement
14. **County Vehicle Registration Fee** – investigate the issues surrounding and revenue potential of a county decal program
15. **Alternative Fuel Decal Program Changes** – re-examine the existing state requirement for an alternative fuel decal and fee
16. **Expansion of Tolls and Increase Local Expressway Authority Role** – explore options to increase contributions by existing or new expressway and transportation authorities