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Script for District Public Hearing 10/6/15:

SPEAKER: Barbara Kelleher

TITLE SLIDE

SPEAKER:

Good evening and welcome to the Florida Department of Transportation District Four public hearing and webinar. We thank you all for your patience while we resolved some technical difficulties. Those have been taken care of and we are ready to begin the hearing.

Tonight we will present the Draft Tentative Work Program for Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie, and Indian River County projects that are programmed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2021.

Today is Tuesday, October 6, 2015; the time is 6:30 PM Eastern Standard Time.

My name is Barbara Kelleher. I am the Public Information Director for the Florida Department of Transportation in District Four and will be the moderator for tonight's Hearing.

This public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Florida Statute 339.135(4). The purpose of this hearing is to consider the Department's Draft Tentative Work Program which addresses the scheduling, or programming for funding, of the various the phases for each project in the upcoming 5-year period and to receive public comments on those schedules.

This hearing was advertised in the Florida Administrative Register, in local media and posted on the Florida Department of Transportation website.

SLIDE: EOO Contact Addresses

SPEAKER:

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Fort Lauderdale Florida 33309-3421

The format of tonight's hearing is a webinar. If you are joining us, then you have either registered and are attending on-line – OR – you are present at one the District Four sites, which are the District Headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, the Palm Beach Operations Center in West Palm Beach and our Treasure Coast Operations Center in Fort Pierce.

SLIDE: Agenda

Speaker:

Tonight's agenda will include:

- A welcome from District Secretary Gerry O'Reilly
- A presentation that explains the FDOT's work program process
- And a presentation of select projects included in the Draft Tentative Work Program for the five county region

After the presentations we will open the hearing to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the material presented tonight.

SLIDE: Webinar Sign In Page

Speaker:

While participation in this webcast is slightly different than a traditional public hearing, we do encourage your questions and comments. These may be submitted in several ways.

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If you wish to submit your comments or questions in writing, hand those to our staff and they will be included in the record of this webinar.

SLIDE: Secretary O'Reilly's addresses

Speaker:

We will continue to accept comments through the webinar question box until the public hearing ends this evening.

After tonight's hearing, we will accept written comments for 10 days. Those comments should be sent to Mr. Gerry O'Reilly, P.E., District Four Secretary.

They can be emailed to him at:

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Or by US mail to Gerry O'Reilly, P.E.,

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All comments and questions received after tonight will be responded to within 7 days.

SLIDE: Website address

Speaker:

Meeting materials for this hearing, including an entire list of proposed FDOT projects for the five county region, including Florida's Turnpike, can be found on FDOT's website at the address shown on this slide. We also have hard copies of these documents at each of our three hearing facilities tonight.

This hearing is being recorded and will be available on this website by Friday, October 9, 2015.

With these introductory items taken care of we will now have a welcome from FDOT District Four Secretary Gerry O'Reilly.

LIVE: WELCOME from Gerry O'Reilly

SPEAKER:

Thank you Gerry. We will now see a video presentation explaining FDOT's work program process.

VIDEO: The MPO/Project Planning Process

SLIDE: FDOT Logo/Each MPO Logo

SPEAKER:

Working in conjunction with the metropolitan and transportation planning organizations in the region, the department funds a variety of programs and projects to improve the overall transportation network. The programs usually impact more than one travel mode, facility, and county.

SLIDE: Photo of 95 and I-595 Express lanes/95 Express bus in lanes

SPEAKER:

One such program focuses on our congested interstates. The department is building a network of express lanes and express bus service on I-95, I-595, and I-75. The department will continue to fund the operations of the express bus system in the region.

SLIDE: Map of 95 Express Lanes

SPEAKER:

During the next five years, we will continue to extend the I-95 express lanes through Broward County and into southern Palm Beach County as well as provide a direct express connection from I-95 to I-595.

In Broward County, the I-595 express lane improvements are actively providing congestion relief. The work program includes the funding to pay for these improvements over the next 30 years.

SLIDE: Photo of DMS board with message

SPEAKER:

Enhancements to the existing roadway network provide drivers with real time information through the use of intelligent transportation systems – known as I-T-S. With I-T-S, we can provide travel times, information about accidents and lane blockages.

SLIDE: Photo of Broward TMC Operator with Video Wall

SPEAKER:

These I-T-S services are managed at the Regional Transportation Management Center in Fort Lauderdale.

The center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to monitor the flow of traffic on the interstates and several arterial roadways.

When a disruption to traffic is detected on the interstates, a Road Ranger is dispatched to the scene.

Road Rangers provide free motorist services such as changing flat tires, providing a small amount of gasoline and removing dangerous debris from the road.

SLIDE: Photo of AAM

SPEAKER:

Another aspect of I-T-S is Active Arterial Management. The active arterial management program monitors and actively manages critical roadways for the causes of real time congestion such as disabled vehicles, crashes, special events and construction. This monitoring occurs Monday thru Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. The department works with the local traffic signal maintaining agencies to retime the signals as needed during these hours.

SLIDE: Photo of Tri-Rail train/station

SPEAKER:

Rail passenger service is also a key component in enhancing the transportation choices for South Florida.

The department continues to assist the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) by providing operating funds for Tri-Rail. This funding includes the maintenance and dispatch of the South Florida Rail Corridor by SFRTA. Additional funds will support a new station in Boca Raton and an overnight train storage facility. This layover facility will reduce operational costs and turnaround time for the trains.

Rail connections between the South Florida Rail Corridor and the FEC at Northwood in Palm Beach County will improve freight movement and allow for future passenger service.

SLIDE: FDOT Logo/Each MPO Logo

SPEAKER:

We will now highlight projects included in the Draft Tentative Work Program for each of the five counties.

Each of our five counties is represented by a **metropolitan planning organization (MPO)**, a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization made up of representatives from local governments and governmental transportation authorities.

The MPOs, or TPO as it is known in St Lucie County, provide an annual list of prioritized projects which form the basis of the development of the Work Program.

SLIDE: Broward County Draft Tentative Work Program FY 17 to FY 21

SPEAKER:

The Broward MPO, continues to focus on operational improvements, transit projects, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and transportation hubs throughout the county along with long term strategic planning at the MPO level.

SLIDE: Highlighted Corridors

SPEAKER:

While our roadways are efficient for moving a high volume of cars, operational improvements are needed on key corridors to enhance the movement of buses and improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The department is working closely with the MPO and local partners to develop, and ultimately implement, improvements that will enhance the transit experience through travel time savings, improved reliability, better accessibility and enhanced safety.

Studies indicate the need for improvements such as: transit hubs, intersection improvements and priority for buses at traffic signals.

The corridors studied include:

Broward Blvd

Oakland Park Blvd

SR 7/US 441

US-1

Hollywood/Pines Blvd and

University Drive

Future studies are planned for:

Sunrise Blvd and Sample Road

SLIDE: Highlighting bicycle/pedestrian projects

SPEAKER:

Additional improvements include filling in missing sidewalks and bicycle lanes on adjacent roadways to create a network of complete streets, promoting alternative travel options.

SLIDE: Photo of container cargo area at Port Everglades, port cranes

SPEAKER:

Transportation is not just about moving people, it is also about moving freight and goods throughout the county and the state.

The Draft Tentative Work Program includes funding for Port Everglades to expand the turning notch, dredge, and install cranes needed for the larger ships designed for the widened Panama Canal.

SLIDE: Fort Lauderdale International Airport runway expansion photo

SPEAKER:

The department will also provide funding for major transportation improvements at our airports.

Funding is programmed to help pay for the recently completed South Runway 9R/27L E at Fort Lauderdale /Hollywood International Airport.

SLIDE: Palm Beach County Draft Tentative Work Program FY 17 to FY 21

SPEAKER:

Working with the Palm Beach MPO, the department will design and construct several major roadway improvements in the next five years.

SLIDE: I-95 Map

SPEAKER:

Construction is planned for I-95 interchanges with Linton Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue.

Studies and plans for improvements will be developed for I-95 interchanges at:
Glades Road

Gateway Boulevard

Boynton Beach Boulevard

PGA Blvd/Central Boulevard

Southern Boulevard

Northlake Boulevard

6th Avenue South

45th Street

and Lantana Road

The department will also study the extension of I-95 express lanes from Linton Boulevard to Indiantown Road.

SLIDE: Map with project locations

SPEAKER:

The Department is moving forward with bicycle, sidewalk, minor roadway and transit-related improvements along

State Road 7, from Coral Springs in Broward County to Glades Road in southern Palm Beach County

and on Glades Road from State Road 7 east to US 1.

Other major roadway projects funded in the Draft Tentative Work Program include:

The extension of State Road 7 to Northlake Boulevard,

Widening of SR 80 in central Palm Beach County,

And widening along Beeline Highway from Northlake Boulevard to Blue Heron Boulevard.

Design is programmed for the widening of State Road 806/Atlantic Avenue from State Road 7 to west of Lyons Road.

SLIDE: Map with project locations

SPEAKER:

Additional projects to support the MPO's local initiative program include:

Intersection improvements at SR 80 @ Sansbury Way/Lyons Rd

Sidewalks along SE Ave G in Belle Glade

A multi-use path along Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton

Bike lanes and/or sidewalks along Lawson Boulevard

Hamlin Boulevard

Clint Moore Road

Swinton Avenue

Homewood Boulevard

George Bush Boulevard

and NE 5th Avenue

Various locations for culvert widening are also included, as are
Decorative lighting projects on US-1 and Congress Avenue both in Riviera Beach.

SLIDE: Bridge Construction

SPEAKER:

Funding is programmed for the design and replacement of the US-1 Bridge in Jupiter from County Road A1A to Beach Road.

SLIDE: Photo of transit map

SPEAKER:

Palm Tran support facility improvements will receive funding for maintenance facilities in Delray Beach.

Additional transit support from the MPO's local initiative program include trolley purchases and new transit shelters in various locations throughout the County.

SLIDE: Photo of traffic signal

SPEAKER:

To enhance operation on other major roadways, the department will be increasing its interaction with the Palm Beach County Traffic Division to identify operational needs, and develop mobility improvement projects.

These improvements include the installation of smart signal systems along PGA Boulevard and Indiantown Road.

Fiber optic cable installation along various roadways and video camera detection at various intersections around the county are also included.

SLIDE: Photo of container cargo area at Port

SPEAKER:

Current and future construction on I-95 will provide significant congestion relief to move goods within, and through, Palm Beach County and continue improved access to, and from, the Port of Palm Beach.

The department is also providing funding to the Port to reconstruct and expand Berth 1.

SLIDE: Palm Beach International Airport

SPEAKER:

The department will provide funding for major transportation improvements at local airports.

Projects to upgrade and expand the maintenance facility at Palm Beach International Airport, along with planning for parking and cargo facility improvements are included for funding.

SLIDE: Treasure Coast Draft Tentative Work Program FY 17 – FY 21

SPEAKER:

Working with the Martin and Indian River MPOs and St. Lucie TPO, the department will construct several major roadway improvements in the next five years in the Treasure Coast.

SLIDE: Map with Martin Projects Inset

SPEAKER:

Funding has been programmed to study the widening of State Road 714/SW Martin Highway from Citrus Boulevard to SW Martin Downs Boulevard.

We will work with Martin County to resurface several local roadways including: High Meadow Avenue

Savannah Road

Indian Street

St Lucie Boulevard

Mapp Road

Murphy Road

And Dixie Highway

As well as replace the Murphy Road Bridge

Intersection improvements are funded on State Road A1A @ Sewall's Point Road along with lighting improvements on SR A1A from the Ernest Lyons Bridge to Jensen Beach Boulevard

SLIDE: 2nd Map with Martin Projects

SPEAKER:

We will also resurface Pratt Whitney Road

SE Beach Road

Bridge Road

Seabranh Boulevard

Cove Road

and work to replace guard rail on County Road 609

SLIDE: Witham Field (various)

SPEAKER:

We continue to work with Martin County Aviation to improve Witham Field.

Funding has been programmed to improve taxiways and runways, as well as improve safety and security at the airport.

SLIDE: Map of St. Lucie Projects

SPEAKER:

In St Lucie County, the department will widen State Road 713/King's Highway from State Road 70 to the I-95 overpass.

We will move forward with designing the next section of King's Highway,

the western section of Midway Road

and two sections of Port St Lucie Boulevard.

Improvements to the I-95 -St. Lucie West interchange and construction of a park and ride lot on Gatlin Boulevard near I-95 are also programmed.

Intersection improvements are slated for King's Highway @ Indrio Road,

Port St Lucie Boulevard @ Gatlin Boulevard

and State Road 5/US 1 at State Road 70/Virginia Avenue.

Adaptive Traffic Control and Advanced Traffic Management Systems are also being designed and constructed in St Lucie County with projects along US 1 in the City of Ft Pierce and a county-wide project along State Road 70 and US 1

SLIDE: Bridges

SPEAKER:

The department will replace two bridges in the next five years:

The SR A1A North Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Pierce and the McCarty Rd Bridge over 10 Mile Creek.

SLIDE: St Lucie Co International Airport (various)

SPEAKER:

Funding has been programmed for improvements at St Lucie County International Airport. These include safety and security improvements as well as construction of various aprons and taxiways.

SLIDE: Map of Indian River County Projects

SPEAKER:

In Indian River County, we continue making progress toward widening a portion of 82nd Avenue.

We continue to work on the design for Olso Road and the I-95/Oslo Road interchange the latter of which is also funded for right of way.

Design is programmed for the next section of US 1 and County Road 510 from County Road 512 to 66th Avenue.

A new planning corridor study along US-1, focused on congestion management, is also programmed.

The Central Railroad Corridor Greenway pedestrian bridge over I-95 is funded for construction,

as are intersection improvements on State Road 60 at 43rd Avenue

and a local bridge replacement on County Road 612 over the lateral 'C' canal.

Funding will be provided to the County to resurface County Road 512

58th Avenue

45th Street

49th Street

69th Street

and 6th Avenue

SLIDE: Vero Beach and Sebastian Airports (various)

SPEAKER:

Funding has been programmed for improvements to the Vero Beach and Sebastian Airports. These improvements include the rehabilitation of various runways and aprons, in addition to new lighting and hangers.

SLIDE - On-line Webinar page

SPEAKER:

That concludes our presentation. We will now open the floor for comments and questions.

As mentioned before....comments and questions can be submitted in writing - from those of you attending on-line and those of you in person at our three facilities.

Written comments can be submitted through the questions box in the webinar menu on your screen.

If your menu has collapsed you can reopen it by clicking on the red arrow.

Again, while the webinar menu says “questions” - you can also submit comments pertaining to the information presented tonight.

Those of you attending at the FDOT facilities may also provide verbal comments. Please fill out a comment card and pass it to one of our staff.

We will take the questions and comments in the order they are received.

For the benefit of everyone attending tonight please start your verbal comments by stating your name, agency or organization you are representing, if any, and city of residence.

Those of you who will be making verbal comments, we ask that you limit your comments to 3 minutes so that everyone will have a chance to speak. I understand that we have a large number of people that registered to attend on-line, and we want to make sure everyone has time to make their comments during the hearing webinar, if they so choose.

SLIDE: Photos of panel participants

SPEAKER:

I'd like to now introduce Leslie Wetherell, the District Four Program Management Administrator, who will respond to the questions tonight:

Alright, now we can get started with the first comment/question:

(TAKE QUESTIONS – rotate between District Office, Palm Beach Ops, Treasure Coast Ops and On-line)

Are there any more questions or comments? Hearing none, I'll make a few closing remarks ...

SLIDE: Secretary O'Reilly's addresses

SPEAKER:

The Florida Department of Transportation thanks you for participating in tonight's District Four Draft Tentative Work Program Public Hearing for the fiscal years between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2021.

After tonight, we will continue to accept comments and questions for 10 days, by email or US mail, and addressed to Mr. Gerry O'Reilly at the addresses shown on this slide. These are the same addresses we referred to previously.

SLIDE: Website address

SPEAKER:

Tonight's hearing has been recorded and will be posted by Friday, October 9, 2015 on the FDOT website at the address shown on this slide.

SLIDE: Survey

SPEAKER:

For everyone who participated tonight through the internet – as you close the webinar you will be prompted to take a short survey.

Those who have attended at an FDOT facility, we have a hard copy survey available at the table by the exit door.

We would appreciate you all taking a few minutes to fill out the survey and provide us your thoughts and feedback on the webinar format. We will use your input when considering future webinars.

SLIDE: Website address

SPEAKER:

It is now 7:35 PM. Presentations have concluded and there are no further questions or comments from the public.

The FDOT District Four Draft Tentative Work Program Public Hearing is now adjourned.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, I thank you for participating.

Good night.

CLOSING SLIDE: FDOT Logo