

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
From: Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director
Report date: October 12, 2020
Meeting date: October 19, 2020
Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan & Funding Update

Recommended Action

None, informational only.

Background

Based on the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) official website, “the Long Range Transportation Plan provides a framework of goals and objectives to guide multi modal transportation investments. This framework aligns plans and actions to clarify Federal, State, regional, and local responsibilities to support an overall vision for transportation, economic development, and livability” and can be found at the following website link: <https://www.mymppo.org/m/mandates/lrtp>

The Draft “Transform 2045” is the working title of the twenty-five (25) year Long Range Transportation Plan that is formally updated and adopted every five (5) years.

Among the many elements of the Long Range Transportation Plan is the “Cost Feasible Plan” priorities (Chapter 12), in which the plan is based from future Federal, State and local revenue forecasts (\$2.0 Billion). The Cost Feasible Plan outlines project priorities, projected funding sources, improvement type, construction year, and conservative planning level budgetary cost estimates. Only projects that align with future revenue projections are included in the Cost Feasible Plan.

Regarding the barrier island communities, the plan includes investment in Multi-Modal Beach Access Corridors (\$300 million over 25-years) and also access enhancements via Bridge replacement/modification projects.

The current Longboat Key projects noted in the Cost Feasible portion of the Plan include the following:

- SR 789/Gulf of Mexico Drive
 - at Broadway Street Roundabout \$4.86M
 - at Longboat Club Road Roundabout \$4.86M
 - Off-Road Shared Use Path (Full Length) \$18.388M

Due to the size, scope and early development related to the Town’s desire to pursue the SR 789/Gulf of Mexico Drive Complete Streets Corridor Plan, the MPO has

recommended that the Town pursue incremental projects utilizing Multi-Modal Emphasis Corridor funding, as well as well as potential resiliency funding, as the development of a master conceptual layout and cost estimates to better quantify roadway segment and intersection improvements (and/or other project elements) are carried out.

There are other improvements of interest in our region, including the SR 789/Gulf Drive at SR 684/Cortez Road intersection and Ringling Causeway modifications for transit queue-jump options.

There is also a resiliency element that is being added to the Plan. This element will be based on a study the MPO is conducting in FY 2021/2022 to assess storm surge and sea levels, as well as impacts related to the Gulf, Bay and estuaries. The plan anticipates \$75 million becoming available over the next 20 years.

The Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is open to public comment until October 25, 2020. Comments can be made via www.mymmpo.org. The MPO Board will be meeting on October 26, 2020 at the Bradenton Convention Center at 9:30 am to consider the Draft Plan for approval. The Town of Longboat Key is a member of the MPO and with Commissioner Daly serving as the Town's elected official having a seat and a vote on the MPO Board.

In addition, the MPO has invited local governments and community agencies to provide feedback regarding regional Vision Zero and Complete Streets policy development. The forum will be a Virtual Safety Policy Panel hosted by the MPO on November 16, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All elected officials are invited. Local governments will have an opportunity to present on this topic for five (5) minutes. Regarding the Complete Streets element, this will be a good opportunity to emphasize the Town's long-term goal of implementing the Gulf of Mexico Drive (SR 789) Complete Streets Corridor Plan. The Town will prepare a presentation for this panel.

Staff Recommendation

None, informational only.

Attachments

PowerPoint Presentation (Available from the Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item