



AGENDA NOTE - HRMPO MEETING

Item #17-I: For Your Information - Public Comments

The attached public comments were received by MPO staff between April 8 and April 14, 2009.

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Subject: MPO agenda item

Bruce C. Goodson, Chair, MPO Board
Joe S. Frank, Chair, MPO Reform Committee
Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, MPO

Hello Bruce, Joe and Dwight,

I have attached a memo that recommends moving one topic for next week's meetings from the PDC agenda to the MPO Board meeting agenda.
Just trying to help sustain MPO identity and clarity for which excellent recent progress has been achieved. The MPO's emerging new Bylaws will add clarification to the PDC's administrative and fiscal management role in support of the MPO as tasked and approved by the MPO.

All the best,
Ray Taylor
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Memo for the MPO Board

April 9, 2009

Subject: Board meeting agenda item

1. Recommend that the PDC April Board Meeting Agenda # 8 be moved to the April MPO Board Meeting Agenda as being a matter of MPO cognizance.
2. This agenda item deals entirely with MPO funding (federal, state and local) and it flows from requirements in federal regulations that pertain to the MPO.
3. The text of the current PDC agenda item follows, and below that is an edited version of this agenda item that could be used for the MPO Board meeting agenda. It is recognized that there does exist a PDC administrative and fiscal agent role that is performed by the PDC as concerns this topic.

Current agenda item: **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

ITEM #8: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR FY 2010 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

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- Authorizing Resolution directing staff to assist VDOT and administer SPR Funds
- Authorizing Resolution to execute and file an FTA Application for Section 5303 Transit Technical Studies Funding
- Certificate – Applicant Affirmation of Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the HRPDC Executive Director to execute the above resolutions and certificates and file applications for FY 2010 Transportation grants.

Proposed MPO agenda item: **AGENDA NOTE – MPO Monthly MEETING (edits in red)**

ITEM #X: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR FY 2010 STATE AND FEDERAL **Transportation GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the **HRMPO** Executive Director to execute the above resolutions and certificates, file applications for FY 2010 Transportation grants **and coordinate with the PDC as appropriate.**

Drafted by Ray Taylor

Dwight FARMER - Navy Representation on the MPO

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Subject: Navy Representation on the MPO

Dwight,

Ray Taylor and I met with Rear Admiral Mark Boensel, Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic this afternoon to recommend that the Navy have a non-voting representative on the MPO. He agreed but needs the MPO to send him a letter inviting him to send a non-voting representative. He said, "If the MPO will send me a letter, I'll respond favorably." RADM Boensel did request that the letter use the term "liaison" rather than "ex-officio" to avoid any problems with DOD. His lawyer will be at the MPO meeting tomorrow and can work with the appropriate person on your staff on the details of the letter, if that would be helpful.

RADM Boensel also agreed that Navy should participate in key MPO committees, in addition to the TATC, if invited by the MPO. That could include the group working on the 2034 plan and the Freight Committee.

I strongly encourage the MPO to include in its new by-laws at least one military representative as a non-voting member. Two would be better – one from the Peninsula and one from the South Side – if that would not make the MPO too large.

I believe that having a Navy representative on the MPO will be of great benefit to the MPO as well as the Navy.

Joe

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