



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Morgan, Interim City Manager

THRU: Christeen Sullivan, Acting Public Works Director

DATE: March 6, 2025

RE: Consideration of entering into an Interlocal Agreement for the creation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

SUMMARY:

For many years, the City of Palm Bay has participated, through an Interlocal Agreement, in the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The Space Coast TPO is the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) within Brevard County that provides for joint decision-making with respect to certain transportation funds and provides access to other transportation funds through adoption of various transportation planning documents, including the Long Range Transportation Plan and nearer-term Transportation Improvement Plan.

The MPO is required to renew its Interlocal agreement from time to time, and a renewed Interlocal Agreement has been prepared for the various partner agencies to approve. The terms of the new Interlocal are unchanged from the current agreement.

Other parties to the agreement are the Florida Department of Transportation, County of Brevard, Canaveral Port District, City of Titusville, City of Cocoa, City of Rockledge, City of Melbourne, City of West Melbourne, North and South Beach Coalitions, City of Indian Harbor Beach, Town of Indialantic and Town of Melbourne Beach.

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve entering into this new Interlocal Agreement for the Metropolitan Planning Organization so as to participate cooperatively in the performance, on a continuing basis, of a coordinated, comprehensive transportation planning process to assure that highway facilities, mass transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail systems, air transportation and other facilities will be properly located and developed in relation to the overall plan of community development.

The agreement formalizes the participants in the TPO and recognizes the boundary and apportionment approved by the Governor. The TPO is intended to be a forum for cooperative

decision making by officials of the governmental entities which are parties to this Interlocal Agreement in the development of transportation-related plans and programs.

The membership of the TPO consists of 19 voting members and 1 non-voting advisor(s), with the term of office four years. The City of Palm Bay is allocated three voting members.

This agreement remains in effect until terminated by the parties. The ILA shall be reviewed by the parties at least every five years, concurrent with the decennial census, and/or concurrent with a new Federal Reauthorization bill, and updated as necessary.

Pursuant to Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes, this Interlocal Agreement shall become effective after all parties approve and upon its filing in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:

Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT:

Entering into the Space Coast TPO Interlocal Agreement provides opportunity for securing future year federal and state funding for important roadway capacity improvement projects in the City of Palm Bay.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve entering into the renewed Interlocal Agreement for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, an official Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Space Coast TPO Interlocal Agreement