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The Honorable Gary H. Katica, Mayor
Town of Belleair
901 Ponce De Leon Boulevard
Belleair, Florida 33756-1096

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Dear Mayor Katica:

The purpose of this correspondence is to follow up with your community regarding unification of the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). We are happy to announce that we received formal approval of the MPO Reapportionment Plan from the Governor's Office on February 13, 2014, which means that we can proceed with the final steps of forming the new combined PPC/MPO board.

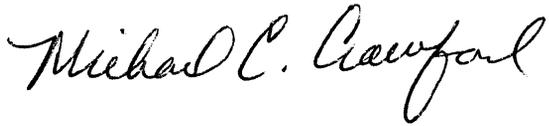
As a reminder, your municipality is one of six communities who will be sharing a representative on the new board. These six "inland" municipalities have established the following order of rotation for the alternating seat: Gulfport, Belleair, South Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs, Kenneth City and Seminole. Mayor Sam Henderson of Gulfport, the current PPC member representing this group of communities, has indicated his intention to step down as representative upon unification; therefore, the responsibility for appointing a new representative will pass to the Town of Belleair. There is no need for the remaining five communities to take any action at this time.

In addition, before the new board is seated, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will coordinate an amended interlocal agreement that must be executed by the MPO, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and all of the County's local governments. When we receive the final document from FDOT, copies of the interlocal agreement will be delivered to your local government for review and signature. Your jurisdiction should approve and execute this interlocal agreement through your normal process.

Our target timeframe for both execution of the interlocal agreement and appointment of representatives for the new combined board is within 60 days of the Governor's approval, by April 14, 2014. However, the interlocal agreement signing process may cause us to delay the final seating of the unified board past that deadline by a small amount of time.

We look forward to working with your community as the new combined PPC/MPO board, and we will remain in touch throughout this transitional process. Both PPC and MPO staff will be available to provide assistance to your local government if needed. Please contact Michael at 727-464-8250 or Sarah at 464-8200 if more information or clarification is needed at this point in time.

Sincerely,



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Pinellas Planning Council



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Organization

cc: Mayor Sam Henderson, Pinellas Planning Council Representative
Mayor David O. Archie, Chairman, Pinellas Planning Council
Commissioner Karen Seel, Chair, Metropolitan Planning Organization