



# Western Communities Council, Inc.

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Paul Schofield  
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Commissioner Melissa McKinlay  
Board of County Commissioners  
District 6

The Honorable Melissa McKinlay  
Commissioner, Palm Beach County District 6  
301 North Olive Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Beverly Scott, Assistant to the City  
Manager  
City of Belle Glade

Dear Commissioner McKinlay:

Wadie Atallah, City Manager  
City of Greenacres

Attached please find draft Resolution #2015-001 from the Western Communities Council, Inc. (WCC) expressing its' objection to the SR7 extension project from 60<sup>th</sup> to Northlake.

Michelle Damone, Board Supervisor  
Indian Trail Improvement District

The WCC was formed approximately 25 years ago to provide a forum for local government in the Central/Western portions of Palm Beach County to discuss issues of common interest, recommend solutions and to actively work toward implementing those solutions.

Steve Yohe, Dist. Administrator  
Loxahatchee Groves Water  
Control District

Resolution #2015-001 objects to the postponement of the construction of State Road 7 (60<sup>th</sup> to Northlake) to Fiscal Year 2020 and requests that this roadway segment remain in Fiscal Year 2016.

Ken Roundtree  
Northern PBC Improvement  
District

This objection is consistent with the recent objection approved by the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Organization (MPO). To summarize, the current adopted program for SR7 is as follows:

Chief Deputy Michael Gauger  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

1. Construction of SR7 from 60<sup>th</sup> to Northlake is funded in FY16 at \$52M
2. Widening of SR7 from Okeechobee to 60<sup>th</sup> is funded in FY17 at \$26M
3. Replacement of the SR80 ICWW bridge is funded in FY16 at \$59M
4. Other MPO priority projects are advancing with new funding available in FY20

David Swift, Councilman  
Village of Royal Palm Beach

Ken Cassel, General Manager  
Seminole Improvement District

Jim Rockett, Councilman  
Town of Loxahatchee Groves

The proposed work program contains the following major changes:

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1. Construction of SR7 from 60<sup>th</sup> to Northlake is funded in FY20 at \$42M with \$8M for mitigation in FY16
2. Widening of SR7 from Okeechobee to 60<sup>th</sup> is funded in FY16 at \$26M

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3. Replacement of the SR80 ICWW bridge is funded in FY16 at \$91M and includes a temporary structure
4. Other MPO priority projects are minimally funded in FY20

On Monday, December 8, 2014, the MPO board approved objecting to the delay of construction of SR7 (60<sup>th</sup> to Northlake) to FY 2020 and requested construction funding in FY2016-2019 without delaying other MPO priorities.

The WCC and its member governments continue to monitor and participate in the process for the construction of State Road 7 to Northlake Boulevard to ensure that this vital roadway is completed.

Respectfully,

Tanya W. Quickel,  
Executive Director  
Western Communities Council, Inc.

cc: WCC Members  
Beatriz Caicedo-Madison, P.E., FDOT  
George Webb, County Engineer, PBC  
Nick Uhren, PBC MPO