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TO: Technical Committee
FROM: Andy Tilma, Principal Planner *AT*
DATE: January 3, 2019
SUBJECT: *FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*
Amendment #B14/J5

Attached is a copy of the *Battle Creek Enquirer* page with the notice published January 3, 2019 announcing Amendment #B14, and a more-readable copy of the text of the notice. A tabular list of the changes being considered in the amendment is being prepared, and will be posted online if available before the meeting; regardless, hard copies will be available at the meeting.

The requested action will be to recommend Policy Committee approval of this Amendment #B14 to the FY17-20 TIP, and authorization of the amendment's submittal to MDOT for processing at the State & Federal levels.

Any questions or comments regarding BCATS' TIP may be directed to me or Pat at e-mail *bcats@bcatsmpo.org*, or phone 269/963-1158.

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A child fell into a rhino exhibit Tuesday at the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, Fla. TYLER VAZQUEZ/FLORIDA TODAY

Toddler injured after falling into rhino exhibit

Tyler Vazquez
Florida Today

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A toddler who was injured after stumbling into a rhino exhibit at a Florida zoo on New Year's Day is recovering, according to her father.

"Our daughter is in good care at Arnold Palmer Hospital and is doing well," he said in a release sent through the hospital. "My wife was also treated for her injury and has been released from the hospital. At this time, we ask for privacy as we focus on our daughter's recovery."

The family was participating in a hands-on experience Tuesday at Brevard Zoo in which guests can get up close to white rhinos, petting them and brushing them by reaching between large steel poles.

The girl was small enough to fall backward between the poles, which stand about 11 inches apart, according to the zoo's executive director, Keith Winsten.

The girl's father had been holding on to her at the time she fell and was able to pull her back almost as soon as she went into the enclosure, Winsten said.

When that happened, one of the female white rhinos turned her head and her snout made contact with the girl.

Winsten said zoo officials do not believe the rhino's horn hit the girl.

Zoo officials say the welfare of the animals was never compromised and the rhinos won't be punished.

Female white rhinos can reach weights of 4,000 to 4,400 pounds. The zoo is home to four rhinos, including a 5,200-pound male named Frankie, according to the zoo's website.

"They're such big, powerful animals. I can tell you white rhinos are very doglike in their behavior," Winsten said. "They're going to react to anything new in their environment that startles them."

"Anytime something that large makes contact with a person, there is an opportunity to get hurt," he added.

The girl and her mother were both transported to separate hospitals to be treated for injuries sustained in the incident. No information was released on how the mother was injured.

Winsten said the zoo has temporarily suspended all rhino encounters until safety policies can be reviewed to prevent such incidents. Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission officers were also at the scene Tuesday. The agency oversees zoo safety around the state.

Winsten said this is the first such incident since the feature began in 2009.

Brazil's Bolsonaro targets minorities on his 1st day

Mauricio Savarese
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAO PAULO — Newly installed President Jair Bolsonaro issued executive orders targeting Brazil's indigenous groups, descendants of slaves and the LGBT community in the first hours of his administration, moving quickly after a campaign in which the far-right leader said he would radically overhaul many aspects of life in Latin America's largest nation.

One of the orders issued late Tuesday, hours after his inauguration, likely will make it all but impossible for new lands to be identified and demarcated for indigenous communities. Areas set aside for "Quilombolas," as descendants of former slaves are known, are also affected by the decision.

Another order removed the concerns of the LGBT community from consideration by the new human rights ministry.

In a move favorable to his allies in agribusiness, which have criticized giving large swaths of lands to the indigenous, Bolsonaro transferred the responsibilities for delineating indigenous territories from the Justice Ministry to the Agriculture Ministry. The new agriculture minister, Tereza Cristina, is part of the agribusiness caucus in Brazil's lower house and has opposed requests from native communities.

Bolsonaro, a former army captain and longtime congressman, said during his presidential campaign that he would stop making what he calls concessions to native Brazilians and quilombolas.

"Less than one million people live in those places isolated from the real Brazil," he said Wednesday. "I don't want to see them manipulated by anyone who will integrate them and give value to all Brazilian values."

The Agriculture Ministry previously handled the demarcation of indigenous



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro waves the national flag as he delivers a speech during his inauguration ceremony Tuesday. EPA-EFE

lands through the FUNAI agency, which also oversees other initiatives for indigenous communities such as health care, housing and language preservation. Bolsonaro's order is raising uncertainties about FUNAI by shifting it to a new ministry for family, women and human rights that is headed by an ultra-conservative evangelical pastor.

Indigenous leader Sonia Guajajara said the presidential order aims to dismantle protections for Brazil's indigenous communities.

"Does anyone still doubt his promises to exclude us during the campaign?" she asked on Twitter.

Bolsonaro said last year that he also wants to annul land demarcation decisions made by previous administrations, but legal experts say recent Brazilian Supreme Court rulings could block such a move.

In removing LGBT concerns from the responsibilities of the human rights ministry, Bolsonaro has strongly criticized what he calls "gender-based ideology," saying it is a threat to Brazil's Christian values.

LGBT activist Symmy Larrat said she doesn't expect reasonable treatment from Bolsonaro.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
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