

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT CITIZENS', BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building
4th Floor Workshop Conference Room
2401 S.E. Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
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Monday, April 2, 2018@1:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:42 PM by Mr. Sam Amerson, TAC Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

CAC Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair
Sheila Kurtz
Cindy Greenspan
Albert Zilg
Saadia Tsafarides
John Patteson, Vice Chair
Dan Parz
Ann Kagdis
Alfred Miller

CAC Members Absent:

Trent Steele

BPAC Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore
Ken Natoli
Julie Preast
John Trahan
Don Fabricy
Hal Forslund
Gene Zweben
Nick Pagan

BPAC Members Excused:

William Fry
Dawn Arvin

JP Lazo
Jan Icyda
David Pittinos

TAC Members in Attendance:

Sam Amerson, Chair
Joe Capra
Mark Cocco
Lisa Wichser
Yanique Kelly
Kim DeLaney
Gissela Saucedo
Ken DeAngeles

TAC Members Excused:

Clyde Dulin
Steve Meyer

TAC Members Absent:

Stuart Trent

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Margaret Brassard, Administrative Assistant III
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Associate Planner

Others in Attendance:

Tim Voelker, City of Stuart
Christine Fasiska, FDOT
Alex Barr, FDOT
Victoria Williams, Turnpike

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ms. Joan Moore. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ken DeAngeles. There was no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC meeting of November 13, 2017, was made by Joan Moore. The motion was seconded by Ken DeAngeles. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FY2018 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Beth Beltran discussed the FY2018 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant cycle and advised that they are Federal funds put into place to pay for pedestrians/cyclists improvements. The MPO launched a “Call for Proposals” in January and received one application from the City of Stuart.

Mr. Tim Voelker, the City of Stuart Engineer presented the NW Dixie Highway/NW Green River Parkway Sidewalk Extension Project for the FY2018 FDOT TAP cycle. When approved, it will go into FDOT’s FY2021/22 Tentative Work Program. Mr. Voelker provided an aerial map showing the proposed project which includes an eight foot wide sidewalk along the east side of NW Dixie Highway that begins at the north end of NW Baker Road and heads south to the future Treasure Coast Community Church driveway connection. The project will include pedestrian crosswalks at the NW Dixie Highway and NE Dixie Highway intersection.

Another aerial map was presented showing several projects the City and County have completed in the area including the 2016 Baker Road sidewalk project. The TAP project under design on NW Dixie Highway is slated for FY2020 construction completion. The City has completed the Haney Creek wetlands restoration on the west side of NW Dixie Highway. This project connects a trail system and boardwalk across the wetlands. The project allocation is approximately \$487,000 for total construction costs including \$351,841 total TAP funds and \$135,000 local City funds. For local support, the City of Stuart Commission passed Resolution RF20-2018 on February 12, 2018, and we have received letters of support from the City of Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Rio Civic Club.

Mr. Dan Parz asked why the City of Stuart is currently working on the west side of the street and what we are looking at is on the east side of the street? Mr. Voelker stated that the project currently under design by the City of Stuart includes a west side sidewalk with an anticipated completion in 2020. Mr. Ken DeAngeles asked about why the 1,200 feet sidewalk is costing a half a million dollars. Mr. Voelker responded in clarifying that the cost includes additional fees such as drainage, contingency fees, traffic signal improvements, and FDOT oversight fees. On behalf of the community of Rio, Julie Preast thanked Mr. Voelker for the completion of phase two with the connection from the neighborhood to the Publix shopping center and also for the south phase.

Ms. Julie Preast made a motion to approve the FY2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application which was seconded by Ms. Saadia Tsafarides. There was no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

B. MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT (MCPT) OPERATIONS CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY - FINAL DRAFT REPORT

Ms. Beltran stated that this item is the Final Draft Report of the Public Transit Operations

Center Feasibility Study. Mr. Jeff Weidner with Marlin Engineering made a presentation of the final draft report and discussed the project status. The revised site concepts were offered showing two different bus maintenance facility options. Each option included three access points as required by the concept. The presentation included different locations for the fuel station, bus maintenance, parking, administration and security measures. Different cross streets were utilized in each property concept.

Initially, 551 sites were considered and screened. The most important in the ranking order was that the site be publicly owned and total over five acres in size. The next screening criterion discussed was that the properties had to be vacant or partially vacant. The screening results map showed twenty-seven available sites within the buffer area to host the transit facility with each site included in the required ADA ParaTransit service and the 30-Minute Rule. The screening results table was shown. Mr. Weidner presented the first four preferred publically owned property site locations and offered the individual results for each. Discussion continued on the additional identified sites that could be developed into the transit facility and the conditions for each location. An environmental scan, the national pollutant discharge screening system, was completed showing that none of the top ten property locations have contamination on site.

The purpose of the draft report is to follow the business plan adopted by the County in June and move forward with the number one objective of finding a property for development of a transit facility. Currently, public transportation in the County is now contracted out with administrative employees at one location and the busses positioned at another location. When contracted, the costs are built in. If the County could secure Federal funds to build the site, they could offer services at a lower cost. The MPO was asked to pay for this study which is the first step in getting through the Federal funding process. There are a lot of strings attached to Federal dollars and each site was objectively processed, screened and the reasoning for the property selection presented. Questions were asked regarding privately owned property versus government owned property. It was explained that County owned property could be used as a local match for a Federal grant. Discussion ensued with Ms. Beltran clarifying that the study was to see which site is feasible if Federal funds were used. Mr. Weidner compared other similar counties and what they have done successfully. We have looked closely with FTA to purchase and develop transit facilities.

Mr. Joe Capra made a motion to approve the MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT (MCPT) OPERATIONS CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY which was seconded by Mr. Ken Natoli.

Discussion: to include amendment/comments to include - public property ownership preference.

The vote was called again -motion with added comments of - public property ownership preference.

Mr. Joe Capra made a motion to approve the MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC

TRANSIT (MCPT) OPERATIONS CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY which was seconded by Mr. Ken Natoli. With the comments of public property ownership preference. The vote was called seeing no objections. Mr. Dan Parz abstained and the motion passed.

C. DRAFT FY2018/19-FY2019/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. Beltran presented the Draft FY2018/19-FY2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). It is updated biennially as well as required under Federal and State Law for Martin County to receive Federal and State transportation funding. The UPWP serves three functions for the MPO; the budget, the strategic plan and the comprehensive document on all transportation planning activities. Ms. Beltran stated that the Martin MPO was asked to present at the Transportation Research Board Conference in Kansas City at the end of the summer. We were asked to submit an abstract about the MPO's public involvement with focus on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan outreach. Ms. Beltran went on with her presentation, describing tasks in the FY18/19 - FY19/20 UPWP. Questions included clarification about the Mobility Fee Study, Federal transportation funding and working regionally with St. Lucie and Indian River.

Mr. Joe Capra made a motion to approve the DRAFT FY2018/19-FY2019/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) which was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wichser. There was no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

D. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SCOPE OF SERVICES

Ms. Beltran introduced the Scope of Services - Professional Services for Kimley-Horn, one of the MPO's General Planning Consultants (GPC). They recently completed several studies including the Bike Pedestrian Master Plan and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) provides the MPO with staff assistance. The MPO is in need of technical services including GIS mapping and public outreach for the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the MPO and implementation of Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) projects. Ms. Beltran stated the approval of this Scope of Services for \$10,000 is requested and opened the floor for questions.

Lisa Wichser made a motion to approve the Professional Services – Scope of Services. The motion was seconded by Julie Preast. There was no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Julie Preast invited everyone to Rio's border on the east side. The Langford Landing project has installed their roundabout and it looks very nice with the landscaping going in. The model homes are open and the homes come with a boat dock.

Hal Forslund suggested the bicycle and pedestrian areas in Port Salerno are getting quite congested even with all the lights. The 30 miles-per-hour speed limit is just too fast. He visited Michigan last year and discussed a resort town that had no bike lanes but a friendly calming area. He suggested slowing traffic from Hwy 1 to A1A and Salerno to Cove to 25 miles an hour. There are two schools and new developments to take into

consideration. This would create a more desirable place to live and would benefit the development in the area. Discussion ensued and included information about speed limits; Golden Gate's upcoming open house; and Sheila Kurtz stating that two members were recently recognized by Martin County for the Kane Center Awards: Julie Preast for her contributions to Rio and Saadia Tsaftarides for her contributions to Golden Gate.

Ms. Beth Beltran stated that TAC Chair Sam Amerson is moving on and that it has been a pleasure and he will be missed. Sam Amerson was thankful and stated he has enjoyed the public service and he is resigning as Public Works Director for the City but is taking a position with Martin County as department head for Utilities and Solid Waste.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

8. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

Victoria Williams commented that the Turnpike has given the property owners who live within 300 feet of the Turnpike their first newsletter addressing the widening and enhancements to interchanges study - Treasurecoastturnpike.com

9. NEXT MEETINGS

- BPAC Meeting – April 30, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.
- CAC Meeting – May 2, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.
- TAC Meeting – May 2, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

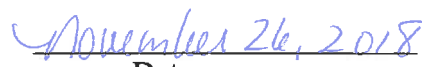
Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, Mr. Ken DeAngeles made a motion to adjourn and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.

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Prepared by:



Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Assistant III

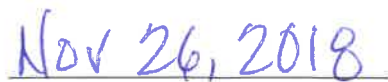


Date

Approved by:



Sam Amerson, Chair



Date