

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**Monday, October 22, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting of October 22, 2018 was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chair Vinny Barile.

**2. PRAYER - Reverend James Brocious Stuart Alliance Church**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Vinny Barile, Chair, Town of Sewall's Point Commissioner  
Edward Ciampi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Sarah Heard, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Doug Smith, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner (arrived at 9:06 AM)  
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner

**Members Excused:**

None.

**Members Absent:**

Anthony Dowling, Indiantown Representative, non-voting

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner  
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Assistant III

**Others in Attendance:**

Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church  
Lisa Wichser, Martin County Engineer  
Samantha Lovelady, Growth Management  
Yanique Kelly, FDOT

John Podczewinsky, FDOT

**A quorum was present for the meeting.**

**5. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Commissioner Harold Jenkins made a motion to approve the agenda. A second was provided by Commissioner Merritt Matheson. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. PAVEMENT, BRIDGE, AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Mr. Bolivar Gomez presented background information for the Martin MPO to adopt FDOT's 4-year targets for Pavement, Bridge, and System Performance. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act have established new performance requirements. The framework for the Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) includes various Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established performance measures for safety (PM1), pavement and bridge (PM2) and system performance (PM3). State Department of Transportations are required to establish statewide targets for each goal and MPOs have the option to support the statewide targets or adopt their own targets for the MPO's planning area. The Martin MPO Board as well as the Technical, Bike & Pedestrian, and Citizens' Advisory Committees approved FDOT's "Vision Zero" adopted targets for the five Federal Safety Performance Measures at the February 2018 meetings. Mr. Gomez continued with his presentation and showed a map identifying the Interstate and Non-Interstate arterials applicable for PM2 and PM3. The 2018 FDOT Pavement, Bridge and System Performance Measure Targets table was shown comparing the 4-year targets and percentage of MPOs meeting those targets in 2017. Martin MPO met or exceeded the majority of their targets with the exception of: % of non-interstate NHS pavements in GOOD condition. FDOT set a goal of 40% and Martin MPO was at 39%. In May 2018, FDOT set the targets and MPOs have 180 days to adopt the targets or establish their own targets. The deadline to adopt the targets is November 14, 2018.

**Commissioner Sarah Heard made a motion to approve FDOT's 4-year Targets for Pavement, Bridge, and System Performance Measures. A second was provided by Commissioner Edward Ciampi. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. DRAFT MOBILITY PLAN & FEE STUDY SCOPE OF SERVICE**

Ms. Joy Puerta presented the Mobility Plan & Fee Study Scope of Services. The 2013 House Bill 319 established Mobility Plans and associated Fees as a means to mitigate the transportation impacts and fund multimodal improvements. Martin MPO's FY 2018/19-2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies the prospect of Martin County adopting a Mobility Fee to potentially replace existing Roadway Impact Fees and Transportation Concurrency requirements. The results of the study has the potential to

move forward with a plan that could change how people and not just automobiles travel within the community. The Mobility Fee will provide a funding mechanism to adequately fund Capital Transportation Improvements for multimodal improvements including land use, street designation, parking strategies to encourage walking, and bicycling and transit alternatives to remove automobile dependency. The Mobility Plan & Fee is established gathering the requested data of geographic market area, mode of travel and land use. The Structure of Scope will include meetings, presentations, public workshops, collecting data, establishing goals and objectives, alternatives, and a final report produced. Commissioner Sarah Heard strongly opposed the Draft Mobility Plan & Fee Study Scope of Services as Martin County has had a history of creating policies that development pays for itself. She stated that this plan will pass the responsibility of new development on the backs of existing taxpayers and not on the new developers. Commissioner Merritt Matheson asked if we needed the draft study when we can just adjust the current roadway impact fee to cover multimodal transportation. Ms. Beth Beltran commented that roadway impact fees can only be used on capacity improvements to roadways and the mobility fee would replace the impact fee. The study will look at the feasibility of having mobility fees for the County and it was requested by Martin County Engineering to fund projects that support different modes. Discussion ensued regarding additional impact fees for the residents. Martin County Engineer Ms. Lisa Wichser discussed replacing the road impact fees which are mainly used for capacity on the roads with 97% used for lanes and 3% for sidewalks or pedestrian facilities. The goal is to collect fees for transit and other modes of transportation. Ms. Samantha Lovelady stated that BOCC does not have the ability to spend the roadway funds on anything but roadway capacity. There was discussion related to the use of mobility fees which have more flexibility as to where the fees are used, and whether the amount of studies is necessary. Discussion ensued regarding alternative innovative funding sources other than gas taxes and taxpayers and who would pay the fees. This Mobility Plan & Fee Study will be funded 100% by a Federal Highway grant in the amount of \$125,700. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) reviewed and approved the Scope of Services at the October 8, 2018 BPAC Meeting with no comments. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) reviewed and approved the Scope of Services at the October 10, 2018 Joint CAC/TAC Meeting. The Joint CAC/TAC recommended that the advisory committees and MPO Board be included in the review of Technical Memorandum #3 Goals and Objectives.

**Commissioner Eula Clarke made a motion to approve the Draft Mobility Plan & Fee Scope of Services as presented. A second was provided by Commissioner Doug Smith. The motion was opposed by Commissioner Heard. The motion passed.**

#### **8. COMMENTS FROM FDOT**

Commissioner Harold Jenkins asked FDOT if they are done paving I-95 south of Hobe Sound including the northbound off ramp. Yanique Kelly responded that she will find out and send an email response. There were comments regarding US1 near Kanner Highway and Martin County High School and the scope of the resurfacing completion and an update of Kanner Highway between Monterey and I-95. There are median crossings that are not finished and it is a hazard.

## 9. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Ed Ciampi commented on the resolution [letter] from the Village of Indiantown to include the realignment of County Road (CR) 714 in FDOT's SR 710 Widening Project. He offered support for the intersection and has met with the current property owner to work with the County to facilitate whatever right of way requirements are necessary. There may be native species to the area and per the owner's request, if possible, end the widening project at CR 714.

Commissioner Ciampi offered support for the extension of Willoughby Blvd. from Monterey to US1. It has been the City of Stuart's number one priority project but was pushed it down the list so the County can work on the Green River Parkway and Citrus Blvd. There are viable areas of potential economic development and construction including Martin Health Systems, assisted facility living facilities, and a possibility of a big box retailer.

Ms. Beth Beltran responded adding that Willoughby Blvd. was approved at the last MPO Board meeting as one of the project priorities and the realignment of CR 714 has been on the priority list since 2014. FDOT support is needed for the CR 714 Re-alignment project as shown in the draft resolution passed out before the meeting. MPO staff will attend the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) meeting that is scheduled for November 28. It would be helpful to have the Martin MPO Board support of this draft Resolution in order to move the project forward.

**Commissioner Ed Ciampi made a motion to support the Resolution as presented. A second was provided by Commissioner Eula Clarke. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Eula Clarke complemented Bolivar Gomez on his informative presentation, 7A. Pavement, Bridge and System Performance Targets. Commissioner Merritt Matheson commented on a presentation given by FDOT at the last meeting regarding the southbound left turn lane on the Roosevelt Bridge. FDOT is going to give the presentation to the City of Stuart Commission. He would like to put the topic for discussion on the next meeting agenda for Palm City Road and US1 options. The residents have an issue regarding potential problems for speeding and driver behavior needs to be changed with enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding public comments for Brightline which will be on the City of Stuart meeting agenda at City Hall on October 22, 2018. Commissioner Vinny Barile commented on his attendance at the Association of MPOs Conference with Beth Beltran and Bolivar Gomez in San Antonio, Texas. Commissioner Barile complimented Ms. Beth Beltran for her wonderful presentation at the conference on public outreach.

## 11. NOTES

None.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

December 10, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. (Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers)

**13. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 A.M.

**Recorded and Prepared by:**

  
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Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Assistant III

12/10/18  
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**Approved by:**

  
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Vinny Barile, Chair

12/10/2018  
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