

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Martin County Administration Building  
4th Floor Workshop Conference Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996

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Monday, October 8, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Joan Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:12 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Joan Moore  
Ken Natoli  
Julie Preast  
John Trahan  
Don Fabricy  
Gene Zweben  
Jan Icyda

**Non-Voting Members**

Sgt. George Yacobellis - alternates Tyler Ludlow, Mike Deautis

**Excused Members:**

Carlos Morales  
Hal Forslund

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Dawn Arvin  
JP Lazo  
Nick Pagan  
Sgt. Brian Bossio  
Sgt. Kitrick Downham

**Staff in Attendance:**

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Associate Planner  
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Assistant III  
Alice Bojanowski, CRA

**Others in Attendance:**

Vinny Barile, Commissioner  
Larry Wallace, FDOT  
Stephen Mayer, City of Stuart  
Tim Voelker, City of Stuart

A quorum was present for the meeting.

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Ms. Julie Prest motioned to approve the Agenda with Mr. Ken Napoli providing a second. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Mr. Ken Napoli stated there were no changes to the Minutes from the regular meeting September 10, 2018, but one important comment about the facilities map and that we needed to include the whole county on the map.

**Mr. Ken Napoli motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting September 10, 2018, with Ms. Julie Prest providing a second. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. DRAFT MOBILITY PLAN & FEE STUDY - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Ms. Joy Puerta presented a presentation for the Draft Mobility Plan & Fee Study being sought. She discussed House Bill 319 that established Mobility Plans and associated Fees as a means to mitigate the transportation impacts and fund multimodal improvements.

The Martin MPO through the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 18/19 – FY 19/20, identified doing such a study to assess the prospect of Martin County adopting a Mobility Fee which could potentially replace existing Roadway Impact Fees and Transportation Concurrency Requirements. This could convert the existing roadway based fees that fund automobile capacity to an alternative multi-modal funding system that funds much more. The result of this study could change how people travel within a community and reduce dependence on automobile travel. A mobility fee based on land size and use is imposed on developers to pay for their impact share of residential and commercial projects. The fee can be used for roads and other modes of transportation. Mobility fees provide a flexible revenue source to fund a multimodal transportation system.

She continued by explaining that in the beginning, the data in a geographic market area will be assembled and analyzed using the MPO planning area map and Martin County Urban Service District Map. There are a variety of structures in the scope of services. First is a set of meetings and presentations (2) Coordination and outreach (3) Data collection (4) Specific goals and objectives (5) Five best practices from similar Counties (6) Geographic District Areas (7) Develop a Mobility Plan summarizing three findings of

the mobility plan analyses and finally (8) Present a final report. The committee looks forward to the fall of 2019 to review the Geographic District areas.

**Julie Preast motioned to approve the Draft Mobility Plan & Fee Study with Ken Napoli providing a second. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. EAST COAST GREENWAY WORKSHOP**

## **INFORMATION**

Mr. Paul Haydt, Florida Greenway Coordinator from East Coast Greenway Alliance introduced himself and provided a presentation on the East Coast Greenway. He has been in Florida and with the Water Management District for a long time and is familiar with water and estuary issues. He has been on the Board of Trustees of the East Coast Greenway Alliance for over twenty years. The East Coast Greenway (ECG) vision is a 3,000 mile project of urban trails covering 450 towns from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine. The trail is 12-foot wide and is suitable for all ages and abilities with different areas with different needs. He stated the money for the trails has come from different areas including federal, state, local, and private funds. He presented a map that showed the coast to coast trails (120 miles) with the gaps they are looking to close. Martin County was identified as one of the missing gaps. He continued by discussing the benefits from the ECG, a Florida East Coast Update, how the ECG supports regional trails, and considerations for ECG in Florida cities.

Ms. Joy Puerta discussed the sections of the ECG, South of Cove and North of the River areas that are already funded and committed; however, there are areas going through downtown that cannot be submitted for funding as the alignment areas have not been finalized. Ms. Joy Puerta discussed the presence of City of Stuart representatives at the meeting because they are key stakeholders in this to revitalize the downtown and the MPO is looking for feedback and suggestions of the potential alignment of the ECG through the downtown in order to get funding.

Further lengthy discussions continued about potential alignments for the missing links to the ECG including challenges, using boardwalks vs. pathways, utilizing Old Roosevelt Bridge vs. Roosevelt Bridge, utilizing existing roadway sections in Downtown, utilizing the FEC Railroad, proposing a new River Walk along the water's edge, utilizing the Dixie Highway corridor near Golden Gate, utilizing Willoughby Blvd, & Cove Road, elevated walkways, utilizing John Dickinson Park and the Atlantic Ridge State Park, utilizing North Jensen Beach Blvd and among others.

Mr. Paul Haydt suggested for the missing south section of the East Coast Greenway there could be a loop through Bridge Road. He continued by suggesting get everything in the comprehensive plan, bike-ped plan and as many different plans as possible once the alignment of the East Coast Greenway is finalized.

## **6. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

Ms. Joy Puerta stated that it has been a good workshop and there may be another one in the future.

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Jan Icyda and Ms. Joan Moore thanked staff. Commissioner Vinny Barile discussed the rights of AT&T/Verizon to use the right of way and AT&T/Verizon.

**8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**9. NOTES**

None.

**10. NEXT MEETING**


Joint TAC/CAC/BPAC Meeting – November 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.


**11. ADJOURN**

Chair Joan Moore adjourned the meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.**


**Prepared by:**

  
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Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Assistant III

  
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**Approved by:**

  
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Joan Moore, Chair

  
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Date