

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building Commission Chambers
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Monday, December 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Vinny Barile.

2. PRAYER - Reverend James Brocious Stuart Alliance Church

Stacey Hetherington was introduced as the newest MPO Board member.

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
Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner
Stacey Hetherington, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner
Doug Smith, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Members Excused:

Anthony Dowling, Village of 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 Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Troy McDonald
Carl Mikyska, FL MPOAC
Mike Mortell, City of Stuart
Stacy Miller, FDOT
Alice Bojanowski, Martin County

Ann Kagdis, Town of Ocean Breeze
Michael Diterlizzi
Terry Rauth, Martin County
Lisa Wetherell, FDOT
Julie Preast, BPAC

Margaret Brassard, Martin County
Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church
Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn
Michael Miller, FDOT
Lisa Maack, Marlin Engineering
Dan Morris, Corsair Capital
Victoria Williams, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mayur Patel, FDOT
Kimberly Everman, Martin County School District
John Ciabatten, Ferreira Construction
Teresa Lamor-Savno, Village of Indiantown

Susan O'Rourke
Tom Bausch, City of Stuart
Don Fabricy, BPAC
Sabrina Aubery, FDOT
Dan Hiden, FDOT
Lisa Wichser, Martin County
Yanique Kelly, FDOT
Thomas Lanaham, TCRPC
Christine Fasiska, FDOT
Alfred Miller, CAC

A quorum was present for this meeting.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to approve the agenda as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. MARTIN MPO 25TH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

Ms. Beth Beltran made a presentation about the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization's 25th Anniversary, which included a copy of a contract executed in 1993 between Martin MPO and Florida Department of Transportation for Federal Highway planning funds. She complimented Commissioner Doug Smith and Commissioner Sarah Heard who have been instrumental with their institutional knowledge as members of the MPO Board. The importance of the local community having a voice in transportation planning was stressed as well as public participation offerings through a variety of platforms including advisory committee meetings, public workshops, and open houses. The Martin MPO's 25th Anniversary video was broadcasted showing the many changing transportation needs of the community. Speakers addressed the Board with offerings of the MPO's 25-year history.

Speakers:

Carl Mikyska, Executive Director, Florida MPOAC
Stacy Miller, FDOT District 4
Doug Smith MPO Board Member
Sarah Heard, Former MPO Board Member
Edward Ciampi, MPO Board Member
Michael Mortell, Former MPO Board Chair
Tom Bausch, Former MPO Board Chair
Eula R. Clark, MPO Board Member
Michael DiTerlizzi, Former MPO Board Chair
Troy McDonald, Former MPO Board Chair

7. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith to approve the September 17, 2018 and October 22, 2018 minutes as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FY2019/20-FY2023/24 CITIZEN'S REPORT – DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Stacy Miller presented FDOT's Draft Tentative Work Program, Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Citizen's Report. She noted that they were not looking to increase capacity but instead utilization to the fullest capacity. Ms. Miller touched on the status of the Florida Transportation Fund losing funds. Also mentioned was the facility resurfacing programs and the continuation of striving for the ultimate safety goal of no bike or pedestrian fatalities with the help of extra sidewalks and bike lanes added in the last five years. Recent projects were recapped including the Sewall's Point mast arm, SR 710 construction project, and Kanner Highway from SW Lost River Road to Monterey Road with the anticipated completion in 2019.

Ms. Leslie Wetherell continued the presentation with highlights from the Draft Tentative Work Program FY2010/20- FY2023/24. She discussed the roadway priorities of SR 714 construction and the additional PD&Es for major widening projects. She touched on current year priorities including local Small County Outreach Program projects and the feasibility study for pedestrian and bike facilities at railway crossings and traffic signal improvements. Discussion ensued with questions related to the Willoughby extension and the CR 714 realignment, as well as the sense of urgency of rankings on the priority listing. Ms. Beth Beltran stated that the MPO recently attended the Heartland Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) meeting. The TPO Board voted to send a letter to incorporate CR 714 realignment into the SR710 project. FDOT is looking forward to working on this connectivity project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke to approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY2019/20-FY2023/24 Citizen's Report – Draft Tentative Work Program as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM FY2019/20-FY2023/24

Ms. Victoria Williams presented the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative Five-Year Work Program FY2019/20-FY2023/24 starting with a summary of previous Martin County investments. The continued funding will focus on freight movement and expanding truck parking at the West Palm Beach Service Plaza in Palm Beach County. Phase 8 of the regional project starts in Lantana and continues 148 miles north through Martin County. The program includes the removal of all Turnpike System toll booths and the implementation of all-electronic

toll (AET) collection system. She discussed SunPass related matters and the future goal of E-ZPass implementation throughout the State of Florida.

Ms. Williams addressed various questions in the subject of educating Florida visitors and options to simplify the experience of rental car toll fees. She stressed the importance of the public education factor for Florida visitors and the components related in using SunPass for tolls when using a rental car. Discussion ensued relating to properties adjacent to the Turnpike and the opportunities for public participation in discussions regarding noise barrier issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke to approve the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative Five-Year Work Program FY2019/20-FY2023/24. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. CITY OF STUART TRAM BUSINESS PLAN

Lisa Maack from Marlin Engineering reported on the progress of the City of Stuart Tram Business Plan with a presentation of current data on research, funding, and budget. The scope of the project includes the evaluation of the current downtown Tram system and the coordination of building a 5-year business plan to improving mobility and alleviating congestion in the downtown area. She touched on the scope of the project to evaluate the current system, ridership data charts, and future 5 and 10-year business plans. The information included the current status of the free service which is comprised of 6 vehicles with routes that include 14 stops, 4 park and ride locations and connections to Marty public transit bus service. She touched on 2017, the most current full year of data for Tram ridership and the Tram budget which includes the purchase of new vehicles. Opportunities of new routes, scheduling issues, current challenges, marketing and communication were presented as the next steps of moving forward.

Questions were asked relating to additional Tram opportunity areas located outside the City of Stuart. There were remarks regarding special event ridership and the Tram's ability to accommodate the influx of additional passengers. The Service Development Grant and opportunities for future funding concerns were discussed.

D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – INDIANTOWN AS MPO BOARD VOTING MEMBER

Ms. Beth Beltran presented an update of the status of the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization for the inclusion of the Village of Indiantown as a voting member on the MPO Policy Board. The agreement will be presented to the City of Stuart Commission, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and in January 2019, to the Village of Indiantown and the City of Sewall's Point.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Alfred Miller commented on his concerns about roadway safety and lack of lighting along Bridge Road and crossing the US1 corridor. He submitted pictures showing the difficulties for

local residents and South Fork High School students who travel along the roadway during night time hours. Comments included recommendation to add the concern to the next project priority list. Other comments included the two-mile-rule for the Martin County School District and addressing the parent concerns.

Ms. Teresa Lamar-Sarno offered congratulations on the MPO's 25th Anniversary. She offered her gratitude from the Village of Indiantown and is looking forward to the Village becoming a voting member on the MPO Policy Board.

10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

11. NOTES

The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee Weekend Institute for Elected Officials is offered on March 29, 2019 in Orlando and May 31, 2019 in Tampa.

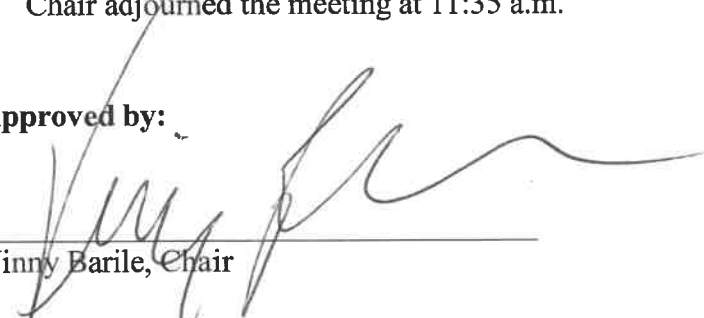
12. NEXT MEETING

February 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers)

13. ADJOURN

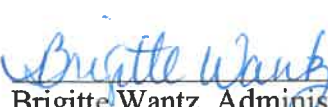
Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Approved by:



Vinny Barile, Chair

Recorded and Prepared by:



Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

Minutes approved on:

2/18/19

Date