

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

Martin County Administration Building  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996  
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Monday, November 26, 2018 at 1:30 PM  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM by Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair	Kim DeLaney
Terry Rauth	Clyde Dulin
Joe Capra	Milton Leggett
Yanique Kelly	Sam Carver
Gissela Saucedo	Ken DeAngeles
Kev Freeman	

**TAC Members Excused:**

Stuart Trent  
Mark Cocco

**BPAC Members in Attendance:**

Ken Natoli, Vice Chair	John Trahan
Gene Zweben	Carlos Morales
Tyler Ludlow	Mike Deautis
Larry Wallace	

**BPAC Excused Members:**

Joan Moore	JP Lazo
Jan Icyda	Hal Forslund

**BPAC Members Not In Attendance:**

Julie Preast	Dawn Arvin
Don Fabricy	Nick Pagan
Sgt. Brian Bossio	Sgt. Kitrick Downham

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Amy Eason, Chair	Saadia Tsafarides
Daniel Parz	Sheila Kurtz

**CAC Members Excused:**

John Patteson,  
Trent Steele

Albert Zilg

**CAC Members Absent:**

Cindy Greenspan  
Alfred Miller

Ann Kagdis

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner  
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner  
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist

**Others in Attendance:**

Sabrina Aubery, FDOT  
Vinny Barile, Commissioner Sewall’s Point  
Mayur Patel, FDOT  
M. Madgar, FDOT  
Lisa Maack, Marlin Engineering  
Paula Sesta, City of Stuart

Michael Miller, FDOT  
Leslie Wetherell, FDOT  
John Podczerwinsky, FDOT  
Victoria Williams, Turnpike  
Dan Hiden, FDOT  
Lisa Juan, Kimley-Horn

A quorum was present.

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Ms. Amy Eason. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – April 2, 2018

**A motion to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Joe Capra and seconded by Mr. Ken Natoli. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Ms. Beth Beltran introduced Ms. Leslie Wetherell, District 4 Program Management Administrator who presented FDOT’s Draft Tentative Work Program, Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Citizen’s Report. Ms. Wetherell stated the process began this past summer when meeting with the MPO and County regarding priorities. After the Board meeting and public hearings, the consolidated information will be sent to Tallahassee Central Office for a public hearing in March 2019. In general, transportation revenues are down including gas tax. FDOT is run on a 5-year

program and they are looking to keep all projects in the program despite revenue challenges. The cost estimates have increased across the board with the economy. Ms. Wetherell presented the Citizen's Report for Martin County and explained that their fiscal year runs July to June of the next year. Ms. Wetherell touched on high priorities included in the 5-year Work Program, starting with the #1 priority of Monterey Road and the partnership with Martin County to make the project happen. She highlighted the Monterey Road/Dixie Highway/Palm Beach Road bike and pedestrian facility project and the feasibility study to access the improvements needed at the location. She discussed the FEC Railroad sidewalk crossing and traffic signal improvements along U.S. 1. Aviation and transit projects were also included on the priority list.

Mr. Joe Capra inquired about moving up the resurfacing project FM #444266.1 NE Jensen Beach Blvd. from CR-723/NE Savannah Road to NE Indian River Drive. Ms. Beth Beltran clarified that is the Small County Outreach Program funded project. The State is moving ahead with the State owned portion between Savannah Road and US 1 as it was in last year's program. Mr. Capra inquired on the grade separation at Monterey Road as the area is heavily used. Ms. Beltran affirmed that the MPO Board requested that FDOT use Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to pay for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. Since then, FDOT has included the grade separation at Monterey Road in its SIS Cost Feasible Plan.

**A motion to approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY2019/20-FY2023/24 Citizen's Report – Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Mr. Joe Capra. 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 the liaison between the Turnpike and MPO presented the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative Five-Year Work Program FY2019/20-FY2023/24, stating that there are no specific major projects identified for Martin County in this program but an FDOT funded resurfacing project is finishing up. The 2017 PD&E study is almost completed on the 37-mile Turnpike corridor from Indiantown Road to State Road 70. The study will be brought to a public alternative meeting for feedback and will also be available to review on [www.Treasurecoastturnpike.com](http://www.Treasurecoastturnpike.com). Phase 8 of the program includes the removal of all Turnpike System toll booths and the implementation of all-electronic toll (AET) collection system and the future goal to be interoperable with other States.

Ms. Williams addressed various questions on the subject of EZPass in the NE corridor with their own readers for their tolls. She stated that they are in the process of future coordination with EZPass and Central Florida's EPass transponder compatibility. Clarification was offered as to the vote today and future funding of programs. There was discussion related to Florida weather evacuations to alleviate the traffic bottlenecks created near Fort Pierce. The study suggests a

crossover direct drive where the Turnpike and I-95 run close to each other and big challenges with environmental impact resources.

**A motion to approve the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative Five-Year Work Program FY2019/20-FY2023/24 was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Mr. Clyde Dulin. 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/Transportation Network Company 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 improve mobility and alleviate 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 which include 4 park-and-ride locations and connections to Marty public transit bus service. Riders access the tram service by flag-down and on-demand. Ms. Maack explained the mobile app to find tram stops, a route map, and the estimated time of arrival for each route. 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. Comparisons were explained with ridership time-of-day, weekdays vs. weekends, and special event counts. Opportunities of new routes, scheduling issues, current challenges, marketing suggestions, and communication options were presented as the next steps of moving forward.

Questions were asked relating to inquiries to the City of Stuart if the Tram has improved the businesses on the Tram route. The Tram has offered access to additional people as an asset to visit the downtown areas that would not like to drive and park. The hours of operation was mentioned and the discussion of expanded weekend and special event hours. Comments ensued as to the City of Stuart Tram mobile app availability, access for bike transport on the tram, and additional electric trams added to the fleet in the future. Connection questions were asked with future access to the hotels, gated communities, condos, and visitors within the area. There was discussion as to business entities contributing to future funding and tracking where the riders are coming and going to within the area.

### **6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Amy Eason asked about the resurfacing on I-95 and whether it was completed. Mr. Dan Hiden stated that the project is not completed. There were comments regarding the fatalities and Vision Zero that other counties are participating in.

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**8. NOTES**

None

**9. NEXT MEETING**

TAC Meeting- February 4, 2019 @ 1:30 PM  
CAC Meeting- February 6, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
BPAC Meeting- February 11, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

**10. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Recorded and Prepared by:

**Prepared by:**

Brigitte Wantz  
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist

4/1/19  
Date

**Approved by:**

Lisa Wichser  
Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

Apr 1, 2019  
Date