

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers
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Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting was called to order at 9:03 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
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 (arrive 10:30 a.m.)
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner
Anthony Dowling, Village of Indiantown Council Member

Members Excused:

Doug Smith, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Chad Rucks, FDOT
Dave Jefferson
Allison Glunt, FDOT
Min-Tang Li, FDOT
Gus Schmidt, TY Lin International

Scott Cavemish
 Yanique Kelly, FDOT
 Dan Hiden, FDOT
 Christine Fasiska, FDOT
 Eric Penfield, RS&H
 Melissa Zolla, Firefly
 Victoria Williams, Florida's Turnpike
 Lisa Wichser, Martin County Engineer

South River Condo Residents

Berrie DeHaven	AliDerman	Chad Rucks	Marie H. Magliozzi
John Mulholland	Betty J. Mulholland	Joanne Missant	Joeseh Missant
Paul Horbal	Errol Ziadie	Linda Spuhler	Michael Chilton
Valna Dumont	William Knox	Marie Kennedy	J.J. Obermeyer
Helen Sagan	Elizabeth Winkiski	Barbara A. Sealia	Margaret Yago
Magda oberle	Gunars M. Ozoy	Dennis Gross	Diane LeRoy
Ross LeRoy	Stephen Wisweski	Marcia Fritz	Maureen Des Rockes
Easia Visconti	Joanne McChrystal	Karen Coombs	Lynn Zaycosky
Robert Spuhler	Patsy Chelton	Robert Yago	Robert Thorn
Barbara Knox	Bruce Jordan	Sandi Jordan	Eileen Kanalad
Robert Denman	Darlene Schimecfanici	Ray Schimelfanci	Jane C. Morgan
Charlene D. Shedd	Dn Iamiceli	Cathleen Deame	Mary Lynn Cassalia
Martha Guarino	J. Angell	Judith Nesbitt	Michael Kovarman
Deborah Isazn	Jose Isazn	Cynthia Demaree	Thomas Brigham
Marilyn Haddad	Gayle Kochen	Dian Spayde	Peggy DeroY
Judith Abair	Ed Schafer	Leonard Campo	Maureen Fleming
Anna Bowerman	Gary Bowerman	Paul Welling	Dennis Nowagch
Grant Ewald	John Deucue	Bonnie Maf	Geraldine Kavanah
Sally Hamby	Michael Connelly	Dennis Culver	Joan Martin
Mary George	Gary Barry	Denise Barry	Joan Fredella
John Sayles	Scott Cavemish	Frank Cirado	Robert Guarino
Phil Corckor	Alessandro Sabatino	C. Wiedern	Kathleen Miow
Eduard Solog	Gerry Mangan	Clark Mangan	Denise Garcia
John Swim	Robert Nygard	Jean Taylor	Dick Taylor
P. Iamiceli	K. Mentessana	Cherrie Reed	Roy Siegel
Polly Welch	Kenneth Teixeira	Wm. Breidenbach	Betty Haberlein
William Haberlein	Tom Carter	JoAnn Tyndall	Sterling Tyndall
Patricia Lyons	Val Viscoats	Diana Ansley	Mary Ann Oneil
Kevin Oneil	Rachel Smith	James Preed	Oreste Magliozzi
Deborah Skrzgps	Larry Hippelgren	Fred Hilton	Francine Obermeyer
Jim Foley	Sue Foley	Karin H. Thomas	Richard W. Thomas
Russell OHunt	Marie E. Win		

A quorum was present for this meeting.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to move agenda item #8 Public Comments to be heard as agenda item #7 and #7 Business Items to be heard as #8 as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington to approve the December 10, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (MOVED FROM AGENDA ITEM #8)

Chair Barile asked to begin with public comments and called members of the public to the podium to address the Board. All twelve (12) speaker requests were in favor of installing a traffic light and safety improvements at the intersection of Kanner Highway and SW South River Drive in Stuart, Florida.

Name	In Favor	Opposed
Richard W. Thomas	1	
Michael Koverman	1	
Deborah Scribek	1	
Paul Welling	1	
Ross LeRoy	1	
Robert P. Yago	1	
Bob Spukler	1	
Betty J. Mulholland	1	
William Knox	1	
Barbara Knox	1	
Gunars M. Ozols	1	
Michael Connelly	1	

With no additional public comments, the Chair opened the floor to Board member comments. Commissioner Hetherington commented that she went to the intersection to meet with some of the residents and to see firsthand. The traffic was congested with multiple speeding vehicles. The sheriff was contacted to temporarily assist with the speeding issues. She supported the residents' concerns and asked that the Board consider the traffic light request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to support the residents and request FDOT pursue a traffic signal at the intersection of Kanner Highway and SW South River Drive.

There was discussion as to FDOT or the homeowner's responsibility regarding a longer turning right lane at the entrance to the development and to adding an additional traffic light South of Pomeroy. Ms. Lisa Wichser commented that the right turn lane should be incorporated with the plans of a traffic light and the entrance of SW South River Drive.

The motion was amended by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to include a right turn lane concurrent with the installation of a traffic signal.

Commissioner Edward Ciampi complimented the residents for their appearance in support for the public safety for their community and the maps. There have been similar issues in the past where the residents were concerned. In Stuart we have many transient commuters who may disregard the speed limits and for the sheriff to monitor the area. The question should not be if you will get the traffic signal but when you will get the signal. Commissioner Merritt Matheson commented on the support and agrees with the traffic concerns. Ms. Beth Beltran offered that if the Board directed, staff will write a support letter to FDOT for the MPO Chair's signature to expedite responses to the safety issues. Ms. Yanique Kelly explained that a study was completed two years ago and a traffic signal was not warranted. Another study can be done after completion of the Kanner Highway widening construction project. There may be alternative options for the area. Dave Jefferson the consultant to the Kanner Highway project offered that the project is to be completed within eight weeks and addressed design build and change order comments. Christine Fasiska, FDOT Transportation Planning Manager commented that short-term Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) solutions may be able to be implemented. Discussion ensued as to reimbursements if Martin County would go forward with the traffic signal and the costs of \$400,000 to \$500,000. There was discussion regarding the timing for the feasibility study and the process of the design and procurement of the equipment and the length of time for the process.

An amendment to the amended motion was made by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to request that FDOT expedite the project, to work on a parallel track with the County staff and for FDOT to look at potential short-term TSM&O solutions with signal synchronization. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vinny Barile welcomed Mr. Anthony Dowling representing the Village of Indiantown as a voting member to the MPO Board. Mr. Anthony Dowling expressed gratitude for FDOT and Martin MPO and is looking forward to the future.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS (MOVED FROM AGENDA ITEM #7)

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi to nominate Vinny Barile as the MPO Policy Board Chair. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington to nominate Doug Smith as the MPO Policy Board Vice Chair. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beth Beltran clarified that the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will also serve as members of the Treasure Coast Transportation Council (TCTC) addressing regional projects and also serve as the representative and alternate for the Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Governing Board. The MPO shall nominate and elect a Chair for the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD).

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Anthony D. Dowling to nominate Stacey Hetherington as the first alternate TCTC member. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Anthony D. Dowling to nominate Eula R. Clarke as the second alternate TCTC member. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington to nominate Anthony D. Dowling as Chair of the LCB-TD. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY2018/19-FY2019/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT #1/REVISION 2 – UPDATE

Ms. Beth Beltran explained the UPWP Amendment #1/Revision 2 are Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allocation funds carried over from funds available for the first year of the UPWP and estimated close-out funds for the current UPWP. The funds have gone through the close-out process and \$120,000 is available for the MPO to place back into the FY20 budget for the freight/goods movement study and the sea level rise study.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke to approve the FY2018/19-FY2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1/Revision 2 – UPDATE as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Bolivar Gomez presented the Safety Performance Measure Targets. Each year the Florida Departments of Transportation (FDOT) as well as the MPO are required to adopt targets to meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Performance Measure requirements. 'Vision Zero' Targets which has a goal of no fatalities and injuries for any person has been identified by FDOT, and subsequently the MPO for the five Safety Performance Measures. The 2019 projects chosen for funding will mitigate the data forecast to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Mr. Gomez described the calendar year 2019 measures which included the number of fatalities and serious injuries, fatality and serious injury rate, and total number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Questions ensued as to the process of the Safety Performance Targets and Mr. Gomez clarified the process at the local level for the targets. The safety targets are approved every year and have a February 27, 2019 deadline.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Merritt Matheson to approve the Safety Performance Targets as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) ANNUAL REPORT

Bolivar Gomez presented the Martin MPO 2018 Public Involvement Program (PIP) Annual Report which is brought to the Board every year in February to evaluate the MPO's success at meeting the objectives and strategies outlined in the PIP. Mr. Gomez explained assessing the effectiveness of the MPO's public outreach techniques and strategies ensuring the funds and time are invested efficiently with public consultation. Objectives 1-5 and evaluation of achievement of each objective were offered: (1) filled advisory committee positions (2) events and meetings held at convenient times and locations (3) MPO public information is easily accessible and available in various formats (4) MPO utilizing numerous public involvement techniques and (5) public input of projects for Martin County Public Transit. He offered various events held last year in Martin County including coordinated events with the School District, City of Stuart Green Market, social media, and the MPO website. The Commissioners complimented the MPO staff for the community outreach and future public involvement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt Matheson and seconded by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke to approve the Public Involvement Program (PIP) Annual Report as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. GENERAL PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT (GPC) CONTRACTS

On January 29, 2019, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the MPO General Professional Consultant (GPC) contracts. Per the adopted FY18/19-FY19/20 UPWP, the GPCs will provide task order assistance after MPO Board and advisory committee approvals. Chosen were Marlin Engineering, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Tindale Oliver, and T.Y. Lin International to provide professional transportation planning services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington to approve the General Professional Consultant (GPC) Contracts as presented. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

F. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS (TSM&O) OVERVIEW

Allison Glunt, FDOT Arterial Operations Manager, presented the Transportation Systems Management and Operation Overview (TSM&O) using smart technology to better manage intelligent transportation systems to get every ounce of capacity of our roadways. She explained the congestion in the area and the methods to expand for improvements in the future. Current improvements have benefited incident response times for major incidents including the Road Rangers for day-to-day incidents and safety throughout the district. <https://fl511.com> and <http://www.smartsunguide.com> websites are implemented to assist with quick information for the public travel decisions. She touched on the benefits of signal timing to adjust as needed to improve traffic flow, working together with policing agencies for special event signal timing, and Vision Zero Initiatives opportunities and solutions. The mid-block crossings are a recurrent problem and safe strategies are implemented at certain times of the day to reduce conflicts. FDOT is finalizing the master plan and has reached out to many agencies.

Chair Barile advised that the meeting would take a break and reconvene in ten minutes. The meeting broke at 10:40 AM

The Board reconvened at 10:50 AM with Chair Barile reopening the meeting.

G. SR-9/I-95 MULTIMODAL MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Dr. Min-Tang Li, District 4 Project Manager started the presentation and discussed the progress and status of the Multimodal Master Plan and the proposed identified alternatives. Eric Penfield, RS&H Consultant Project Manager continued the presentation with the project description which started in May 2017 and includes 71 miles and 15 interchanges. He touched on the positive Martin County support and

partnership feedback. He discussed the future Martin County I-95 Interchange study area concepts, including Bridge Road capacity needs; SR 76/Kanner Highway Diverging Diamond Interchange and the location of the park-and-ride west of I-95; High Meadow Avenue signalization; and SR 714/Martin Highway signalization and turn lanes. The existing conditions analysis and no build analysis have been completed. The schedule illustrates the final steps and documenting the master plan for the final report preparation. Mr. Penfield stated that the next step would be to attend St. Lucie County and Indian River County meetings to get final feedback and participate in a public meeting tentatively scheduled for May 2019 to get feedback. Questions ensued with managed lanes planning and implementations, the requirements and track to proceed.

9. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Ciampi summarized the earlier action and requested for the Board to consider having the Chair send letters to Representative Magar, Representative Overdorf, and Senator Harrell regarding a potential traffic signal at Kanner and SW South River Drive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke for the Chair to send letters in consideration of a traffic signal at Kanner and SW South River Drive to Representative Magar, Representative Overdorf, and Senator Harrell. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hetherington welcomed Bryan Richardson as District 2 appointee to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. There was a discussion regarding landscaping and the maintenance of the Kanner Highway corridor. The State has a budget and staff will work with FDOT for funding or beautification grants for additional landscaping in the area. Bridge Road resurfacing was addressed by Scott Cavemish who explained the project is in the final stages with a completion in April 2019. There are no projected road closures as the work will be completed during night hours.

10. NOTES

11. NEXT MEETING

April 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (Martin County Administrative Center Commission Chambers)

12. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Approved by:




Vinny Barile, Chair

Recorded and Prepared by:



Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

Minutes approved on:



Date