

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building
Growth Management Conference Room
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**February 6, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019 was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Amy Eason.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair	Daniel Parz
John Patteson, Vice Chair	Ken DeAngeles
Al Zilg	Alfred Miller
Saadia Tsafarides	

Members Excused:

Cindy Greenspan
Sheila Kurtz

Members Absent:

Trent Steele

Staff in Attendance:

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

Other in Attendance:

Dr. Min-Tang Li, FDOT District 4 Project Manager
Eric Penfield, RS&H Consultant Project Manager
Allison Glunt, FDOT Arterial Operations Manager
Gus Schmidt, TY Lin Deputy Consultant Project Manager
Larry Wallace, FDOT

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A quorum was present for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Saadia Tsaftarides and seconded by Mr. Ken DeAngeles. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 5, 2018 minutes as presented was made by Mr. John Patteson and seconded by Ms. Saadia Tsaftarides. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Parz and seconded by Ken DeAngeles to nominate Ms. Amy Eason as the Chair and John Patteson as the Vice Chair of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY 18/19 – 19/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT/ REVISION 2

Ms. Joy Puerta presented the FY 18/19–19/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment/Revision 2. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allocation funds have gone through the previous budget close-out process and are available to be placed into the FY20 budget for the Freight and Goods Movement Study and the Impact of Sea Level Rise Study. The \$120,000 close-out funds will increase Federal Highway Administration Planning to \$722,004 for the FY20 budget. Ms. Beth Beltran added clarification that the previous UPWP has been closed and the unused funds can be added to the new UPWP to be budgeted. A question was asked to clarify if State funds for Agency Participation – FY19/20 Task 7.2 US1 Corridor Retrofit would be available. Ms. Beltran offered that addition funds will be brought in as a future regional project for the US1 corridor.

A motion to approve the FY 18/19 – 19/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment/Revision 2 was made by Mr. Daniel Parz and seconded by Mr. Ken DeAngeles. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Bolivar Gomez presented the annual Safety Performance Measure Targets which are included in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Each year the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as well as State MPO's are required to adopt targets to meet

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. 'Vision Zero' Targets which is the goal of no fatalities and injuries for any person has been identified by FDOT, and subsequently for the five Safety Performance Measures. Mr. Gomez defined the calendar year 2019 measures which included; number of fatalities; number of serious injuries; fatality rate; serious injury rate; and total number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The safety targets are approved every year with a February 27, 2019 deadline. Questions ensued as to where the accident data is acquired for the Safety Performance Targets. Clarification was noted that this is the second year for the measures and that FDOT safety office provides the State road data. Concerns were discussed relating to U.S. 1 speeding vehicles and the 2-mile walk zone surrounding Hobe Sound schools with pedestrian road crossing safety hazards. The FHWA Safety Performance Measures for the Martin MPO chart was shown and Mr. Gomez clarified that the Martin County fatality and injury data from FDOT is displayed on an averaged 5-year rolling basis.

A motion to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Ms. Saadia Tsaftarides and seconded by Mr. Alfred Miller. 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. The report is brought to the MPO Board every year in February to evaluate the MPO's success at meeting the objectives and strategies outlined in the PIP. He described the MPO's public outreach techniques and strategies ensuring that funds and staff involvement are invested efficiently with regular and as needed public consultations. The objective and evaluation of each achievement was included (1) to hold regular public meetings through advisory committee meetings (2) to provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision making through locally coordinated safety campaigns and national conference presentations (3) to engage the public early, often, and with clarity with public feedback opportunities through local citizen and community presentations and surveys (4) MPO utilizing numerous public involvement techniques as with partnering with Martin County School District events and (5) public input on Martin County Public Transit Program of Projects (POP). Coordinated events held last year in Martin County included the City of Stuart Green Market, social media postings, published legal notices, and communication through the MPO website.

A motion to approve the 2018 Public Involvement Program (PIP) Annual Report was made by Mr. Alfred Miller and seconded by Mr. Al Zilg. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Allison Glunt, FDOT Arterial Operations Manager, presented the Transportation Systems Management and Operation (TSM&O) overview. The overview included using smart technology to manage intelligent transportation systems. She offered examples of positive results to keep traffic moving with travel time index improvements and less road closures on freeways and arterials. She discussed improvements including traffic cameras that have benefited major incident response times. The Traffic Incident Management Team meets quarterly to discuss best practices, opportunities to improve the system, and coordination. Other systems to quickly and safely clear the roads include; Rapid Incident Scene Clearance; Severe Incident Response Vehicle; and Road Ranger with each playing a different role in incident response. The Road Ranger is used throughout the District for safety hazards and day-to-day incidents. Ms. Glunt explained information dissemination including electronic illuminated overhead signage on I-95 and smaller signage on arterial roadways. The public can access roadway travel information at <https://fl511.com> and <http://www.smartsunguide.com>. She touched on the benefits of adjusting signal timing to improve traffic flow, working together with policing agencies for special event signal timing, and Vision Zero Initiatives opportunities and solutions for high pedestrian areas. The mid-block crossings are a recurrent problem and pedestrian safe signal timing strategies have been implemented at certain times of the day to reduce conflicts. Ms. Glunt touched on autonomous vehicle projects, opportunities for TSM&O projects, and prioritizing the value of the fiber optic network. She discussed the importance of the public participating in the master plan discussions and the locations best suited for the projects. FDOT will return with the master plan of locations and a prioritization listing of the projects. Questions ensued regarding road travel during hurricane evacuations and monitoring the road traffic and conditions with cameras, mid-block crossings, and the use of platooning to coordinate the spacing of the vehicles traveling on the roadway. There were comments on work zone and construction delays and route timing for Presidential visits.

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

Dr. Min-Tang Li, District 4 Project Manager for the I-95 Multimodal Master Plan started the presentation with the background, progress, and proposed identified alternatives of the plan. He commented on the status of the plan through the proposed completion of December 2019. Eric Penfield the RS&H Consultant Project Manager continued with an overview of the I-95 interstate project of 71 miles with 15 interchanges. He offered the benefits of widening the roadway to the inside to create a 4th general purpose lane. He explained the process of data collection and analysis, identifying and prioritizing the needs, performing alternative analysis, improvement recommendations, and identifying projects for the work program. The future Martin County I-95 Interchange study overview continued with the area concepts including (1) Bridge Road capacity needs (2) SR 76/Kanner Highway modification as a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) and relocation of the park-and-ride to west of I-95 (3) High Meadow Avenue signalization; (4) and SR 714/Martin Highway signalization and turn lane options. He appreciated the positive Martin County support of the concepts and partnership feedback. The diverging diamond interchange usage in other regions was discussed. Questions were asked relating to the importance of pedestrian and sidewalk issues as the area has limited

residential areas; estimating truck turning radii, capacity of I-95 entrance loop ramps; and rail transit projections. The current project status includes the completion of the existing conditions and no build analysis. The schedule shown illustrates the final steps and documenting the master plan for final report preparation. Dr. Min-Tang Li indicated that a public meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2019.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Comments were offered to pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Golden Gate area; South Martin County growth and school bussing students; Western Bridge Road and South Fork High School lighting safety options; and accountability for attendance at advisory committee meetings.

8. NOTES

None

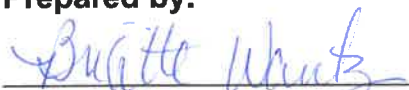
9. NEXT MEETING

- Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting, April 1, 2019
Building Department Conference Room A & B, 900 SE Ruhnke Street

10. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM. RONR (10th ed.), p.233, c.(9).

Prepared by:



Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist, III

5/1/19

Date

Approved by:



Amy Eason, Chair

5-1-19

Date