

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

Martin County Administrative Building
Growth Management Conference Room
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May 1, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair

John Patteson, Vice Chair

Al Zilg

Trent Steele

Ann Kagdis (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

Sheila Kurtz (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)

Members Excused:

Cindy Greenspan

Saadia Tsaftarides

Alfred Miller

Staff in Attendance:

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner

Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner

Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

Other in Attendance:

Hilary Young

A quorum was present for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. John Patteson and seconded by Mr. Trent Steele. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 6, 2019, minutes as presented was made by Mr. John Patteson and seconded by Mr. Trent Steele. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY19/20-FY23/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bolivar Gomez presented the Draft FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a short range plan and is the vehicle through which State and Federal transportation funds are authorized to be released for Martin County transportation projects during a five year cycle. He stated that regional significant projects and MPO Priority Projects are included within the TIP which is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 Tentative Work Program. It is financially constrained with allocated funds and is updated annually. The TIP is organized into sections comprised of endorsements and certification and include abbreviations and funding source codes; (1.0) overview and major projects; (2.0) project selection with MPO priorities and (3.0) public involvement throughout the duration of the TIP. The appendices include the Local Capital Improvement Plans for Martin County, City of Stuart, and the Town of Sewall's Point. Project sheets for the roadway projects are encompassed within the TIP. The TIP includes a required 45-day public review and comment period beginning on May 1, 2019 with a newspaper ad notice. Mr. Gomez offered that the draft TIP has been posted on the Martin MPO website and will be reviewed at the MPO Advisory Committee Meetings. Hard copies are currently available at the local libraries and in the County Administrative Center lobby. The public hearing for individual comments will be included in the June 17, 2019 MPO Policy Board meeting where the Final FY19/20-FY23/24 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board. The presentation continued with the TIP project selection process showing a diagram of how the TIP is produced. A few of the recent implemented projects constructed were discussed that included Mapp Road Multimodal Enhancements, the City of Stuart Kindred Street & Johnson Avenue Improvements, and south side Bridge Road Sidewalk Project.

A question was asked as to why it takes so long to complete a project, specifically the Bridge Road sidewalk project. Mr. Gomez offered that each project is a coordination of approvals, designing, and timing of funding distribution. A question was asked regarding the funding or lack of funding and the process for projects to be included on the priority list. There was clarification of the coordination of scheduling a project and the availability of funding to reach the final completion of a project. Questions ensued about the amount of funds or lack of funds allocated for advertising Martin County Transit. The amount of bus capacity and total ridership was discussed and suggestions for improvement and options to increase transit advertising were offered. There were comments of bottleneaking issues at Crystal Lake Elementary at certain hours of the

day with parents dropping off and picking up students at the school. At the public meetings for the Kanner Highway widening project, FDOT was not aware of vehicle stacking issues for vehicles traveling westbound on SW 96th Street and entering Crystal Lake Elementary School. It is concerning with neighboring businesses as no traffic can get into their parking areas and a right-turn lane turning into the school may be warranted. The semi-truck traffic and speeding issues on Kanner Highway was cited as a safety concern. There were comments on safety improvements at Brightline crossings and future quiet zones.

A motion to approve the Draft FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented was made by Mr. John Patteson and seconded by Ms. Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clarification was offered related to which areas are included in the Martin County map boundary and that updated individual project sheet maps would be inserted into the draft TIP as necessary. Hilary Young was introduced as Commissioner Hetherington's appointee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. NOTES

None

9. NEXT MEETING - June 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m. RONR (10th ed.), p.233, c.(9).

Prepared by:




Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

6/5/19

Date

Approved by



Amy Eason, Chair

6/5/19

Date