

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building  
BOCC Workshop Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996  
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**February 11, 2019 @ 2:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019 was called to order at 2:04 PM by the Chair

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Joan Moore, Chair  
Ken Natoli, Vice Chair  
Julie Preast  
Pinal Gandhi-Savdas (arrived 2:06 PM)  
Don Fabricy  
Harold Forslund  
Gene Zweben  
Jan Icyda  
Carlos Morales  
Larry Wallace

**Members Excused:**

JP Lazo

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Arvin  
John Trahan  
Sgt. George Yacobellis  
Sgt. Brian Bossio  
Chris Ross Wade

**Staff in Attendance:**

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner  
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist, III

**Other in Attendance:**

Bryan Richardson

Alice Bojanowski, Office of Community Development

**A quorum was present for the meeting.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Hal Forslund and seconded by Ms. Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the October 8, 2018 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Hal Forslund and seconded by Mr. Jan Icyda. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A motion to nominate Joan Moore as Chair was made by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Mr. Gene Zweben. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion to nominate Ken Natoli as Vice Chair was made by Mr. Gene Zweben and seconded by Mr. Don Fabricy. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Ms. Joy Puerta presented the UPWP Amendment/Revision 2. This request is to increase the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allocation of funds that have been carried over from funds from the previous FY2016/17-FY2017/18 UPWP. The \$120,000 in funds has gone through the official close-out process and is now available. The MPO is requesting to place the funds back into the FY20 budget to use for Task 7.3 - Freight and Goods Movement Study and Task 7.5 - Impact of Sea Level Rise Study. The increase will result in a revised budget of \$722,004 FHWA Planning funding in the newly adopted FY2018/19-FY2019/20 UPWP.

**A motion to approve the FY 18/19 – 19/20 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT/REVISION 2 was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Mr. Jan Icyda. 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.

**A motion to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Mr. Don Fabricy. 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 Public Involvement Program (PIP) was made by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Jan Icyda. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **E. GOLDEN GATE PATHWAY PRESENTATION**

Joy Puerta and Ricardo Vazquez recently attended the Golden Gate Advisory Board Committee meeting and listened to local resident's comments and concerns. The workshop included projection boards with future visions for the community pathway.

Alice Bojanowski, the Project Manager, presented the proposed pathway in the Golden Gate Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) neighborhood. She noted the Martin County FY19 Capital Improvement Plan includes the proposed safe route for pedestrian-bicycle travel along SE Camino Avenue between SE Clayton Street to the Golden Gate Community Center. The public outreach meeting with JI Consultant Group was held on January 10, 2019 and another public workshop will be set in May for public input. The final design plan will be brought to the CRA Board in June 2019. The project is scheduled for design for a quick turnaround and is included in the grant application for Land and Water Conservation Fund. Comments ensued regarding connection to other trails that are in the planning stages. The proposed pathway is a component of the grant and incorporates specific improvement areas. The alignment of the pathway with the East Coast Greenway and roadway and trail projects may be included in future funded projects. There was clarification as to the specifics of the design, connections with missing links, and airport issues related to the proposed pathway and surrounding areas. Pathway lighting discussion included the use of solar panels, alternative forms, placement, and funding to install and maintain.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Comments ensued regarding traffic roundabouts and the benefits of future use of golf carts on the roadways. There was an update on the City of Stuart downtown area that is in the design phase for green bike lanes, sidewalks, and improvements on Kanner Highway. The East Coast Greenway route through the City of Stuart has not been finalized. It was discussed that another meeting was needed to discuss the alignment and support regarding the type of roadway system, elevated, or riverfront vision. Comments made included the specifications for the right-of-way to devise the route parameters to include a 12-foot multimodal utilization. Other county areas were discussed and how they have been evaluated and agreed upon. There was frustration related to the vision of the Martin County Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan objectives and lack of accomplishment with the studies, changes, and completion of goals. Comments ensued with quality of life and livable amenities related to the rapidly growing County population. Ms. Joy Puerta explained the necessity to attend the public outreach meetings and offer personal recommendations, preferences, community input, and suggestions. There was clarification as to the role the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee plays between the MPO and the BOCC and follow through of the committee recommendations. It was offered to stay vigilant and voice your opinion to be heard. There was an update regarding FDOT information at the last meeting and the two lanes turning left from southbound US1. Mr. Bolivar Gomez stated a PD&E study was completed to evaluate the turn and the MPO recommended to FDOT to add additional storage and lengthen the turn lane to Joan Jefferson Way. There were congratulations to the Rio Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), after 20 years of inclusion, has implemented continuous sidewalks on Dixie Highway with donations from property

owners. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is looking at appropriately updating the six CRA's future land use codes to livable, walkable, and traditional neighborhoods. A report that includes Martin County projects and key milestone dates was discussed.

**8. NOTES**

**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 3:12 PM. RONR (10<sup>th</sup> ed.), p.233, c.(9).


**Recorded and prepared by:**

  
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Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

  
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Date

**Approved by:**

  
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Joan Moore, Chair

  
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Date