

MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING  
Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers  
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May 20, 2019  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vinny Barile called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**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 Mayor  
Doug Smith, Vice Chair, Martin County Board of County Commissioners (arrive 9:12 a.m.)  
Edward Ciampi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Stacey Hetherington, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner  
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner  
Anthony Dowling, Village of Indiantown Council Member

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church  
Yanique Kelly, FDOT  
Victoria Williams, Florida's Turnpike  
Becky Lantigua  
Mark Flaten  
Rose Drossart  
Melissa Readling, Corradino/FDOT  
Dottie Lanci

A quorum was present for this meeting.

## **5. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eula Clarke to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ed Ciampi to approve the April 15, 2019, regular minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Flaten spoke about the traffic concerns along 710 at the intersection of Amaryllis Avenue. Even though the area is a no-passing zone, it is often impossible to safely turn into his neighborhood. There have been many recent accidents resulting in fatalities. He offered a suggestion of adding a turn lane in the area of Amaryllis Avenue toward Okeechobee. Becky Lantigua offered that she has started a petition that has over 3,000 signatures on it to support a turn lane at Tommy Clements Street and 710. She commented on the lack of lighting at nighttime and addressed the necessity for short and long term fixes to prevent accidents. Ms. Lantigua discussed the absence of crossing gates at the Amaryllis Avenue railroad crossing and concern with the school busses stopping along 710 to pick-up and drop-off students. Commissioner Ciampi and Commissioner Jenkins noted that there have been recent fatalities in the area and they would be willing to contribute Commissioner District Funds to get something done soon. There was discussion for solutions to include a turn lane and opportunities of contacting Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for possible funding solutions. Discussion ensued as to the FDOT study scheduled next month for the 710 areas and possible short term solutions to include pavement markings and additional signage. There was agreement that the area needs something done as soon as possible as speeders are breaking the law and comments that traffic counts may be needed to look at other options. Commissioner Clarke asked about a previous study along the 710 corridor and if annual traffic counts have been conducted. Commissioner Smith stated that he travels the area often. He offered that some type of physical changes need to take place whether it is adding turn lanes or widening the area of long stretches with no passing zones. There were comments as to policing in the area, communication between police agencies for more thorough coverage, and what resources are needed for additional road patrol coverage to enforce the speed limit. Chair Barile agreed that he has seen the speeding vehicles which contribute to the dangerous conditions.

## **8. 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 vehicle through which State and Federal transportation funds are authorized to be released for Martin County transportation projects during a five year

cycle. The document is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 Tentative Work Program, is financially constrained, and is updated annually. The TIP is organized into sections: Endorsement/Certification; (1.0) Overview and Major Projects; (2.0) Project Selection a 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 and the Planning Area Maps and project sheets for roadway improvement projects. The TIP Public Outreach includes a required 45-day public review and comment period starting 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 has been reviewed at the MPO advisory committee meetings. Hard copies are available at the local libraries and in the County Administrative Center lobby. The public hearing for will held at 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 TIP project selection process was offered showing a diagram of how the TIP is produced. A few of the recent implemented projects were discussed including Mapp Road Multimodal Enhancements, the City of Stuart Kindred Street & Johnson Avenue Improvements, and the Bridge Road Sidewalk Project. The presentation included the Martin MPO FY19/20-FY23/24 Project Priorities table showing the Board approved projects. He highlighted a few of the new TIP projects funded this year. There were comments for clarification of the bicycle and pedestrian study at Monterey Road/Palm Beach Road/Dixie Highway intersection and the short term safety improvements in the area. There was discussion about opportunities for audible crosswalks for current and future intersections.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eula R. Clarke to approve the Draft FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented and seconded by Commissioner Merritt Matheson. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. MOBILITY FEE STUDY UPDATE**

Ms. Beth Beltran presented the Mobility Fee Study Update. She stated that after advertising, the selection committee chose Tindale Oliver to complete the study and the MPO requests approval to use the boilerplate consultant contract.

**A motion was made to approve the Mobility Fee Study Update by Commissioner Ed Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **9. COMMENTS FROM FDOT**

Melissa Readling, Assistant Community Outreach Specialist, representing FDOT offered that US1 from Salerno Road to Fisher Street will be completed by early June of this year and Kanner Highway should be completed by the end of May.

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None**

## 11. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Anthony Dowling extended an open invitation to attend the Village of Indiantown Pride in our Property – Booker Park Cleanup & BBQ beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2019. Commissioner Stacey Hetherington offered that she attended the District 2 Town Hall meeting where many concerns were offered regarding traffic concerns and speeding vehicles on Kanner Highway. The lighting study was noted and the status of acquiring the right of way to address the southbound South River turn lane. She commented on meeting with Martin County Sheriff's Office to discuss the traffic enforcement concerns of St. Lucie Boulevard and Indian Street and commented on the addition of crosswalks on Dixie Highway to slow traffic. There was discussion regarding resurfacing in the Golden Gate area and updating the current plan and the railroad intersection area safety concerns of speeding and pedestrian crossings.

## 12. NOTES

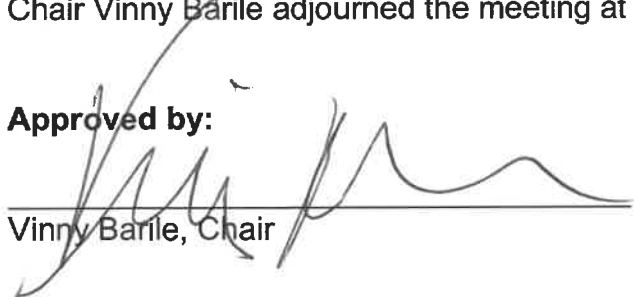
## 13. NEXT MEETING

June 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (Administrative Center Commission Chambers)

## 14. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, Chair Vinny Barile adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Approved by:

  
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Vinny Barile, Chair

Prepared by:

  
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Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

Minutes approved on:

  
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Date