

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building
BOCC Workshop Room
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May 1, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Chair Lisa Wichser.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair
Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair
Joe Capra
Mark Cocco
Yanique Kelly
Tim Voelker
Gissela Saucedo

Members Excused:

Clyde Dulin

Members Absent:

Stuart Trent
David Dyess
Sam Carver
Ken DeAngeles

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

John Podczerwinsky
Jason Byrd
Victoria Williams

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A quorum was present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Kim DeLaney and seconded by Mr. Joe Capra. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Regular Meeting– February 4, 2019

A motion to approve the February 4, 2019 Minutes as presented was made by Mr. Joe Capra and seconded by Mr. Tim Voelker. 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). Mr. Gomez stated that the TIP 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 clarified that Martin County, the City of Stuart, and the Town of Sewall's Point's Capital Improvement Plans are included within the TIP. 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 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. Planning Area Maps and project sheets for the roadway projects are encompassed within the TIP. 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 will be 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 will be 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 south side Bridge Road Sidewalk Project. The presentation included the Martin MPO FY19/20-FY23/24 Project Priorities table showing Board approved projects. A few new TIP projects funded this year were presented. There were comments for clarification of Section 1.6 Major Project Descriptions showing a list of projects and if the descriptions

were consistent throughout the document. Questions ensued regarding the funds for County Road (CR)708/Bridge Road from Pratt Whitney to US1 for resurfacing and bike lanes and if additional funds are needed to add a guardrail in the area. There was clarification of current projects that have already been funded and future projects to be funded listed on the 5-year summary of projects by funding category. Comments included that FDOT typically does not allocate funds for advanced construction and only in special cases where the project may need to be completed sooner.

Joe Capra abstained from voting.

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

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Comments from the committee members included discussion on the sidewalk connections on the east side of Dixie Highway along Cove Road and Seabranck Preserve State Park where the County is doing a stormwater project. The 3.8 mile section is a popular recreational facility for bikes and pedestrians on weekends. Currently, it has a narrow temporary connection and the area is functional but dangerous. The County has the opportunity to put in a better facility. There was clarification regarding the box culvert and sidewalk connection south of Cove Road. Discussion ensued of opportunities for a proper section and a better facility long term. The East Coast Greenway may create an opportunity for the designation of a better facility.

Brightline has been meeting with local governments for advance coordination to establish quiet zone designations. Included were the grade crossing ownership designation issues and agreement that additional education is needed. It was offered that the quiet zones are established by the State, County, and local municipalities. Comments included the additional infrastructure needed for a faster speed train and the base level of infrastructure required meeting the safety standard established by FTA. Additional discussion included improvements at Fern and Alice streets, the settlement agreement for Pettway and Dixie Highway in Rio, and the County establishing quiet zone thresholds.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. NOTES

None

9. NEXT MEETING

TAC Meeting- June 3, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Prepared by:

Brigitte Wantz
Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist, III

6/3/19
Date

Approved by:

Lisa Wichser
Lisa Wichser, Chair

06-03-2019
Date