

MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers

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Monday, June 17, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Vinny Barile called the meeting to order at 9:04 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
Sarah Heard, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Stacey Hetherington, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Anthony Dowling, Village of Indiantown Council Member

Members Excused:

Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner

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
Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering
John Podczerwinsky, FDOT
Vikas Jain, T.Y. Lin International
Joe Yesbeck, T.Y. Lin International
Dan Hiden, FDOT
Yanique Kelly, FDOT
Victoria Williams, Florida's Turnpike

A quorum was present for this meeting.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with the withdrawal of item 8.F and the addition of item 8.K was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Heard. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 20, 2019, regular minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – FINAL DRAFT FY19/20-FY23/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The Chair opened the floor for the public hearing. Chair Barile stated there were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Comments were offered on the Final Draft FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Sarah Heard opposes the project on page 78, I-95 /SR-9 Safety Project – I-95 Lighting from Martin/Palm beach County Line to CR-708/Bridge Road. She stated that this project urbanizes our agriculture lands; creates light pollution; is a hazard to wildlife; and is unnecessary. Commissioner Heard asked about the project on page 84, SR-714/SW Martin Highway to add lanes and reconstruct from Citrus Blvd. to SW Martin Downs Blvd., inquiring if the 2020/21 cost of over \$22 million is to accommodate Pineland Prairie. Ms. Beth Beltran clarified that the roadway is currently over capacity and has been on the priority list for several years. Commissioner Sarah Heard opposed the cost of \$702,297 for the SR-9/I-95 @ CR-708/SE Bridge Road Interchange landscaping project on page 105. Ms. Yanique Kelly of FDOT explained that the project was the previous Governor's initiative to beautify the area and a directive from Central Office. Commissioner Sarah Heard asked about what is costing over \$2 million for the combined landscaping of projects on page 105 and page 106 – SR-9/I-95 @ High Meadow Avenue. Ms. Terry Rauth, Public Works Director clarified that the Bridge Road project is being handled by Rob Cutler with the removal of sea grapes in the wetlands and the addition of native vegetation in the quadrants. Commissioner Heard noted to make sure to stay away from exotics and highly invasive plants that will have to be removed in the future. Commissioner Sarah Heard asked about the project on page 110 – Cove Road to add lanes and reconstruct from SR-76/Kanner Highway to SR-5/US-1 PD&E phase. She was concerned that we are creating a thoroughfare into Martin County and does not want a repeat of the

unattractive Kanner Highway. Ms. Beth Beltran stated that the BOCC had recently approved new development on Cove Road and the capacity is needed. She added that Kanner Highway has a standalone landscaping project which will start after completion of the current project. The Ms. Beltran offered that with the Cove Road PD&E study, there will be workshops with opportunities for public input. Commissioner Heard urged to not repeat the same mistake as on Kanner Highway into Martin County with straight wasteland and high walls.

A motion was made to approve the Final Draft FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. Commissioner Sarah Heard opposed the motion and the motion passed.

B. FY19/20 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5305 TRANSIT PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION

Ms. Beth Beltran presented the Section 5305 application and Resolution #19-07.

A motion was made to approve the FY19/20 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5305 Transit Planning Grant Application and Resolution by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. FY19/20 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION

Ms. Beth Beltran presented the TD Planning Grant Application and Resolution #19-08.

A motion was made to approve the FY19/20 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application and Resolution by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Councilperson Anthony Dowling. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. FY18/19-FY22/23 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Ms. Beth Beltran presented FY18/19-FY22/23 TIP Amendment to increase the budget of the Interstate-95/SR-9 Safety Project (FM #434273-4) for lighting along Interstate-95 from Palm Beach/Martin County Line to CR-708/Bridge Road.

A motion was made to approve the FY18/19-FY22/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. Commissioner Sarah Heard opposed the motion and the motion passed.

E. DRAFT 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Vikas Jain, Project Manager of T.Y. Lin International presented the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Involvement Plan. The LRTP sets the blueprint for the next twenty-five years to provide information, obtain public input, and engage the local government, agencies, and citizens. Mr. Jain described the team roles: T.Y. Lin will take the lead on technical work and tasks; CTS Engineering for travel forecast and analyzing congested networks; and Quest Corporation will assist with public involvement and project branding. The plan includes the operation and development of a cost feasible multimodal transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight in Martin County and within the region. A project overview was presented including the ten major tasks and their corresponding key deliverables. Mr. Jain offered an overview of the project schedule from the initial kickoff to the 2045 LRTP draft and final report submittal. He discussed specifics of the Public Involvement Plan goals and a number of performance measures to track public involvement. The project website www.Martin2045.com will be uploaded with new materials as they become available. Mr. Jain offered public input opportunities with community events, meetings, open houses, surveys, and social media. Five project stages for the next eighteen months will include MPO meetings with final adoption in October 2020.

There was clarification of Quest's local staff working on the LRTP public involvement and it was noted to include Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on the steering committee in the future. Ms. Terry Rauth stated Quest worked with Martin County on the public involvement for the Veterans Memorial Bridge project.

A motion was made to approve the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Involvement Plan by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Removed from agenda

G. FY2020/21 LISTS OF PROJECT PRIORITIES

Beth Beltran presented the FY2020/21 Lists of Project Priorities (LOPP) for submission and consideration of funding for FDOT's Tentative Work Program. There were updates to the lists after the agenda packet was distributed. Ms. Beltran offered the rankings for the fifteen projected priorities on the Martin MPO FY20/21-FY24/25 Federal Attributable Unfunded Project Priorities list. This year the Cove Road from Kanner Highway to US1 widening project has moved from number six (6) to the number one (1) priority ranking. The Number five (5) ranking, FEC Railroad at Monterey Road grade separation, was moved up as a result of the recent FDOT Roundtable discussion with the FDOT District Secretary and the State Secretary of Transportation. Commissioner Doug Smith complimented Ms. Beth Beltran for the shift in ranking as the PD&E was originally scheduled for 2035 [in FDOT's 2045 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan] and would

be after the train is scheduled to come to this area. Commissioner Sarah Heard also complimented Ms. Beth Beltran for including the project in the Roundtable discussion. Commissioner Heard asked about coordinating with Brightline to make safety improvements at railroad crossings and why we are prioritizing for the taxpayers to pay for it. Ms. Terry Rauth, Public Works Director, noted the importance of the improvements and that one crossing was left on the list in anticipation of Brightline not going forward and the other was not on the list for sidewalks. Commissioner Heard stated the importance for pedestrian crossings to be included in Brightline train plans. Commissioner Stacey Hetherington asked for a list of all of the crossings that Brightline will be doing. Commissioner Doug Smith commented on the status of the South River Drive project with a new southbound right turn lane and the necessity of a traffic light. Ms. Beth Beltran offered that the proposed ranking for the SR76/Kanner Highway project is number twelve on the list and FDOT is in the process of doing a traffic signal analysis in the area. Commissioner Doug Smith requested the addition of a traffic light to the South River Drive project and would also like to add a traffic signal at the intersection of US1 and Constitution Boulevard. He also stated the necessity of a safety study for safety improvements at the SR 710/Tommy Clements Street intersection and would like to add that to the priority list.

A motion was made to approve the FY2020/21 Lists of Project Priorities List for Martin MPO FY20/21-FY24/25 Federal Attributable Unfunded Project Priorities with comments, by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

The List of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Priorities list showed the projects that are approved and funded including the SE Salerno Road Sidewalk project. The List of Public Transit Priorities showed the list of capital and operating funding.

A motion was made to approve the FY2020/21 Lists of Project Priorities, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Priorities and List of Public Transit Priorities by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Heard. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

H. MARTIN MPO BYLAWS

Ms. Beth Beltran presented the MPO Bylaw updates: the Village of Indiantown will have a voting membership on the MPO Board; the Chairman and Vice Chairman must have completed the MPOAC Institute training program for elected officials or served on the Martin MPO for at least four (4) years; and Martin County Fire Rescue will be added to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Commissioner Doug Smith noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should serve two (2) years and not four (4) years on the MPO Board and Martin County Sheriff's Office should be added to the TAC. Commissioner Sarah Heard acknowledged Commissioner Ed Ciampi relinquishing his seat on the MPO Board but commented that it is a disadvantage if all five (5) commissioners are not members on the MPO Board. Ms. Beltran clarified that after the

2020 Census there may be a change in voting members on the Board and that one of the commissioners may be able to attend on a rotating basis. Commissioner Stacy Hetherington commented on her recent attendance at the MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials in Tampa, FL and enjoyed the invaluable training.

A motion was made to approve the Martin MPO Bylaws with notes by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

I. DRAFT FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN SCOPE OF SERVICES

Jeff Weidner of Marlin Engineering presented the Draft Freight and Goods Movement Plan Scope of Services to identify corridors used for local distribution and delivery in context with Martin County. The plan includes short-, mid-, and long-term projects to understand freight and economic impact. The regional freight network including the transportation and freight facilities were outlined. The key to success is stakeholder engagement with new and non-traditional participants of the private sector. The multi-modal plan will rely on reliability and will include highways, waterways and projections for rail travel. E-commerce will be considered to include changing technology strategies. Context sensitivity and the regional and local interaction of livability and freight activity were presented. The plan tasks encompass (1) Coordination (2) Literature/Best Practices Review (3) Public and Stakeholder Outreach (4) Freight Plan Development and (5) Draft and Final Report. Commissioner Doug Smith offered notes to include the freight moving conversation with FedEx, UPS, and Armellini Trucking from Palm City for input and the impact of Martin County supporting the Highway 27 future multimodal corridor.

A motion was made to approve the Draft Freight and Goods Movement Plan Scope of Services with added notes by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

J. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SCOPE OF SERVICES

Beth Beltran offered that General Planning Consultant Kimley-Horn and Associates has been selected to provide Professional Services - Scope of Services on a task order basis and provide professional assistance to staff and assist the MPO with required work products within the adopted MPO Unified Planning Work Program.

A motion was made to approve the Professional Services – Scope of Services by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

K. DATA TRANSFER SOLUTIONS INTERACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Ms. Beth Beltan presented the Data Transfer Solutions, LLC Annual Maintenance and Web-Hosting Agreement for the Martin MPO Interactive TIP. The \$7,200 annual cost includes website hosting with a primary benefit to track the projects in the program.

A motion was made to approve the Data Transfer Solutions (DTS) Interactive TIP Maintenance Agreement by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Heard. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

9. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

Yanique Kelly commented that the State's fiscal year ends in July and Martin MPO had no negative findings for the State Certification. Ms. Kelly thanked Ms. Beth Beltran for continued partnership and support. Commissioner Doug Smith offered congratulations to have back our State Secretary.

10. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

11. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - None

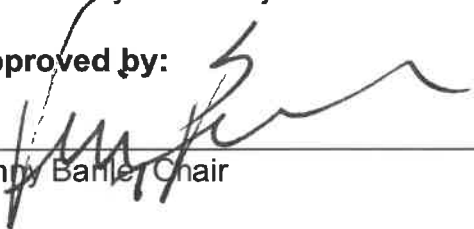
12. NOTES - None

13. NEXT MEETING - September 16, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, Chair Vinny Barile adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Approved by:




Vinny Barile, Chair

Prepared by:



Brigitte Wantz, Administrative Specialist III

Minutes approved on:



Date