

MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers

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Monday, September 16, 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

Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Stacey Hetherington, 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

Christine Fasiska, FDOT

Allison Glunt, FDOT

Dan Hiden, FDOT

Kim De, Florida's Turnpike

Susan O'Rourke, O'Rourke Engineering & Planning

Mike Munz

Kathy Munz

Jessica Ville

Dottie Lanie

Kathleen Dempsey

Michele Haner

Leigh Giunta

Linda Emilson

Maggie Overdorf

Alex Nathanson

Kathy Stauffer

Debbie Schmidt

Ashley Cenk

Carolyn Herman

A quorum was present for this meeting.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with additional item Amendment to the Public Transportation Agreement was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 17, 2019, regular minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Heard. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Chair Barile asked to begin with public comments and called members of the public to the podium to address the Board. The speakers offered concerns of the proposed traffic light at the intersection of Canoe Creek Terrace and proposed four laning of Murphy Road and increased traffic near the C-23 Canal bridge area. The residents stated they did not receive any notifications.

Names of Speakers
Leigh Giunta
Linda Emilson
Maggie Overdorf
Alex Nathanson
Kathy Stauffer
Debbie Schmidt
Ashley Cenk
Carolyn Herman

With no additional public comments, the Chair opened the floor to Board member comments. Commissioner Doug Smith asked for clarification of the plans. Ms. Beth Beltran offered that the Murphy Road light had not been discussed previously at one of the MPO Board Meetings. She clarified that in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Murphy Road bridge replacement is not a need and there is no plan to widen the road. The bridge plans included weight restrictions and safety issues and were previously discussed last June. Ms. Lisa Wichser explained that the bridge plans include keeping the current capacity of two travel lanes with one bike lane but there is room for expansion in the future. It was noted that the bridge will remain open during construction. Commissioner Smith provided a recommendation to conduct a planning study with FDOT and for the MPO to reach out to St. Lucie TPO to look at options. Commissioner Sarah Heard suggested that all interested parties attend the public

comment portion of the next Martin County Board of County Commissioners meeting and to email the Commissioners to have their voice heard. Ms. Beltran offered clarification that Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties have a 2040 Regional LRTP that does not show a widening need in the area. There was discussion regarding the justification for the light at Canoe Creek. Lisa Wichser offered that the speed bumps have been removed and the mast arms are in the manufacturing stage to be installed in January. Commissioner Doug Smith offered that he is in support of sending a letter to St. Lucie TPO. Ms. Beth Beltran offered that the MPO is currently working with both St. Lucie TPO and Indian River MPO on the regional transportation model update. Commissioner Sarah Heard noted that the Martin County Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the changes. She suggested for the public to contact the Commissioners by sending an email to comish@martin.fl.us or attend the next BOCC meeting to voice their concerns and speak during the public comment portion. Commissioner Stacey Hetherington noted that time is of the essence and a letter should be sent to communicate with FDOT and St. Lucie County. Commissioners Eula Clarke and Merritt Matheson agreed to send a letter to schedule a meeting and open regional discussions. Commissioner Smith stated that it is the duty of the BOCC to get involved and discuss options at the next Board meeting as the problem is here now. There are many issues to be explored including the capacity issue. There was discussion regarding the bridge design, if there is room for expansion, future construction, and outdated needs to be addressed. Chair Barile offered support for the BOCC and the MPO to send letters to FDOT.

A motion to send a letter to St. Lucie County TPO with a copy to FDOT to address the overall issues and components and to request that St. Lucie County TPO meet with us to discuss concerns was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Eula Clarke. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT

Ms. Beth Beltran offered that the Florida Department of Transportation would like to amend the Public Transportation Grant Agreement and add FY20 Section 5305(d) funds in the amount of \$77,333.

A motion was made to approve the Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement by Commissioner Eula Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Doug Smith. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY19/20-FY23/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Ms. Beth Beltran stated that the FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment was to roll forward the previous year's funds to be incorporated into the FY 19/20 TIP.

A motion was made to approve the FY19/20-FY23/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION #20-01 - US-1 AT JOAN JEFFERSON WAY PLANNING STUDY BUILD ALTERNATIVE

Ms. Beth Beltran offered the Resolution #20-01 - US-1 at Joan Jefferson Way Planning Study Build Alternative supporting the improvements as described within the FDOT US-1 at Joan Jefferson Way Planning Study for Build Alternative 1, EXCEPT for the improvement modifying the Sailfish Circle roundabout into a single lane roundabout with truck apron. There was discussion as to the incorporation of the resolution to be factored into the TSM&O master plan improvements. Ms. Allison Glunt, FDOT Arterial Operations Manager addressed the Board Members. She stated that TSM&O will be incorporated into all future PD&E studies. Commissioner Smith questioned Joan Jefferson Way and the staging lane on US1 and the right-of-way for the roundabout. He recommended putting a stop sign on A1A placed before the roundabout to add a few gaps in the traffic. There was discussion as to the traffic signals, yielding before the roundabout, timing traffic signals, and the amount of vehicle stacking. City of Stuart Commissioner Merritt Matheson offered that a study needs to be conducted to incorporate the entire city. Commissioner Smith noted that he does not anticipate this to alleviate the congestion.

A motion was made to approve the RESOLUTION #20-01 - US-1 at Joan Jefferson Way Planning Study Build Alternative 1 by Commissioner Eula Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Heard. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. RESOLUTION #20-02 - MAST ARM TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON SR-76/KANNER HIGHWAY AT SW SOUTH RIVER DRIVE AND US-1 AT CONSTITUTION BLVD.

Ms. Beth Beltran offered the Resolution #20-02 - Mast Arm Traffic Signals on SR-76/Kanner Highway at SW South River Drive and US-1 at Constitution Blvd. requesting Green Mast Arms. Commissioner Smith offered thanks for FDOT staff and Secretary.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution #20-02 - Mast Arm Traffic Signals on SR-76/Kanner Highway at SW South River Drive and US-1 at Constitution Blvd. by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS (TSM&O) MASTER PLAN

Ms. Allison Glunt, FDOT Arterial Operations Manager presented the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Master Plan and described TSM&O as a set of strategies that focus on operational improvements to maintain and restore the performance of the existing transportation system before extra capacity is needed. She offered the goals of the TSM&O Master Plan including to define the network for the best benefits, define performance indicators and targets, improve technologies, and improve performance. The master plan will identify locations and viable options. Ms. Glunt explained the categories (1) traffic (2) safety (3) transit and the list of State and Non-State projects and included the outreach process. She explained that TSM&O identifies “where” and not “what” (technology, cameras, etc.). The goal is for continued coordination. There was discussion regarding the map and who determines the needs. Board comments included the Roosevelt Bridge and SW Joan Jefferson connection and request TSM&O be incorporated in the PD&E study.

A motion to include Potential Projects specified in the TSM&O Master Plan in the letter to St. Lucie County TPO with a copy FDOT to address the overall issues and components was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Merritt Matheson. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Master Plan by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Eula Clarke. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

F. COMPLETE STREETS: ACCESS TO TRANSIT STUDY UPDATE

Kim Delaney of Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council presented the Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study. She presented a summary of the work to date, overview, and an evaluation to make streets comfortable for all and to improve transit access. She also presented a summary of different types of intervention for cyclist and pedestrians. There was discussion regarding striped lanes.

The study identified three tier levels of projects (1) first tier (15-14 points), (2) second tier (13-12 points) and (3) third tier (11 points). The Project Steering Committee selected 10 segments to be illustrated and presented at the Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study Open House at the Clark Advanced Learning Center-Knowledge Room on September 26, 2019, from 4:00pm-6:30pm.

Break 10:48 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

G. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE

Mr. Bolivar Gomez provided an update on the LRTP. Residents can see the updates on the project online at martininmotion.com or by using the QR code. Documents and additional information as well as an interactive map of the project and a video are also available online. There will be three open houses, October 2, 2019, Stuart City Hall, October 3, 2019, Elizabeth Lahti Library, and October 8, 2019, Port Salerno Civic Center, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. There was discussion regarding the map and locations. Commissioner Doug Smith questioned open house locations for North and South County. Bolivar provided information that Port Salerno Civic Center was being used for the open house for South County. Commissioner Smith discussed that there would not be input from South County and big population counties would be missed. He also mentioned scheduling and convenience to residents. Board members discussed the scheduling for the open house and suggested having the meetings later in the evening. Commissioner Eula Clark recommended that the Hoke Library in Jensen Beach and the Hobe Sound Library for open house notices. Board members suggested having the open house on the same night as a City Council meeting or add the open house to a CRA meeting agenda. There was further discussion on meeting dates.

9. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

Ms. Yanique Kelly received requests for more landscaping on Kanner Highway and FDOT is developing a work program with the intent to place landscaping from the interchange to Monterey Road. New projects will be designed around projects currently in place. Commissioner Doug Smith discussed that the Board is looking for a presentation from FDOT on what were the plans and what are the plans. There was discussion on plans for landscaping. Ms. Kelly will prepare a presentation on current and future plans for the projects.

10. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

11. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Council Member Anthony Dowling noted that the Village of Indiantown needs intersection safety improvements. Commissioner Doug Smith needed more information on the discussion. Mr. Dowling provided more information about intersection. Beth Beltran explained that the MPO would reach out to at the beginning of the calendar year.

12. NOTES -

13. NEXT MEETING – October 21, 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 11:30 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Doug Smith and seconded by Commissioner Eula Clarke. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by:



Chair

Prepared by:



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

Minutes approved on:

12/9/2019

Date

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