

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

Martin County Administration Building  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**February 3, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. by Chair Lisa Wichser.

2. **ROLL CALL –**

**Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair  
Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair  
Michelle Berger  
Stuart Trent  
Samantha Lovelady  
Tim Voelker  
Gissela Saucedo  
Mira Skroden

**Members Absent:**

Mark Cocco  
David Dyess  
Sam Carver  
Ken DeAngeles  
Todd Schimelfanick, MCSO

**Staff in Attendance:**

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner  
Florence Allen, Adm. Specialist III

**Others in Attendance:**

John Podczerwinsky, FDOT  
Allison Glunt, FDOT  
Joe Carpa  
George Dzama  
Brian Ribaric, FTE  
Jeff Weidner, Marlin  
Victoria Williams, FDOT FTE  
Rac Jung, FTE  
Eric Panfield, RS&H

**A quorum was present for this meeting at 1:55 p.m.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the Agenda as amended to add supplemental items was made by Michelle Berger and seconded by Tim Voelker. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the September 11, 2019 Minutes was made by Michelle Berger and seconded by Tim Voelker. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

**A motion was made to reappoint Lisa Wichser as the Technical Advisory Committee Chair by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Michelle Berger. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made to appoint Michelle Berger as the Vice Chair by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Bolivar Gomez presented the Safety Performance Targets and explained that . There are five Federal Safety Performance Measures: Number of Fatalities; Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); Number of Serious Injuries; Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT; Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has identified "Vision Zero" Targets (goal of no fatalities and injuries) for all five of the Safety Performance Measures. MPOs have until February 27, 2020 to adopt the FDOT "Vision Zero" Targets for all five Safety Performance Measures. If an MPO elects to adopt different targets, justification, methodology and data must be provided to support the recommended targets. All objectives have been met by the department.

**A motion to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Michelle Berger and seconded by Tim Voelker. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) ANNUAL REPORT**

Bolivar Gomez presented the Safety Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Annual Report. The objectives for the report were: to hold regular public meetings with Advisory Committees and gather information, to provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision making, engage the public early enough to get feedback and often enough so they are informed, use a variety of methods to involve and engage the public, and public input on projects for Martin County public transit. Michelle Berger commented that she participated in the Crystal Lake Elementary Bike to School and she thought it was great and she was surprised with the attendance.

**A motion to approve the Safety Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Annual Report was made by Tim Voelker and seconded by Kim DeLaney. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **D. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) APPLICATION**

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application. Martin County is applying for the grant for FY25/26. TRIP funds require a minimum 50% match. The total TRIP estimated is \$2,700,000 the funds will be used for SE Cove Road from SR-76 (S Kanner Highway) to SR-5 (US-1 / SE Federal Highway). This project will be widening the facility of Cove Road from 2 to 4 lanes with additional turning lanes, along with six-foot sidewalks and buffered bicycle lanes. The application will be presented to the BOCC meeting on February 25, 2020 to get approval to apply then through the Regional Treasure Coast Council process to have the application added into the regional priority list then sent to FDOT for approval of funds for the project. The deadline for submittal is February 28, 2020. The MPO is coordinating this effort and Martin County will be applying for the TRIP application. There was discussion on Cove Road applications and if it were being taking into consideration with the TRIP application also if the sidewalks would be rebuilt or if they would they remain in their existing location. Also, would wider sidewalks be considered. Lisa Wichser provided clarification that the PD&E Study is currently funded in the work program and this application would be for the next phase which is the design phase and possible construction, and they sidewalks would be rebuilt. Details will be brought out during the PD&E study.

**A motion to approve the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application was made by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Samantha LoveLady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Supplemental Item: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**

Bolivar Gomez presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment. An amendment to the FY19/20-FY23/24 TIP was requested by FDOT for operating funds

for the Community Transportation Coordinator which is Senior Resources who monitor the transportation disadvantaged program in the county. The requested funds are the additional local or state funds that are included in the DOT Work Program, but they would also like the MPO to reflect that in the TIP.

**A motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment was made by Michelle Berger and seconded by Tim Voelker. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN UPDATE – INFORMATIONAL**

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering presented the Freight and Goods Movement Plan update on the scope and schedule, statewide and local freight effort, and stakeholder input. The company will come before the committee two more times, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be to bring data and analysis, third meeting will be the draft report presentation. Mr. Weidner explained that the scope is to provide a stand-alone freight plan for entire community, reliability is very important. Scope task activities are literature & best practices, stakeholder coordination, data collection & mapping, freight context, and alternatives (improvements & recommendations). Currently doing an analysis and looking at land use and freight compatibility to provide recommendations and looking to educate the private and public sectors about freight. The state is creating a statewide freight plan of improvements and Monterey Road Railroad crossing, Highway 710, I-95 and the Florida Turnpike are on the list. Goals and Objectives are safety & security, efficient & reliable mobility, economic competitiveness, and quality places. Best practices are to integrate freight into livability into communities and designing roadways to accommodate freight. Stakeholder input included recommendations on roadway conditions & design, incident management, public outreach & education, autonomous vehicles, truck parking, and railroad crossings. Kim DeLaney mentioned the kickoff meeting that was held and how it was educational. There was discussion on truck parking locations and land use regulations.

#### **F. SR-9/I-95 MULTIMODAL MASTER PLAN – INFORMATIONAL**

Erac Panfield presented an update on the SR-9/I-95 Multimodal Master Plan. There have been some policy changes that affected the plan. The project was originally called the added capacity laboring designation of a general-purpose lane and now it is called a managed lane. The project is a Tri-County Master Plan that analyzes short and long-term needs, and flexibility of added capacity. Managed lane strategies are access control, vehicle eligibility, and pricing/tolling. The effect to the master plan with managed lanes is added capacity, future flexibility, and future technology and innovation. The need for the I-95 mainline is adding 16-feet to roadway width. Potential impact includes an impact to the right-of-way and potential environmental impacts. There will be no impact to the I-95 Interchange. Next steps in the process is to meet with the advisory boards to discuss

managed lanes and gather feedback, revise the conceptual design, then provide an update of the report to include managed lanes. There was discussion on placing a variance in sections, funding, diversion diamonds, and High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes, and future managed lanes and why policy makers did not want to make the express lanes manages lanes. PD&E study is scheduled for 2025, and a follow-up public workshop will be held in the spring. The expected completion timeframe for the master plan is in the summer. Lisa Wichser explained that elected officials they didn't feel that express lanes are used in areas where there are more interchanges and Martin County on has three.

### **G. FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE PROJECT UPDATE – PD&E STUDY INDIANTOWN RD/SR 706 TO OKEECHOBEE RD/SR 70 – INFORMATIONAL**

Brian Ribaric, PD&E Project Manager, Atkins presented the Florida's Turnpike PD&E study Indiantown RD/SR 706 to Okeechobee RD/SR 70 project update. The scope of the project is to widen Indiantown to Okeechobee Road it will cover 3 counties and add 1 service plaza. Some challenges faced in the project include the Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) within a right of way, I-95 FDOT Master plan, Loxahatchee river, and the Thomas B Manual Bridge. Proposed Improvements are to widen roads from 4 lanes to 8 lanes and push tolling to the west, modifying existing interchanges as well as develop new interchanges. The existing interchanges that will be modified are SR 714/SW Martin Hwy., Becker Rd., Port St. Lucie Blvd., and SR 70/Okeechobee Rd. The new or potential locations is the I-95 direct connection which will be done in another PD&E study, Crosstown Pkwy., and Midway Rd. Multiple concepts developed to analyze interchanges, feasibility criteria included driver expectancy, right of way needs, welding impacts, contamination, level of service, and safety and they are still using the 2045 traffic projections. Mr. Ribaric discussed expected modifications to each location listed. Open houses will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Indian River State College, Wolf Center 2400 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart, FL 34997 and on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, Port St., Lucie, FL 34952 the same information will be discussed at both meetings. There was discussion on Martin County Hwy. and improvements.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** - None

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**8. NOTES** - None

### **9. NEXT MEETING**

Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – April 6, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

### **10. ADJOURN**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

**Prepared by:**



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist, III

6/1/2020  
Date

**Approved by:**



Lisa Wichser, Chair

06-01-2020  
Date

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