

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING**

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June 3, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Amy Eason.

2. ROLL CALL –

Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair

Cindy Greenspan

Al Zilg

Saadia Tsafarides

Sheila Kurtz

Trent Steele

Members Excused:

Hilary Young

Members Absent:

John Patterson, Vice Chair

Ann Kagdis

Ralph Davino

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner

Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner

Florence Allen, Adm. Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Christine Fasiska, FDOT

Kim DeLaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Jeff Weidner, Marlin

Eric Penfield, RS&H

Vikas Jain, TY LIN

Karen Kiselewski, Cambridge Systematics Inc.

A quorum was present for this meeting at 9:15 a.m.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the amended Agenda to hear item 5C before item 5B was made by Trent Steele and seconded by Cindy Greenspan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 11, 2019 Minutes was made by Trent Steele and seconded by Cindy Greenspan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the February 3, 2020 Minutes Summary was made by Trent Steele and seconded by Cindy Greenspan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY20/21-FY24/25 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bolivar Gomez presented the Draft FY20/21-FY24/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP's purpose is a comprehensive list of transportation projects that are funded within the next five years which includes federal and state projects as well as locally funded projects. The program also includes Martin MPO's list of priority projects that were included into the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) work program. It's a mirror of the FDOT five-year work program. The TIP is broken down into different sections. For outreach the program was advertised in the TCPalm newspaper on May 1, 2020 and the document was available on the Martin County MPO website. The draft document went before the Technical Advisory Committee on June 1, 2020, then the document will go before the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee on June 8, 2020, and on June 15, 2020 a public hearing will be held to adopt the draft document at the Martin MPO Policy Board meeting. The document includes enhancements for roadways, non-motorized improvements, and transit improvements. It's consistent with the currently adopted 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. There was discussion on the improvements not being adopted and also on the southern end of Martin not being indicated on the map. Mr. Gomez explained that it depends on the funding component and how much funding is available. There are capital operating funds available for transit improvements for the fixed route system included in the draft document and the information for south Martin is included in the map. The southern border of the county is County Line Road.

A motion to approve the Draft FY20/21-FY24/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Al Zilg and seconded by Trent Steele. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. FY22-FY26 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES

Beth Beltran presented the FY22-FY26 List of Project Priorities. One list is the Federal Attributable Unfunded Project Priorities which is the Roadway list of projects. The second project priority list included the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) list that identified the new Riverpark Neighborhood project and funds allocated for the project. The third list included the list of Public Transit Priorities. Each list is the basis of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) next tentative work program that will come to the committees in the Fall for review. Recent changes to the list include State Road 710 at SW Tommy Clemmons Street intersection safety improvements as a number one priority due to MPO Policy Board support for this intersection. The Cove Road widening project from Kanner Highway to US1 was moved to the number two priority. The Green Mast Arm Improvements project at US1 & Ocean Boulevard was added to the list at number fourteen. There was discussion about the revenue coming from gas tax to fund projects and studies on increasing electric cars. Ms. Beltran clarified that projects are competing for funding so some of the revenue does come from gas tax, and electric cars are addressed in the MPO's long range plan.

A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 List of Project Priorities was made by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Cindy Greenspan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS – No action taken

Jeff Weidner of Marlin Engineering presented the Draft Recommendations for the Freight and Goods Movement Plan. Mr. Weidner discussed the scope of the plan which focused on stakeholder engagement, reliability of the freight industry freight and goods plan, and integrating goods movement needs into community design. Outreach efforts included government and related agencies as well as stakeholder input. Input from stakeholders included roadway conditions and design, truck parking, incident management, public outreach and education, railroad crossings, and waterways.

Steps included identifying the network in Martin County and identifying projects on the freight network. Mr. Weidner discussed existing truck volumes, importance of reliability, and unpredictable issues such as crashes, incidents and congestion. Meetings included three Martin MPO Freight Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Meetings that included recommendations on roadway conditions and design; incident management; public outreach and education; autonomous vehicles; truck parking; and railroad crossings. There was also a meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on February 5, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the April Joint Advisory Committee meeting and the Board meeting were cancelled; however, it was noted the recommended plan and projects will be brought before the Advisory Committees and Board in September for adoption.

Mr. Weidner talked about the high percentage of trucks on the rural highways. More truck are in the urban areas, but the roadways have a lower percentage. A higher truck volume results from making deliveries and moving through the community. He also discussed the land use in Martin County, the concern for connectivity between roadways, roadway classification, freight supportive corridors, commercial vehicle crashes and bicycle/pedestrian safety as being a big concern. Policy recommendations for the SAC are to build upon the projects and issues identified in this plan, provide updates on project progress, unify support for economic development, support work force training in the community, educate the public, share best practices, and inform ourselves on the latest technologies. There was discussion on joint meetings between the government and stakeholders. On Slide 15 Highways 714, 710, and 609 are not shown as corridors but there are several accidents on Highway 714 and it was asked does the trucking community know that they are not to take these corridors. Mr. Weidner informed the committee that meetings have been held with the public and private sectors and that trucks will be on Highway 714 even though it is a scenic highway.

Discussions pursued including Slide 17 showing corridors C1 and C2. The Troup-Indiantown Water Control District was never notified of project plans. Jeff Weidner explained the information came from environmental studies that were done on State Road 7. A PD&E study was done that included State Road 710 from Martin FPL to Almeida Road and the information is included in the 2045 unfunded multimodal facilities segment of the SIS and it is 15 years old.

Al Zilg left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

No quorum was present at this time.

D. DRAFT 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) COST FEASIBLE PLAN (CFP) – No action taken

Vikas Jain, TY Lin Project Manager presented the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP). Mr. Jain discussed the current status of the project, 2045 Needs Plan & Project Costs, 2045 revenue forecast, highway/roadway project prioritization, 2045 cost feasible plan, and the project schedule and next steps. After presenting to the MPO Advisory Committees there is an open house on June 9, 2020 then the draft will go before the MPO Policy Board on June 15, 2020. The 2045 Needs Plan Needs assessment was broken down into three major items including: the technical analysis, which was data driven; relevant plans/studies; and agency and stakeholder coordination. The assessment helped identify multimodal needs projects: existing and expanded transit service and Capital Improvements, 12 Roadway projects, 15 SIS projects and several overlapping Freight Projects, 25 TSM&O/ITS segments, three Park-and Ride facilities, water taxi service, 19 Complete Streets projects, and 33 miles of sidewalks, 200 plus miles of bicycle corridors and 685 miles of greenways and trails. Total

Cost of 2045 Needs Plan (all modes) over 20 years (2026-2045) is approximately \$1.762 billion in year of expenditure dollars, or approximately \$1.037 billion present day cost. The 2045 revenue forecast over 20 years (2026-2045) is approximately \$1.135 billion. The \$1.135 billion is available and the project needs plan cost is \$1.762 billion. Local funds are a mix of fuel taxes, transportation impact fees, some revenues coming in from the general fund for transit operations, and fair box revenue.

Mr. Jain also discussed funded and unfunded transit needs along with the currently funded roadway projects, Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funded and unfunded projects and other projects. The pedestrian bridge in downtown Stuart will be moved from the unfunded needs list to the cost feasible plan because 50% has private sector funding. Most of the freight projects overlap with SIS projects included in the 2045 SIS Cost Feasible Plan and Multimodal Unfunded Needs Plan. The SIS projects on I-95, SR-710, and SR-714/Monterey Road are part of Martin MPO's 2045 Cost Feasible Plan. Mr. Vikas Jain also discussed the unfunded freight needs as well as the Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSM&O) 29 roadway segments along 20 corridors, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Infrastructure, Martin County and the I-95 Master Plan six projects.

The Complete Streets and Non-Motorized consist of complete streets, pedestrian facilities, bicycle corridors, and multipurpose trails and greenways. In addition to the \$99 million in funds the projects can also compete for SUNTrail funds and other TAP funds. Water based transportation needs are currently unfunded. Aviation projects from 2036-2045 don't have revenue and they will be funded through FDOT up to 80% of the project cost. The final plan will incorporate comments from the public and advisory committees.

There was discussion about 1) the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) being coordinated with the Freight and Goods Movement Plan and the Complete Streets project and 2) Slide 5-the difference between the needs project vs. the feasibility. Mr. Vikas Jain explained that two projects were included in the Needs Plan because they were funded and under construction, so they were completed and that's why the costs for the Needs Plan are different from the costs in the Cost Feasible Plan. The \$99 million is the total funds available for the Complete Streets projects and all non-motorized projects. Total needed to complete all projects is \$400 million and there is only \$100 million available. Projects are not prioritized because there are other funds that may be available.

Public Comment: Mr. Chuck Barrowclough provided information on a coalition of non-profit organizations that are working on the Loxahatchee Greenway initiative to acquire the land between Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the Atlantic Bridge Preserve. The foundation just countered on a piece of property on Bridge Road that runs on the northside from Flora to west of Powerline Road. The reason for the project is to provide, recreate and restore the flow way. He noted he provided an informational packet to Jim Gorton

regarding the need for wildlife crossing improvements. He provided electronic copies of a letter of support from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center.

E. FINAL DRAFT COMPLETE STREETS: ACCESS TO TRANSIT STUDY – No action taken

Kim DeLaney presented the Final Draft Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study. Ms. DeLaney explained what Complete Streets are to the committee and the purpose. Complete Streets make transit safer, more convenient, comfortable, predictable, and enjoyable. Categories of possible intervention included transit zone, pedestrian zone, bikeway zone, traffic calming and furnishing zone. There were eight-point selection criteria developed through the study: transit node, transit need, live, work, play, learn, safety, and economic hub. Transit both existing and proposed transit routes and stops were the cornerstone of components for the analysis. By virtue of those components of both existing and proposed transit stops there are a total of 164 segments in the county that were identified for analysis in the study. Ms. DeLaney discussed the list of all candidate segments that were scored and prioritized. Tier one scored 14-15 points, tier two score 12-13 points, and the third tier scored 11 points making a total of 41 priority projects identified from the analysis.

The Project Steering Committee selected 10 segments to be illustrated and presented at the Complete Streets: Access to Transit study but Ms. DeLaney only discussed four to provide information on the existing conditions and the complete streets improvements. There was a lot of feedback provided at the open houses held about safety. Lastly, Ms. DeLaney presented recommended actions of implementing improvements into the LRTP and caring for the projects over time. There was discussion on changes due to the COVID-19 impact and pedestrian needs regarding sidewalks and bike lanes. Ms. Delaney commended the MPO Leadership towards access and transit needs during the pandemic. She explained that from a Planning Council standpoint they are seeing a higher rate of use for pedestrians and cyclists. She also suggested that FDOT begin to emphasize 8ft minimum multiuse paths instead of 6ft sidewalks. There has also been conversation on seating to ensure social distancing on transit and modification to speeding areas. Discussions continued and included prioritization, maintenance and consideration for trees for cyclists. Kim DeLaney explained that height and trunk width guidelines and requirements are in place.

F. SR-9/I-95 MULTIMODAL MASTER PLAN – No action taken

Christine Fasiska presented an update on the SR-9/I-95 Multimodal Master Plan. She presented the project overview which includes the project limits and study area, the objectives of the Master Plan and the Multimodal Master Plan process which identified

needs for short and long-term improvements. Ms. Fasiska introduced Eric Penfield to explain the process and study details. The focus was on four interchanges in Martin County and the I-95 corridor. He also explained I-95 Mainline needs and potential impacts that included the need for added capacity from Palm Beach to County Line State Road 70, potential right-of-way impact, and potential environmental impacts. Mr. Penfield discussed the short-term projects, including I-95 from the Martin/Palm Beach Line to Bridge Road, from Bridge Road to High Meadow, and from High Meadow to the Martin/St. Lucie Line. He also discussed long-term projects, including interchanges at State Road 76/Kanner Highway, State Road 714/Martin Highway, Bridge Road and High Meadow Avenue. Next steps for the project are to endorse the I-95 Treasure Coast Master Plan's Recommendations and incorporate FDOT's List of SIS projects into the 2045 LRTP. Once all of the meetings are conducted, including St. Lucie and Indian River, the final plan report will be submitted to FDOT by August 2020. The plan will be available on the project website: www.fdot.gov/projects/sefl/future/95/treasurecoast. There was discussion on when the project began. Mr. Penfield informed the committee that the study began the Fall of 2018.

G. FDOT FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN (FTP) UPDATE - Informational

Christine Fasiska provided the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) update. Karen Kiselewski explained the purpose of the FTP, why it matters, the vision element, policy element, and implementation element. The plan is to provide safety and security in transportation for residents, visitors, and businesses. Cross cutting topics are technology, resilience, state/interregional, and regional/local. Karen presented an interactive module to gather feedback from the committee.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Amy Eason read committee member Al Zilg's comments: 1) widen bike path to 3ft on US 1; 2) traffic light between Dixie and County Line Road railroad crossing; and 3) Martin County southern border should be indicated in the map.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. NOTES - None

9. NEXT MEETING

CAC Meeting – September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Prepared by:

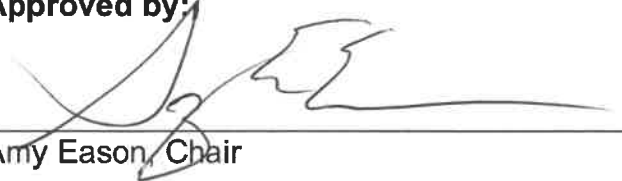


Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist, III

9/9/2020

Date

Approved by:



Amy Eason, Chair

9/9/2020

Date

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