

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT CITIZEN'S/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair

Michelle Berger, Vice Chair

Kim Delaney

Mark Cocco

David Dyess

Clyde Dulin

Tim Voelker

Claudette Mahan

TAC Members Excused:

Stuart Trent

Sam Carver

TAC Members Not In Attendance:

Mira Skoroden

Ken DeAngeles

Todd Schimelfanick

CAC Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair

John Patteson, Vice Chair

Cindy Greenspan

Hilary Young

Al Zilg

Saadia Tsafarides

Trent Steele

Ann Kagdis

CAC Members Excused:

Ralph Davino

CAC Members Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Joy Puerta, Planner

Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner

Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Vikas Jain, T.Y. Lin International

Larry Wallace, FDOT

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering

Christine Fasiska, FDOT

Joe Capra

Kev Freeman, City of Stuart

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Ms. Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 1, 2020 TAC Minutes was made by Ms. Michelle Berger and seconded by Ms. Claudette Mahan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the June 3, 2020 CAC Minutes was made by Ms. Saadia Tsافتarides and seconded by Ms. Amy Eason. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. FINAL DRAFT 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION (LRTP)

Ms. Beth Beltran provided some background on the 2045 LRTP project and introduced Mr. Vikas Jain with T.Y. Lin International. Mr. Vikas Jain presented the Final Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Jain discussed the current project status, adjustments made to the 2045 Cost Feasible Plan, Scenario Planning, Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update, and the project schedule and next steps. He stated that the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was approved in June 2019, and three public open

houses (visioning sessions) were held in October 2019. The Draft 2045 Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) virtual public open houses were held on June 9, 2020. The technical analysis conducted included scenario planning, CMP update which included the prioritization of congested corridors, and an equity analysis of the 2045 CFP projects. Mr. Jain continued his presentation, discussing the revenue forecast adjustment; the TMA funding split; and enhanced transit and emerging technologies scenario planning.

There was discussion on slide 19 regarding funding options and what options are available. Lisa Wichser clarified that the funding options considered would be the decision of the local municipality and not the MPO. There was also discussion on the Cost Feasibility Analysis and whether it is included in the enhanced transit scenario and emerging technologies scenario or is the amount of the cost prior to the scenarios. Ms. Wichser explained that the Cost Feasibility Analysis did not include the scenarios because it was done before the scenarios were developed. Vikas explained that the two scenarios go beyond the Cost Feasible Plan.

Christine Fasiska, FDOT District 4 provided information for the SR 710 projects. SR 710 is a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) project and it is identified as a priority on the MPO List of Project Priorities (LOPP). FDOT is going to face some funding challenges, as revenue is significantly decreasing. FDOT recommended that the projects identified in the LRTP could potentially have the description changed. Right now, they are identified as road widening from 2 to 4 lanes and it is recommended that the description be changed to roadway improvements. This will allow flexibility to be able to address the concerns and the needs along that roadway, which may or may not be widened from 2 to 4 lanes. FDOT understands that there are some safety concerns on that corridor and this recommended change would allow FDOT to repackage those projects and try to get them delivered as quickly as possible since they are high priority projects. As priority projects are moved up or down, they potentially come at the expense of other projects. FDOT understands that SR 710 is a number 1 and 3 priority and will do their best to try and address those needs. There was discussion regarding if FDOT was asking for both segments from the Okeechobee County line to the FPL Power Plant and from the FPL Power Plant to County Road 609 to be changed from widening to other improvements. There was a question asked if the change could be capacity and safety improvements and wouldn't that be flushed out through the PD&E process? Ms. Fasiska explained that there was a previous PD&E performed and this allows FDOT to do some concept development and provide opportunities and determine during design what would be best. Another full PD&E would not be needed, and it could be a re-evaluation and be quickly designed to address some of the issues.

Ms. Beltran explained that the LRTP needs to reflect the SIS Plan and this is a long-term plan, so it makes sense to have capacity projects part of the LRTP. The MPO appreciates FDOT's help with shorter term, lower cost improvements to improve the safety along that corridor. She wanted to know if FDOT could provide the MPO with text to reflect those recommendations to include in the LRTP. Ms. Fasiska agreed that FDOT would provide documentation of the recommendations. Ms. Beltran explained that if an amendment is

needed, the description can be changed in the LRTP. If FDOT provides text it can be presented to the MPO Policy Board on September 21, 2020.

A motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation (LRTP) to the MPO Policy Board on September 21, 2020 was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Ms. Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY20/21-FY24-25 TIP AMENDMENT AND UPDATE

Ms. Beth Beltran presented the FY20/21-FY24/25 TIP Amendment and Update. This is a two-part item. The item requiring action is Amendment #1, the Roll Forward Amendment, which allows funds leftover from the last TIP to be rolled forward to the current years TIP. The second part to this item is an informational item regarding the SR 710 project from the County Road 609 to the Power Plant. That project was included in the fifth year of the TIP when it was adopted, however, the State delayed several SIS projects statewide and it is no longer in the TIP.

A motion to approve the FY20/21-FY24/25 TIP Amendment and Update was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Mr. Clyde Dulin. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. TRANSIT OPERATOR'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) AND SAFETY TARGETS

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Transit Operator's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Targets. He stated that the Federal Transit Administration released a final ruling on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan on July 19, 2019. The final rule requires that every transit agency that receives Section 5307 funds to adopt a PTASP and to certify this plan every year thereafter. The PTASP sets targets based on performance measures established by FTA. PTASPs commit transit agencies to designate a Chief Safety Officer and to develop and implement a safety program. On June 2, 2020, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners approved the Martin County Public Transit PTASP. MPOs are required to establish transit safety performance targets no later than 180 days after the date on which the State or public transportation provider establishes the performance targets.

A motion to recommend that the MPO Policy Board adopt the Transit Operator's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Targets was made by Mr. Clyde Dulin and seconded by Ms. Saadia Tsaftarides. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) MAJOR UPDATE SCOPE OF SERVICES

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Major Update Scope of Services. The MPO Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is a guiding document to help ensure

public input is considered during the transportation planning process. The MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies a PIP Major Update in Task 2. The intent of this plan is to provide consultant services to prepare the update to the PIP that includes, but not limited to: comply with all the requirements and guidelines of the State and Federal regulations. This plan looks to identify populations that the MPO should reach out to, the way outreach is done, the methods of outreach. It also establishes performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the public involvement activities and establish methods to be used for reporting the results of the Public Involvement Plan. The consultant chosen to complete this project is Tindale Oliver & Associates. There was discussion on the timeframe for the completion of the major update. Mr. Vazquez gave a completion timeframe of approximately six months.

A motion to approve the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Major Update Scope of Services was made by Ms. Ann Kagdis and seconded by Ms. Saadia Tsafarides. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. FINAL FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN

Mr. 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's 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 and mapping, incident management, public outreach and education, railroad crossings, and waterways. Mr. Weidner continued, discussing topics including existing truck volumes, importance of reliability, and unpredictable issues such as crashes, incidents and congestion. Policy recommendations are to establish a Martin MPO Freight Advisory Committee, 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, share best practices, inform ourselves on the latest technologies and educate the public.

There was discussion on whether the study was going before the BOCC. Ms. Beth Beltran clarified that it would be going before the MPO Policy Board on September 21, 2020. There was also a question regarding if the MPO Policy Board decided to establish a Martin MPO Freight Advisory Committee, if there would be a modification to the bylaws. Ms. Beltran confirmed that there would be. Mr. Weidner wanted to know if SR 710 from Power Plant Road to Allapattah Road should be moved from the short range into the mid-range considering the conversation with FDOT regarding SR 710. Ms. Wichser explained that it would be consistent with the TIP Amendment and the LRTP.

A motion to approve the Final Freight and Goods Movement Plan and recommend to the MPO Policy Board for approval was made by Ms. Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Mr. Clyde Dulin. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Al Zilg's comments received via telephone message: There has not been an update on the double tracking of the rail FEC. Information should be updated because there is a law that a certain speed must be maintained. No mention of any roads in South Martin County. Eventually the County is going to electric transportation and he would like a broader explanation to understand what will be taking place. Mr. Zilg wanted to know what the capacity of the buses are that take people from Martin County to Palm Beach County.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

8. NOTES

9. NEXT MEETINGS

Joint CAC/TAC Meeting – October 5, 2020 at 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 10:30 AM.

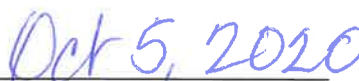
Prepared by:


Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III


Date

Approved by:


Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair


Date

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