

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

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**June 8, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chair Joan Moore.

**2. ROLL CALL –**

**Members in Attendance:**

Joan Moore, Chair

Ken Natoli, Vice Chair

Julie Preast

Evelyn Dodd

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Hal Forslund

**Members Absent Excused:**

John Trahan

Don Fabricy

Jan Icyda

Kevin Docherty

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Arvin

Carlos Morales

Sgt. George Yacobellis

Sgt. Brian Bossio

Chris Ross Wade

Larry Wallace

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran

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

Vikas Jain, TY LIN

Jess Josselyn, Kittelson

**A quorum was present for this meeting at 2:06 p.m.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Ken Natoli. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the February 10, 2020 Minutes was made by Evelyn Dodd and seconded by Ken Natoli. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **A. FINAL FY20/21-FY24/25 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Bolivar Gomez presented the Final 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 will go for adoption at the Martin MPO Policy Board meeting public hearing. 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 lengthy discussion on the project priorities list, short-term and long-term plans for the TIP, and the below bulleted items.

- Maintaining the level of service on High Meadow Avenue for speed limits.
- Willoughby extension funding \$5 million for 5-years is too much money for that project and it is taking a long time to complete.
- \$995,000 for landscaping of the High Meadow I-95 interchange is too much money for the project.
- \$270,000 for feasibility study for Monterey Road & Dixie Highway bicyclist/pedestrian improvements. Dixie Highway south of Monterey Road the bike lane stops short of the intersection and Monterey Road, heading west the bike lane stops short and both have been that way for years. The two bikes lanes that just need to be extended to the intersection if that can be moved ahead, and the study postponed until the railroad grade project is complete.

Ms. Beltran explained that FDOT is doing the work for the Willoughby Boulevard project and it requires an environmental impact statement. The High Meadow I-95 project is brought up at the Board meeting annually and the answer provided by FDOT is this is a

project out of Tallahassee. Monterey Road & Dixie Highway were improved up to the intersection but the State never improved the bicycle/pedestrian facilities through the intersection. The long-term solution to that area was to have a grade separation and the short-term was that FDOT could do a push button project so that bicycle/pedestrian facilities could be added to the intersection to make it safer. The result of having it on the priority list is that FDOT came back with a feasibility study.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY20/21-FY24/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the list of bulleted concerns was made by Evelyn Dodd and seconded by Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. FY22-FY26 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES**

Bolivar Gomez presented the FY22-FY26 List of Project Priorities. One list is the Federal Attributable Unfunded Project Priorities which is the Roadway list of projects. Recent changes to the list include State Road 710 at SW Tommy Clements 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. 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 submitted by Claudette Mahan. There was discussion on bicycle lanes and facilities, the northbound lane near the east, east of the railroad tracks at Dixie Highway moving up on the list as a high priority, and Kanner Highway towards I-95 in front of Monterey severe flooding. There was lengthy discussion on table 2 regarding the sidewalk extension on Green River Parkway. Bolivar explained that the extension will be on the east side of the road. The committee expressed its disappointment with where the pedestrian/bicycle improvements were on the priority list now opposed to the previous year, adding a right turn lane from Downtown US1 to Kanner Hwy., and the time allotted for pedestrians with disabilities to cross the highway. Mr. Gomez informed members that the projects may shift but the purpose to include on the list until the project is funded for construction.

**A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 List of Project Priorities with the comment of moving the pedestrian projects up higher on the list was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Evelyn Dodd. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. DRAFT 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) COST FEASIBLE PLAN (CFP)**

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 year of expenditure 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. There was discussion on Monterey Road to US1 and High Meadow to I-95 not having numbers on existing and future lanes. Beth Beltran explained that this is a PD&E Study.

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 projects consist of complete streets, pedestrian facilities, bicycle corridors, and multipurpose trails and greenways. Water based transportation needed 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. Cost Feasible Plan adoption is planned in September 2020. The final plan will incorporate comments from the public and advisory committees. Discussion included High Meadow being moved to a lower priority, Complete Streets, feasibility for waterways, and the

Atlantic Ridge Trail. A question was asked if further consideration had taken place with regards to rising water and a study of the roads in Martin County that are low lying, as well as stormwater in combination with rising water. A suggestion was made to look at resiliency annually to compare and seek resolutions for upcoming stormwater and rising water issues. Ms. Beltran explained that there are two resiliency projects on the list (1) North Sewall's Point Road, (2) MacArthur Boulevard.

**A motion to approve the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) with the consideration of comments was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Evelyn Dodd. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **D. FINAL DRAFT COMPLETE STREETS: ACCESS TO TRANSIT STUDY**

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 in 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 the speed limit for the sharrow, sidewalk safety, right-of-way space, cutting back trees so the limbs do not hang over the sidewalk, raised bike lanes to match crosswalks and the timeline for the projects.

**A motion to approve the Final Draft Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study and include comments was made by Evelyn Dodd and seconded by Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. FDOT FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN (FTP) UPDATE**

Jess Josselyn provided the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) update. Ms.

Josselyn 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. Ms. Josselyn presented an interactive module to gather feedback from the committee. There was discussion on addressing bicyclist/pedestrian striping to make them more visible. Julie Preast thanked FDOT for completing Jensen Beach Boulevard.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS - None**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**8. NOTES - None**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

BPAC Meeting – September 14, 2020

**10. ADJOURN**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.


**Prepared by:**

  
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Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist, III

  
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Date

**Approved by:**

  
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Joan Moore, Chair

  
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Date

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