

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

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September 14, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Joy Puerta.

2. ROLL CALL –

Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore, Chair

Ken Natoli, Vice Chair

Julie Preast

Evelyn Dodd

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

Carlos Morales

Members Absent Excused:

John Trahan

Jan Icyda

Kevin Docherty

Members Absent:

Dawn Arvin

Don Fabricy

Hal Forslund

Sgt. George Yacobellis

Sgt. Brian Bossio

Chris Ross Wade

Larry Wallace

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran

Joy Puerta, Planner

Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner

Florence Allen, Adm. Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Vikas Jain, T.Y. Lin International

A quorum was present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 8, 2020 Minutes was made by Evelyn Dodd and seconded by Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

Beth Beltran introduced Mr. Vikas Jain with T.Y. Lin International, and provided some background on the project. Mr. Vikas Jain presented the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan (CFP). Mr. Jain stated that three visioning session public open houses 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, Congestion Management Process (CMP) update which included the prioritization of congested corridors, and an equity analysis of the 2045 CFP projects. Mr. Jain also discussed scenario planning which consisted of enhanced transit and emerging technologies.

Julie Preast thanked T.Y. Lin for the report and how they presented the material was a more in-depth analysis and more comprehensive and forward thinking. The modeling helps with the decision-making options available to leadership. She was pleased to see that there were 17 Complete Streets, 33 miles of sidewalks, 200 miles of bicycle corridors, and 685 miles of greenways. She was pleased to see feasibility studies on waterborne transportation which affects her community of Rio directly. Ms. Preast believes the emerging technology scenarios and enhanced transit scenarios and expanded service are very important for the future. However, there is a need to improve the transportation revenue and funding; she was pleased that options provided offered direction for those decisions.

Additional comments followed on the evaluation on the progress, where and how, and what is going on with safety projects. Ken Natoli continued by stating there is nothing to show how well the projects are doing with safety. There needs to be more performance metrics. Vikas explained that there is a Federal requirement through the system performance report that requires all MPO's and jurisdictions starting this LRTP cycle moving forward to input a report to track project status. There was also discussion on the safety of bicyclists.

A motion to approve the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was made by Joan Moore and seconded by Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY20/21-FY24/25 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT AND UPDATE

Ms. Joy Puerta presented the FY20/21-FY24-25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment and Update. The FY20/21-FY24/25 TIP was adopted by the MPO Policy Board on June 15, 2020 and becomes effective on October 1, 2020 to coincide with the Federal fiscal year. Each year, FDOT asks that those funds approved be rolled forward in order to be expended in the upcoming year. The update is that the SR 710 widening project construction phase has been delayed due to FDOT's reduction in revenue and delay in the SIS projects.

A motion to approve the FY20/21-FY24/25 TIP Amendment and Update was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Evelyn Dodd. 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 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 funds for Section 5307 to adopt a PTASP and to certify this plan every year thereafter. The PTASP sets targets based on performance measures established by FTA in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. 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.

There was discussion on the safety target for zero fatalities. Mr. Vazquez explained that the safety target numbers are set by Martin County Public Transit that there will be zero fatalities on their fixed bus route, commuter bus route, or their ADA paratransit route and that comes from the vision zero policy that the State passes down that they do not believe any loss of life is good, when it comes to safety performance targets.

A motion to approve the Transit Operator's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Targets was made by Ken Natoli and seconded by Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) MAJOR UPDATE

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 current PIP was adopted on December 21, 2009 by the MPO Board and subsequently amended in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2017. The current 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 to comply with all the requirements and guidelines of the State and Federal regulations as it pertains to public involvement. This plan looks to identify populations that the MPO should reach out to, the way outreach is done, and 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 conduct this project is Tindale Oliver & Associates, one of the MPO's General Planning Consultants (GPCs). The plan will go before advisory committees twice before adoption.

Julie Preast mentioned that there has been significant improvement in public outreach and creative ideas as to how to get the public involved in part of decision making with several boxes that are put out to gather feedback on items that are important to your community. She understands that a new study is upcoming to update the PIP but there have been great strides made in recent years with public outreach where she participated.

A motion to approve the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Major Update was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Evelyn Dodd. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

~~E. FINAL FREIGHT AND GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN~~

A motion to delay the Final Freight and Good Movement Plan to the October 12, 2020 BPAC meeting was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Evelyn Dodd. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS –

Ken Natoli highlighted the simple need to fill in the missing bike lanes on Monterey Road, and not spend \$270,000 on a study. Also, to reiterate that the \$5 million cost seems way out of line for a study for the Willoughby extension, which is less than a mile. Julie Preast complimented FDOT for work done on Jensen Beach Blvd. The road is complete, and everyone is driving safe and it is very effective. She also thanked the City of Stuart for placing a missing link in a gap in the sidewalk on Dixie Highway north of Auto Clinic. It fills the sidewalk and connection that has been missing for years.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. NOTES

Joy Puerta informed the committee about the AAA offers attached in the agenda packet.

9. NEXT MEETING

BPAC Meeting – October 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Prepared by:

Florence Allen
Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist, III

1/11/2021
Date

Approved by:

Joan Moore
Joan Moore, Chair

1/11/21
Date

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