

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

Martin County Administrative Building, Capital Project Workshop Room
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Monday June 12, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started unofficially at 2:05 PM without a quorum and was called to order at 2:30 PM by Pinal Gandhi-Savdas.

2. ROLL CALL

BPAC Members in Attendance:

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Chair

Jody Leclair

Michael MacLeod

Arlette Cataldo (arrived 2:21 PM)

Members Absent Excused:

Julie Preast, Vice Chair

Bonnie Moser

Don Fabricy

Michael Bocchino

Hal Forslund

Bradford Davey

Members Absent:

Dawn Arvin

Timothy Rossknecht

Staff in Attendance:

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner

Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering

Edward Ng, Corradino Group

Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson & Associates
A quorum was present at 2:21 PM.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to reassign the agenda items, beginning with 6B since the presentation started without a quorum and next will be item 6A and continue from there was made by Arlette Cataldo and seconded by Michael MacLeod, the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- BPAC Meeting – May 8, 2023

A motion to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2023, was made by Jody Leclair and seconded by Arlette Cataldo, the motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FINAL DRAFT FY24-FY28 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Joy Puerta introduced Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, who gave a brief overview on the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned that the document is updated annually and is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four (D4) Tentative Work Program that was approved by the MPO Board on December 12, 2022. The Final Darft FY24 – FY28 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board at the June 19, 2023 meeting. He requested approval and was available to answer questions.

A motion to approve the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Jody Leclair and seconded by Michael MacLeod, the motion passed unanimously.

B. TRANSIT EFFICIENCY STUDY ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Joy Puerta introduced Jessica Josselyn from Kittelson & Associates, who gave a presentation on the Transit Efficiency Study. Ms. Josselyn stated that the purpose of this study is to describe the existing MARTY system and review the adopted Transit Development Plan (TDP), socioeconomic trends and travel patterns. She went on to say that the study shall identify fixed-route needs and community transit opportunities that will address transit system inefficiencies.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas inquired what was the need for expanding and what did they hear from the residents of Rio, Jensen Beach, or Palm City area why they would need the services. Jessica Josselyn stated that they just want access to different options for people that don't have a car or don't want to use their car. Jeff Weidner from Marlin Engineering added that people want connections to the beach, hotels, and museums.

Arlette Cataldo asked what the occupancy ratio for these buses would be if it runs every 20 minutes or a certain schedule because it's a lot of fuel to burn if the busses are empty. Jessica Josselyn mentioned they did not, in this analysis, get to the performance metric of people per bus, per stop, and per route but that is something they can see if it is readily available from T-BEST. She added that it has been brought up, the balance of providing access to maybe fewer people and not having a full bus versus having a full bus when deciding, but we will explore it further. Jeff Weidner added that T-BEST has a peak load factor that tests the period that you have the most amount of people on the bus.

After a lengthy discussion, the four members voted unanimously for the Transit Efficiency Study "Hybrid" Model.

C. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) SCOPE OF SERVICES

Joy Puerta introduced Jeff Weidner, from Marlin Engineering, who gave an overview of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Scope of Services. Mr. Weidner explained that in Florida the TDP is required by the State for recipients of Public Transit Block Grant program funding and is regulated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A TDP serves as the basis for defining public transit needs, which is a prerequisite to receive State Block Grant funds. He went on to say that beyond regulatory and administrative requirements, the TDP is intended to serve as 10-year strategic plan for MARTY.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas inquired if we have the funding for implementation or is that something we would have to put into the long-term planning. Mr. Weidner stated that would have to be put into the long-term planning. She also requested as the TDP moves forward, coordinate with the City of Stuart with their Tram Service to see if additional stops could be added to the downtown area.

A motion to approve the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Scope of Services was made by Arlette Cataldo and Michael MacLeod, the motion passed unanimously.

D. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

Joy Puerta introduced Ricardo Vazquez, who gave a brief overview of the Development Review Interactive Map Update. The Martin MPO Policy Board requested that MPO staff work with local government staff and review approved and proposed land developments. A map was developed showing County and municipal land development projects. This information will assist the MPO Board in making decisions related to transportation project priorities. He was available to answer questions.

This item was for information purposes only.

E. FINAL DRAFT FY25-FY29 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)

Ricardo Vazquez gave a brief overview of the Final Draft FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP). At the MPO Policy Board on February 27, 2023, the Board approved the Draft FY25 – FY29 LOPP. Scoping Forms for the newly added CR-609/Allapattah Road (Priority #14) and SW Citrus Boulevard (Priority #15) projects were submitted to FDOT. Priority #9 (NW Alice Street) was edited to include the realignment of Alice Street with Wright Boulevard. The Board also made the widening of SR-710 its #1 Priority. The final LOPP will be presented at the MPO Board meeting on June 19, 2023, before adoption. He requested approval and was available to answer questions.

Michael MacLeod asked why the “Bascule Bridge” went from Priority #17 to Priority #5 on the FY25 proposed ranking. Mr. Vazquez stated it is because of the movement of SR-710 to project #1 and it shifted the projects a little bit. Some projects were funded for construction so therefore they came off the list.

Alette Cataldo asked what the mitigation on Sewall’s Point Road means. Mr. Vazquez mentioned that Sewall’s Point Road was added on the list because at the time there were a lot of resiliency programs and grants in the State of Florida. Sewall’s Point Road gets flooded during heavy rains or hurricanes and the Board wanted to add it to the list if there was some type of funding that we can apply for that would address sea level rise or flooding in that area.

A motion to approve the Final Draft FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Michael MacLeod and seconded by Alette Cataldo, the motion passed unanimously.

F. NEW MPO WEBSITE

Ricardo Vazquez introduced Edward Ng, from The Corradino Group, who gave a presentation on the New MPO Website. The new Martin MPO website includes improved features such as meeting calendar, document/minutes/agenda archive, emphasis areas, announcements, comment intake, and improved search functions. Also, the MPO is celebrating its 30th year and the website will be live at the end of June.

7. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8. NOTES

9. NEXT MEETING

BPAC Meeting – September 11, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 3:01 P.M.

Prepared by:



Alor Cadorna Administrative Assistant

9-11-2023
Date

Approved by:



Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, BPAC Chair

9-11-2023
Date

Minutes Approved on June 12, 2023

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