

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 1:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Samantha Lovelady.

**ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Thomas Lanahan  
Robert Daniels  
Stuart Trent  
Taryn Kryzda  
Peter Kunen  
Samantha Lovelady  
Milton Leggett  
Ashman Beecher

**TAC Members Excused:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair  
Andrew McBean

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Mark Cocco  
Ken DeAngeles

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner  
Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Ronald Kareiva, FDOT  
Tony Norat, FDOT  
James Brown, FDOT-FTE  
Kara Schwartz-Dimaina, FDOT-D4  
Luke Lambert, Martin County

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering  
Jeannelia Liu, Caltran Group  
Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson & Associates  
Edward Ng, Corradino Group

**A quorum was present.**

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- TAC Meeting – May 1, 2023

**A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023 was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**6. AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Beth Beltran gave a brief overview on the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She mentioned the TIP is the document that contains all Federal, State and regionally significant transportation projects to be funded in Martin County during the next five fiscal years. This document is updated annually and is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four Tentative Work Program that was approved by the MPO Board on December 12, 2022. The Final Draft FY24 – FY28 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board at the June 19, 2023 meeting. She requested approval and was available to answer questions.

**A motion to approve the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. TRANSIT EFFICIENCY STUDY ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Beth Beltran introduced Jessica Josselyn from Kittelson & Associates, who gave a presentation on the Transit Efficiency Study. The purpose of this study is to describe the existing MARTY system (services and ridership) and review the adopted Transit Development Plan (TDP), socioeconomic trends, travel patterns, travel corridors, demographics trends, regional transit challenges and barriers. The study shall identify fixed-route needs and community transit opportunities that will address transit system inefficiencies.

Thomas Lanahan asked if adding 216 new bus stops would make the busses go slower therefore to maintain headways you would have to add vehicles and people. Jessica Josselyn explained that the additions of the vehicles has come up in discussions. Right now, the model is not saying it's required but that may be something to consider regardless of what the model is saying.

**After a lengthy discussion, the six members voted unanimously for the Transit Efficiency Study “Hybrid” Model and two members voted for the “Coverage” Model.**

**Hybrid**

Samantha Lovelady  
Thomas Lanahan  
Stuart Trent  
Taryn Kryzda  
Peter Kunen  
Milton Leggett

**Coverage**

Ashman Beecher  
Robert Daniels

**C. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Beth Beltran introduced Jeff Weidner, from Marlin Engineering, who gave an overview of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Scope of Services. In Florida, TDP is required by the State for recipients of Public Transit Block Grant program funding. Beyond regulatory and administrative requirements, the TDP is intended to serve as 10-year strategic plan for MARTY. The TDP will define public transportation needs, solicit broad input by coordinating with other plans, involve substantial public participation and explore community goals with decision-makers and other stakeholders, define alternative courses of action, and develop a systemic plan and monitoring program. He requested approval and was available to answer questions.

**A motion to approve the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Scope of Services was made by Ashman Beecher and seconded by Thomas Lanahan. The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. URBAN BOUNDARY AND FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION UPDATE**

Beth Beltran informed the committee that this is an informational item and introduced Raj Shanmugam, Kara Schwartz, and Jeannelia Liu who gave a presentation on the Urban Boundary and Functional Classification Update. Following each census, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), through the various state Departments of Transportation, identifies the country's Urban Areas. Since these Urban Areas are based solely on population density, they are jagged and irregular and do not consider transportation needs and plans. To account for these shortcomings, FHWA has

developed Adjusted Urbanized Boundaries, which are expanded Urban Areas that smooth out irregularities, maintain administrative continuity of peripheral routes, and encompass fringe areas having residential, commercial, industrial, and/or national defense significance.

#### **E. STATE ROAD (SR) 710 FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Beth Beltran introduced Ron Kareiva, of FDOT-District Four, who gave a presentation on the State Road (SR) 710 Feasibility Study. This study to investigate roadway safety improvements on SR-710 from Okeechobee County to FPL Power Plant Access Road is underway (FM# 419252-3). Additionally, a left turn lane on westbound SR-710 at SW Tommy Clements Street will be starting construction in the Summer of 2023. The widening of SR-710 is the Martin MPO's #1 Priority. On March 2, 2023, the MPO Board sent a letter to FDOT Secretary Perdue requesting the widening of SR-710 from two lanes to four lanes from Okeechobee County to CR-609/SW Allapattah Road.

Thomas Lanahan inquired what the status of gentling the curve is on CR-714. Beth Beltran stated that the MPO Board supports what's reflected on District One's PD&E study that was done over 10 years ago.

#### **F. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE**

Beth Beltran introduced Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, who gave a brief overview of the Development Review Interactive Map Update. Ricardo presented the map and reviewed the changes, which included the addition of projects from the List of Project Priorities (LOPP) that have received funding for construction. This information will assist the MPO Board in making decisions related to transportation project priorities. He was available to answer questions.

#### **G. FINAL DRAFT FY25-FY29 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)**

Beth Beltran gave a brief overview of the Final Draft FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP). At the MPO Policy Board meeting 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. She requested approval and was available to answer questions.

**A motion to approve the Final Draft FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

## H. NEW MPO WEBSITE

Beth Beltran 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 a meeting calendar, document/minutes/agenda archive, emphasis areas, announcements, comment intake, and improved search functions. Also, the MPO is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the website will be live at the end of June.

### 7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 8. NOTES

### 9. NEXT MEETING

- TAC Meeting – September 6, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT: 3:34 P.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

9/22/23  
Date

**Approved by:**

  
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Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

09-06-2023  
Date

**Minutes Approved on September 6, 2023**

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