

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
JOINT CITIZENS/TECHNICAL/BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (CAC/TAC/BPAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers  
2401 SE Monterey Road  
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Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 1:30 pm

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

James Gorton  
Dr. Kim DeLaney  
Robert Daniels  
Taryn Kryzda  
Marc Cocco  
Peter Kunen  
Clyde Dulin  
Ashman Beecher  
Andrew McBean

**TAC Members Excused:**

Stuart Trent

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Milton Leggett  
Ken De Angeles

**BPAC Members in Attendance:**

Bonnie Moser  
Mike Bocchino  
Michael MacLeod  
Hal Forslund  
Arlette Cataldo

**BPAC Excused Members:**

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas  
Julie Preast

Don Fabricy  
Bradford Davey

**BPAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Dawn Arvin  
Jody Garret

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Saadia Tsafarides  
Cindy Greenspan  
Blake Capps  
Larry Sofield  
Howard Lyndon Brown

**CAC Members Excused:**

Ann Kagdis

**CAC Members Absent:**

John F. Patteson  
Hilary Young  
Helen McBride  
Trent Steele

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner  
Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Tony Norat, FDOT-District 4  
Kelly Budhu, FDOT-District 4  
Raj Shanmugan, FDOT-District 4  
Alain DeQuesada, Lochner Engineering  
Jeannelia Liu, Caltran  
Tina McKinnie, Caltran  
Gerald Bolden, The Corradino Group

**A quorum was present.**

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda with the change to add a supplemental memo for the US-1 Congestion Management – Public Outreach Study – Scope of Services as item 6D was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the Joint CAC/TAC/BPAC Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023, was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Saadia Tsafarides. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

#### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **A. FY24 – FY26 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – AMENDMENT #2**

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner, presented the FY24-FY28 TIP Amendment #2 which is required due to the deletion of the SW Martin Highway landscaping project, the addition of two SR-710 widening projects, and for an increase in funding for the US-1 resurfacing project.

Dr. Kim Delaney commented that she had come across an allocation for beautification for Allapattah Road that she believed may offer up to \$100k a year for two years and advised that she would send this information to Beth Beltran, the MPO Administrator.

**A motion to approve the FY24 – FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #2 was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Saadia Tsafarides. The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **B. US-1 AT SW PALM CITY ROAD INTERSECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator presented the US-1 at SW Palm City Road Intersection Feasibility Study and introduced Gerald Bolden with The Corradino Group who presented the Draft Final Report.

A brief discussion took place regarding pedestrian connections with the proposed alternative. Ms. Beltran advised that Alternative 6, which was the Complete Streets alternative, would be included with the proposed alternative.

Bonnie Moser asked about whether bike facilities could be extended all the way to US-1. Mr. Bolden advised that this would be up to FDOT and the County as to where any bicycle facilities would terminate upon the US-1 approach, but that he assumes that they may not want to extend all the way to US1 since there are not bike lanes on US-1. Ms. Moser added that, in the event that US-1 does develop bicycle facilities, we would not have to re-do this intersection again if we included them now.

**A motion to approve US-1 at SW Palm City Road Intersection Feasibility Study was made by Peter Kunen and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion**

**passed unanimously.**

### **C. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Ricardo Vazquez introduced the Safety Performance Targets which aim to adopt FDOT's "Vision Zero" targets for all five Safety Performance Measures; the number of fatalities, the rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, the number of serious injuries, the rate of serious injuries per 100 million, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

**A motion to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Cindy Greenspan. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **D. US-1 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT – PUBLIC OUTREACH STUDY – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, introduced Bonnie Landry who presented the Scope of Services for the US-1 Congestion Management Public Outreach Study.

Dr. DeLaney wanted to know the parameters of the study, specifically, how far north this study would reach. Ms. Landry advised that the study limits would range from SW Joan Jefferson Way north to the St Lucie County line.

**A motion to approve US-1 Congestion Management – Public Outreach Study – Scope of Services was made by Saadia Tsafarides and was seconded by Larry Sofield. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **E. NE ALICE STREET REALIGNMENT PRESENTATION**

Ms. Beltran introduced Alain DeQuesada with Lochner Engineering who presented the Alice Street Feasibility Study.

A brief discussion took place inquiring whether or not there could be any other alternatives outside of the ones presented. Ultimately, Mr. DeQuesada advised that the proposed alternatives are the options that would have the least impact on the residents, businesses, and the marina.

Beth Beltran read the following email from Julie Preast into the record:

"I am Julie Preast representing the Rio Civic Club. Mr. Roger Myers, a former resident on Alice Street, had previously represented and communicated the concerns of the residents of Alice Street that began when the Harborage development was proposed around 2004. The growing difficulty experienced by residents trying to get onto Dixie Highway from NW Alice Street was and is currently the problem.

With the construction and approval of around 2,000 residential units, this intersection is barely functioning due to consistent bumper-to-bumper traffic on Dixie Highway that prevents vehicles on NW Alice Street from turning south onto Dixie Highway. The route of Dixie Highway and the Green River Parkway has been most successful as an alternative for U.S.1. The NW Alice Street intersection is one of two evacuation exits out of Rio going west. When the Dixie Highway area east of this primary intersection and exit route goes underwater due to rain, the NW Alice Street intersection becomes the detour. The request for a signal light at the NW Alice Street intersection was proposed during discussions about the Harborage project. After numerous meetings and e-mail communications with the Harborage developer, the City of Stuart, and submitting a request for relief to Martin County's Engineering; it was confirmed that there is not enough funding for a signal light at Alice Street and Dixie Highway. Simultaneously, the Rio Civic Club contacted the FEC about realigning NW Alice Street with Wright Boulevard – and we were told that two railroad crossings would have to be closed in order to allow the realignment to occur.

There are two solutions:

1. Realign NW Alice Street with the Wright Boulevard's signal light, or
2. Install a new signal light at the intersection of NW Alice Street and Dixie Highway.

The solution that makes the most sense is the realignment of NW Alice Street with Wright Boulevard. We urge you to support this long-time needed solution.”

Jim Gorton, representing Martin County Public Works, and Peter Kunen, representing the City of Stuart, both echoed sentiments of a willingness to collaborate and look into potential other options to help with this intersection, such as signalization improvements and the use of impact fees to perhaps provide funding.

## **F. SMOOTHED URBAN BOUNDARY PRESENTATION**

Beth Beltran introduced FDOT Staff Raj Shanmugam to present the Urban Area Boundary and Functional Classification Adjustments.

Dr. Delaney asked what benefits a larger Urban Boundary Map could provide. Ms. Beltran advised that a larger boundary allows us to look at more roadways and additional classifications which can provide us with more funding and allows more roads to be included in the MPO's priority list.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Hal Forslund recounted a recent experience he had along the Commerce Avenue sidewalk. Mr. Forslund stated that he had approached the right of way to cross Commerce Avenue at Market Street and a car stopped to allow for his crossing, however, another car went around the turning vehicle because of the two turn lanes at this intersection, nearly hitting him. Jim Gorton, Public Works Director, advised that the County and City would both take a look at this intersection.

Dr. DeLaney wanted to remind everyone that when you see blinking lights at a railroad crossing, you should stop, not try to rush through.

**8. NOTES**

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, wanted to advise the members of the MPO's upcoming Transit Development Plan (TDP) Open Houses taking place in Downtown Jensen Beach at Jammin' Jensen and in the Golden Gate community at the Cassidy Center.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint CAC/TAC/BPAC – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

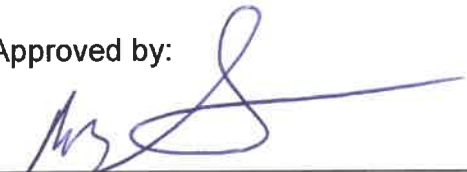
**10. ADJOURN – Robert Daniels moved to adjourn, seconded by Trent Steele.  
2:55 P.M.**

Prepared by:

  
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Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

4-29-24  
Date

Approved by:

  
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Robert Daniels, TAC Chair

4/29/2024  
Date

**Minutes Approved on April 29, 2024**

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