

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building
4th Floor Workshop Room
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

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Friday, June 9, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM by Joan Goodrich, FTAC Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

FTAC Members in Attendance:

Joan Goodrich, Chair
Samantha Lovelady
Peter Kunen
Thomas Lanahan
Janet Zimmerman for Mark Crosley
Rob Palmer for Robert Ledoux
Ryan Walpole
Brita Nowak

Members Excused:

Jim Gorton
Donna Carman
Officer Dickson
Yvette Ager Goodiel
Desiree Wood

Members Absent:

Andrew McBean
Jeff Sabin, Vice Chair
Michele Miller
Butch Olsen
Jared Dusharm
Aubrey Brown

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Edward Ng, Corradino Group
James Brown, FDOT-Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)
Ronald Kareiva, FDOT

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Lanahan and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES

- December 2, 2022

A motion to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2022, was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Thomas Lanahan, the motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- NONE

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion to nominate Joan Goodrich as Chair was made by Thomas Lanahan and seconded by Samantha Lovelady, motion passed unanimously.

A motion to nominate Ryan Walpole as Vice Chair was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Thomas Lanahan, motion passed unanimously.

B. FINAL DRAFT FY24 – FY28 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Beth Beltran introduced Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, who gave a brief presentation on the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned the TIP is the document that contains all Federal, State, locally funded, 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 (D4) 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. 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 Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Peter Kunen, the motion passed unanimously.

C. 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. A study to investigate roadway safety improvements on SR-710 from the Martin/Okeechobee Countyline 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 the Martin/Okeechobee Countyline to CR-609/SW Allapattah Road.

Ryan Walpole recommended to keep pushing this project as hard as you can. He has seen some scary things happen and every single week FDOT is out there rebuilding the guardrail from someone hitting it from making the right-hand turn. It is difficult for the trucks because they do not have the width to make that right-hand turn onto CR-714 and then when they are making that right-hand turn to SR-710, if there is a car coming into the turn lane, they are jumping back out into the through lane and causing incidents.

D. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

Beth Beltran introduced Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, 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 developments. This information will assist the MPO Board in making decisions related to transportation project priorities. He was available to answer questions.

Thomas Lanahan inquired who keeps the map up to date and who puts the projects on the map. Ricardo Vazquez stated that the MPO staff reach out to each municipality and the county to get their development files and we have the consultant update the map twice a year.

E. FINAL 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 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.

Rob Palmer inquired how the project ranking is structured. Beth Beltran stated that when a project is funded for construction it comes off the list.

A motion to approve the Final Draft FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Peter Kunen, the motion passed unanimously.

F. 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 30th year and the website will be live at the end of June.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James Brown from FDOT-FTE wants to make the committee members aware of the kicked-off PD&E study for an interchange between the Turnpike and I-95 near the SE Bridge Road area. They are getting ready to have the first newsletter published at the end of this month.

Brita Nowak shared her observation on the roundabouts and how the roadway is too narrow for the trucks. Also, the big warehouses are everywhere now and the roads towards the warehouses are not designed for trucks.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

9. NOTES

- Freight Mobility and Trade Plan 2024 Update and Regional Outreach Events

10. NEXT MEETING

- FTAC Meeting – December 1, 2023, at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT 2:53 PM

Prepared by:

for 
Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

6/7/24
Date

Approved by:

for 
Joan Goodrich, FTAC Chair

6/7/2024
Date

Minutes Approved on June 7, 2024

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