

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

Martin County Administration Building 4th Floor Workshop Room
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Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM by Robert Daniels, Chair.

ROLL CALL

Peggy Brassard, MC Transit Division, called roll.

TAC Members in Attendance:

Robert Daniels, Chair
Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair
George Dzama
Milton Leggett
Samantha Lovelady
Ashman Beecher
Andrew McBean

TAC Members Excused:

Stuart Trent
Taryn Kryzda
Mark Cocco

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

Peter Kuen
Ken DeAngeles

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Peggy Brassard, MC Transit Division

Others in Attendance:

Paul Carballo, Metric Engineering
Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Stuart CRA
James Brown, FDOT-FTE
Joe Capra, CAPTEC Engineering

Damaris Williams, FDOT
Kelly Budhu, FDOT
Lauren Boshell, MCA

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- TAC Meeting – April 3, 2024

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024, was made by Ashman Beecher and was seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FINAL DRAFT FY25 – FY29 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ricardo Vazquez, Principal Planner, presented the Final Draft FY25 – FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Transportation Disadvantaged allocation tables have been updated from information provided by the State. The capital improvement plan in the appendices for the municipalities and the County have been updated. The TIP was submitted for review in the FDOT GAP system. Per FDOT, corrections and missing information was provided.

Robert Daniels asked for additional information on the Sewall's Point project. Beth Beltran advised that in the next agenda item we will talk about the project.

A motion to approve the Final Draft FY25 – FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FINAL DRAFT FY26 – FY30 LIST OF PROJECTS PRIORITIES (LOPP)

Beth Beltran presented the Final Draft FY26 – FY30 List of Projects Priorities (LOPP). The Board made some changes to the list. Alice Street moved from number twelve to number six. The dedicated right turn lane on Kanner Highway moved up from number six to number five. The bascule bridge moved down to number seven. Project number five, the right turn lane on Kanner, the HOA voted no for dedicating the right-of-way for the turning lane. Ms. Beltran asked the committee if they want to keep number five on the list

or remove it now that the community is no longer donating the right-of-way. There was a warranty study and the results are that a traffic signal is not warranted.

George Dzama attended the meeting for the HOA vote and stated that the community wants a traffic signal. The community also wants another traffic study once Costco is completed. Mr. Dzama recommends keeping the item on the list. Discussion ensued and the TAC members decided to keep the item on the list and let the MPO Board have the conversation about how to address this project.

Robert Daniels sought clarification from George Dzama if the county had applied for another grant for work on N Sewall's Point Road. Mr. Dzama explained the road is on a grant priority list, but the road itself is in good condition. The county has not prioritized the project for rehabilitation. Mr. Daniels stated that is the problem and with Hurricane Nicole the road flooded, and nine cars had to be rescued. Mr. Daniels further stated the road is an evacuation route that gets flooded and there should be more of a priority to get the road fixed.

Motion to approve Final Draft FY26 – FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Andrew McBean and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.

C. SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director with the City of Stuart, presented the South Dixie Highway Improvement Project Update. There had been some changes since the last presentation in February of last year. FEC is now requiring there be twenty-five feet between the road and the tracks. Also, the on-street parking on FEC's right-of-way needs to be removed. All new construction must be on the cities right-of-way. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director with the City of Stuart introduced Joe Capra to go into further detail of the project design.

This project is removing the parking out of the right-of-way and putting it adjacent to the road where new developments are happening. There will be improvements at the Joan Jefferson Way. Dixie will be a one-way street starting at Confusion Corner going northbound until California. Traffic calming can be added but has not at this time. Sidewalks will be added, but there is no room for bike lanes.

Ashman Beecher sought further information on the green areas that are highlighted and if they are all a part of the revised conceptual plan. Joe Capra explained that in Confusion Corner, that will remain the same. Everything going north on Dixie is where most of the changes are and some of the parking on the side streets.

Dr. Kim DeLaney mentioned that having pedestrians cross at West Ocean will be a nice improvement only having to look in one direction. Dr. DeLaney asked what the net improvement on storm water is and if we are in a net positive. Joe Capra explained there is an inlet by the old fire station, and it drains the area. There is an increase in net storm water improvement.

A motion to approve the South Dixie Highway Improvements Project Update was made by Dr. Kim Delaney and was seconded by Andrew McBean. The motion passed unanimously.

D. SW HIGH MEADOW AVE WIDENING PD&E STUDY

Paul Carballo, Consultant with Metric Engineering, presented the SW High Meadows Avenue Widening PD&E. The project is from I-95 to CR714/SW Martin Highway and is broken up into two segments. Segment one has three alternatives, segment two has one alternative, and the intersection concept has two alternatives.

George Dzama asked if right-of-way is required, which side will it be acquired from. Paul Carballo stated it would come from the residential side. Samantha Lovelady voiced concerns about the sidewalk being on the Turnpike side. Damaris Williams, Project Manager with FDOT, explained that the sidewalk would be there for the businesses and would cross at Golden Bear Way.

Discussion ensued while Paul Carballo further explained intersection alternative 2 in more detail.

E. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Development Review Interaction Map. The map has been updated with all the MPO priority projects and Martin County's and City of Stuart's developments. At this time the Village of Indiantown has not been updated. The map will also be updated four times a year going forward.

Samantha Lovelady informed everyone that the Village of Indiantown just had an annexation change and that the municipal boundaries will be changing.

The committee complimented the interactive map.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Dr. Kim DeLaney mentioned that the Tri-Rail board just put in place express service from the West Palm Station to downtown Miami. There will be two trains a day for express and the trip will be about an hour and twenty-five minutes. The cost of the trip is \$17.50 round trip.

8. NOTES - None

9. NEXT MEETING

- Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – September 4, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 2:27 P.M.

Prepared by:

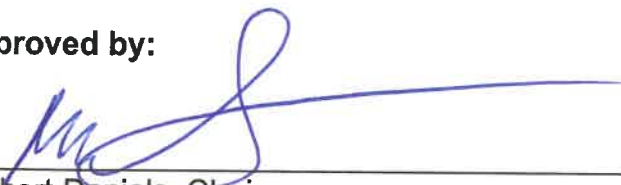


Brittany Truong, Administrative Assistant

09-04-2024

Date

Approved by:



Robert Daniels, Chair

9/4/24

Date

Minutes Approved on September 4, 2024

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