

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

Martin County Administration Building 4th Floor Workshop Room
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Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM by Dr. Kim DeLaney.

ROLL CALL

Anthony O'Neill-Butler, MPO Administrative Assistant, called roll.

TAC Members in Attendance:

Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair

George Dzama

Robert Daniels

Taryn Kryzda

Mark Cocco

Peter Kunen

Samantha Lovelady

Milton Leggett

Ashman Beecher

Andrew McBean

TAC Members Excused:

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

Ken DeAngeles

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Lucine Martens, Planner

Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Jim Gorton, Martin County Public Works Director

Luke Lambert, Martin County Public Works

Kathryn Durno, Martin County Public Works

Keith Baker, Martin County Public Works

James Brown, FDOT - Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Kelly Budhu, FDOT-District Four
Robert Lopes, FDOT-District Four
Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering
Jessica Mackey, Kittelson & Associates
Tanya Kristoff, H.W. Lochner
Darlene VanRiper
Gary Ehrler

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- TAC Meeting – September 6, 2023

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Kim DeLaney nominated Robert Daniels as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee. Robert Daniels was unanimously voted for as Chair.

Taryn Kryzda nominated Dr. Kim DeLaney as Vice Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. Kim DeLaney was unanimously voted for as Vice Chair.

B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #3

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3. This amendment was requested by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to add funding for design and right-of-way acquisition for the realignment project at CR-714 and SR-710.

Vice Chair Dr. Kim DeLaney asked what the timeframe would be for construction. Ms. Beltran informed her that, because two of the four parcels to be acquired during right-of-way are in Okeechobee County, it would be hard to determine an accurate timeline.

A motion to approve the TIP Amendment #3 was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Andrew McBean. The motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 2023

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner, presented the Public Involvement Annual Report, which is used to help ensure public participation in MPO planning projects has been effective throughout the previous calendar year. Vice Chair Dr. Kim DeLaney complimented the Martin MPO's diversity of outreach and cooperation with communities and organizations.

A motion to approve the Public Involvement Annual Report – 2023 was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

D. DRAFT FY26-FY30 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)

Ms. Beltran introduced the Draft List of Project Priorities (LOPP) to the Committee which is a list required by FDOT to determine funding opportunities within FDOT's Work Program. Ms. Beltran called special attention to the changes to Item #7, SR-710 at SW Allapattah Road, Item #8, SE Commerce Avenue, Item #9, US-1 at Palm City Road, and Item #10, SW Palm City Road Complete Streets improvements.

Ms. Beltran asked if George Dzama, Deputy Public Works Director, would like to share any additional information on Project #8 (SE Commerce Ave). Mr. Dzama commented that he and Martin County Public Works staff had met with FDOT District Four who had encouraged them to not only include the Commerce Ave project on the LOPP, but also on the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) application. Mr. Dzama continued stating that this roadway has been identified for area improvements and will require feasibility studies to determine the potential need for extensive drainage improvements and raising the road by as many as twelve inches. The project's estimated cost is expected to be around four million dollars.

Taryn Kryzda, Village Manager for the Village of Indiantown, asked if the Martin MPO will be looking into CR-609 concerning all the new developments that will be connecting to it. Ms. Beltran advised that the Martin MPO and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) are having ongoing discussions regarding this area. Ms. Beltran continued, adding that the development of this area is why the Martin MPO is pursuing the addition of the fifth County Commissioner to the MPO Policy Board.

Samantha Lovelady, Growth Management Principal Planner, wanted to know if Village Parkway was discussed at the last TCRPC meeting. Dr. DeLaney advised that yes, this has been raised and acknowledged, but that the TCRPC is only able to make recommendations.

Andrew McBean, Airport Director, commented on Project #4, (Monterey Road at FEC Railroad Crossing Grade Separation), stating that he has been going through the index and he believes the airport may have some updated information to provide.

A motion to approve the Draft FY26-FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

E. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECT APPLICATION

Keith Baker, Capital Projects Administrator, presented the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project application for the SW Bulldog Way Sidewalk project.

A motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Application was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

F. 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) SCOPE OF SERVICES

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, introduced the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scope of Services agenda item and explained that the intent and purpose of the LRTP is to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a cost-feasible transportation system that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight, and foster economic growth and development within the Martin County Planning Area. Vikas Jain, with T.Y. Lin International, presented the Scope of Services for the 2050 LRTP.

A motion to approve the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scope of Services was made by George Dzama and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

G. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, introduced Jeff Weidner from Marlin Engineering and Jessica Mackey from Kittelson and Associates, who presented the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Progress Report Update. Mr. Weidner made special note of the TDP Open Houses, the overwhelming request for Saturday service, and the total of 547 survey responses thus far.

Darlene VanRiper made public comments on this item and asked when the full survey responses would be available for the public to review. Mr. Weidner responded that he had not thought about publishing that information, but that Darlene could call him, and they could discuss it further. Vice Chair Dr. Kim DeLaney wanted clarification on whether this type of communication should be going through the Martin MPO. Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, stated that the Martin MPO should be kept apprised of any activity or conversations held regarding the TDP.

George Dzama, Deputy Public Works Director, wanted to know how long the survey would be open. Mr. Weidner advised that it would be open through February, potentially

into March.

Vice Chair Dr. DeLaney inquired about the phrasing of “Well-Recognized” on slide 24 of the presentation and sought clarification as to its intent, whether that be by the public or by the industry. Mr. Weidner stated that it is meant as “Well-Recognized by the public”. Vice Chair Dr. DeLaney suggested that this be rephrased to better represent what the objective is, Robert Daniels echoed this sentiment. Vice Chair Dr. DeLaney went on to state that she was surprised by the drastic differences between the MARTY system and the Indian River County GoLine showcased on slide 12 and requested information as to why they were so different. Ms. Beltran provided that Indian River County has an integrated system that combines their Transportation Disadvantaged and public transit systems. Jim Gorton, Public Works Director, added that Indian River County has a grid street plan which makes it far easier to traverse than Martin County’s layout. Vice Chair Dr. DeLaney and Mr. Daniels both asked if slide 12 could be modified with an additional row to showcase whether a system was a fragmented or integrated system so that the Elected Officials may receive all the pertinent information.

A motion to approve the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Progress Report Update was made by Robert Daniels with the comment that “Well-Recognized” on slide 24 be rephrased to emphasize its intent and that additional context be provided on slide 12 regarding a fragmented or integrated system. The motion was seconded by Andrew McBean and passed unanimously.

H. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) MONTEREY ROAD GRADE SEPARATION AT FEC RAILROAD CROSSING PD&E PRESENTATION

Robert Lopes with FDOT and Tanya Kristoff with H.W. Lochner, presented the PD&E study for the Monterey Road Grade Separation project which included nine potential alternatives.

Ms. Beltran wanted to add to the presented schedule that the “Martin County MPO Meetings” section needed to be rephrased as “Martin County Meetings” and “Martin MPO Meetings” as there is a need to coordinate with the county and the airport. Ms. Kristoff specified that they were going to be having meetings with the airport and the county as well. Vice Chair Dr. Kim DeLaney added that input from the City of Stuart would be vital as well when considering the alternatives and potential neighborhood impacts.

Andrew McBean, Airport Director, wanted clarification as to where the existing approach slope vectors on slide 8 came from. Ms. Kristoff informed him that she had used the previous years' documents. Mr. McBean advised that the airport’s Master Plan had since been updated and that it would be nice to see that included. Mr. McBean also emphasized that he would like to see the business impact of every alternative. Ms. Kristoff stated that she understood the investments the airport has made and would not want to impact the airport’s projects or business.

Vice Chair Dr. DeLaney strongly suggested that when seeking the public’s input on the

alternatives, a 3D model or digital rendering, if feasible, be included to showcase the elevation and impact of the alternative.

I. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

Mr. Vazquez presented the Development Review Interactive Map Update to the Committee and asked Committee members to provide any developments that are approved or in production to the Martin MPO to be included in the map. Vice Chair Dr. Kim DeLaney complimented the Martin MPO on the production and maintenance of the map.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

8. NOTES - None

9. NEXT MEETING

- TAC Meeting – April 3, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 3:28 P.M.


Prepared by:



Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

4-3-2024
Date

Approved by:



Robert Daniels, Chair

4/3/24
Date

Minutes Approved on April 3, 2024

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