

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**
Martin County Administration Building 4th Floor Workshop Room
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Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 1:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Susan Ortiz, Administrative Assistant, called roll.

TAC Members in Attendance:

Robert Daniels, Chair
Dr. Kim DeLaney
Taryn Kryzda
George Dzama
Mark Cocco
Peter Kunen
Milton Leggett
Samantha Lovelady
Andrew McBean
Ashman Beecher

TAC Members Excused:

Jim Gorton, Vice Chair
Stuart Trent

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Ricardo Vazquez, Principal Planner
Margie Tamblyn, Senior Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Susan Ortiz, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Carmine Dipaolo, Mayor of Indiantown
James Brown, FDOT Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Victoria Williams, FDOT Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Amanda Ashby, Ardurra
Vanita Saini, FDOT
Kelly Budhu, FDOT District 4
Sally Waite, MC EMD

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- TAC Meeting – February 3, 2025

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025, was made by Milton Leggett and was seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FY25-FY29 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MODIFICATION #2

Ms. Beltran introduced Margie Tamblyn, MPO Senior Planner, who presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification item. Ms. Tamblyn stated that the modification is necessary to ensure the consistency between the MPO's TIP and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Two projects require updates to funding allocations: State Route (SR) 710 and Willoughby Boulevard Extension. Updated project sheets were reviewed during the presentation. Ms. Tamblyn concluded by recommending the item for approval and opened the floor for questions.

Taryn Kryzda addressed the challenges and nuances of project funding over a five-year period, highlighting the fluctuations in annual allocations, which ranged from \$68 million to \$75 million. This variability raised concerns about the unpredictability of funding and whether there was a way to stabilize the budget or if such fluctuations were simply part of the process. It was clarified that a significant portion of the funding comes from the State, while local contributions often required as matching funds can vary based on a municipality's financial capacity and its familiarity with transportation funding mechanisms. There were no further questions.

A motion to approve the FY25-FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #2 was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FINAL DRAFT FY26-FY30 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Beltran introduced Margie Tamblyn, who presented the final draft of the FY26–FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that the final draft is now ready for adoption at the upcoming Policy Board Meeting scheduled for June 16, 2025. Ms. Tamblyn outlined several updates, including the incorporation of the Capital Improvement Plan from the Town of Sewall’s Point and minor edits recommended by FDOT project managers, primarily involving project links and funding adjustments. She also mentioned that construction funding for one project had been shifted to FY27. No public comments have been received to date. Ms. Tamblyn concluded her presentation by inviting questions from the committee.

A motion to approve Final Draft FY26–FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Mark Cocco and was seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COVE ROAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Beltran introduced the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project manager and consultant to provide an update on the Cove Road widening project. Vanita Saini, the FDOT project manager, greeted the group and introduced Amanda Ashby from Ardura, who would lead the presentation.

Dr. Kim Delaney commended FDOT and the MPO for their efforts in implementing Complete Streets and enhancing access to transit through thoughtful planning. She acknowledged that much of the State is in retrofit mode, working to transform high-volume, high-speed corridors into safer, more inclusive roadways. Dr. Delaney praised the current plan for its innovative integration of multimodal accommodations, particularly for cyclists, in areas that have historically been challenging and unsafe.

Dr. Delaney then raised a broader regional concern regarding stormwater management. She noted that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council has been collaborating with local communities to advance more proactive and sustainable approaches to stormwater infrastructure. She emphasized the need for clearer guidance and support from the State to help local governments adopt and implement best practices. Ms. Saini thanked Dr. Delaney for her comments and assured the committee that FDOT will take that into consideration for the project.

D. TURNPIKE DIRECT CONNECT – PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION

Ms. Beltran introduced Jazlyn Heywood, who presented the preferred Alternative presentation. After presenting to the committee Ms. Haywood opened the floor to questions. There were no questions from the committee.

A motion to approve Turnpike Direct Connect – Preferred Alternative was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.

E. FINAL DRAFT FY27-FY31 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES

Ricardo Vazquez presented the FY27-FY31 List of Project Priorities, noting that the draft version had been reviewed in February and subsequently approved by the MPO Board before submission to FDOT. The SR-710 widening project remains central, with two segments already funded for construction and the remaining two still on the Priority List. During the February CAC and BPAC meetings, committee members recommended elevating Project #5 (the SR-710/CR-609 signal and turn lane improvements) to position #3 to place SR-710-related projects together and emphasize their urgency.

Taryn Kryzda raised concerns about whether Projects #3 and #4 should remain ahead of Project #5, citing safety and fatality risks. Beth Beltran clarified that the curve realignment on CR-714 had already received construction funding and that the current priority was for a signal installation on SR-710 at CR-609. Taryn supported moving Project #5 higher on the list, noting the dangerous traffic patterns and the potential for improved safety with additional signals along the corridor.

Ms. Beltran reminded the committee that the MPO issues a Call for Projects in the Fall, and applicants must submit a scope and application to be considered. Ms. Kryzda referenced recent local funding contributions and expressed support for reprioritizing the signal project. Mr. Daniels invited a motion to reorder the list, specifically to move Project #5 to #3, with the understanding that Projects #3 and #4 would shift down accordingly.

A motion was made by Taryn Kryzda to move Priority Project #5 to #3. This was seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – None

8. NOTES

Mr. Vazquez shared the final Development Review Interactive map quarterly update, noting that the most recent development data from the City of Stuart, Martin County, and Indiantown has been incorporated into the interactive map and it is available on the MPO website.

Mr. Vazquez also announced that the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan Open House is scheduled for Monday, August 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the City of Stuart Commission Chambers.

9. NEXT MEETING


- September 3, 2025, at 1:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 2:22 P.M.

Prepared by:

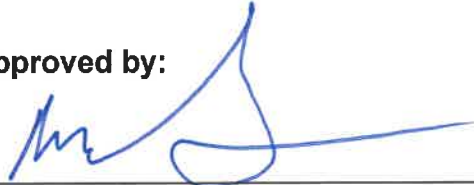


Susan Ortiz, Administrative Assistant



Date

Approved by:



Robert Daniels, Chair



Date

Minutes Approved on September 3, 2025

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