

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

Martin County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 1:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM by Lisa Wicher.

**ROLL CALL** - Peggy Brassard called roll.

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair  
Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair  
Robert Daniels  
Stuart Trent  
Peter Kunen  
Ashman Beecher  
Andrew McBean

**TAC Members Excused:**

Taryn Kryzda

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Mark Cocco  
Samantha Lovelady  
Milton Leggett  
Ken DeAngeles

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner  
Peggy Brassard, Transit Specialist - Mobility Coordinator

**Others in Attendance:**

George Dzama, Deputy Public Works Director  
Tony Norat, FDOT  
Kelly Budhu, FDOT

Victoria Williams, FDOT-Turnpike  
Todd Schimelfanick, Martin County Sheriff's Office  
Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering  
Lauren Boshell, Airport Operations Coordinator  
Gerald Bolden, The Corradino Group  
Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- TAC Meeting – June 5, 2023

**A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023 was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, noted that today's meeting would be Lisa Wichser's last meeting and presented her with flowers. Ms. Beltran and Dr. DeLaney spoke high praises of Ms. Wichser.

#### **A. FY24 - FY28 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) ROLL-FORWARD AMENDMENT #1**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, sought approval of the FY24 Martin MPO Roll Forward Report Amendment #1. The Roll-Forward funds will be added to the TIP, after being approved and signed by the MPO Policy Board Chairman. The Roll-Forward Amendment will be submitted to FDOT before the October 1, 2023, effective date. MPO staff recommended approval.

**A motion to approve the Final Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll-Forward Amendment #1 was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. FY23/24 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) REVISION 2 / AMENDMENT #1**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, shared with the Committee the UPWP Revision #2, Amendment #1. This amendment is required since the MPO is increasing the budget by \$150,963.00. MPO staff recommends that this increase in funding be added to Task 4 - Consultant "2050 Long Range Transportation Plan" line item and Task 6 - Transportation Systems Planning Consultant "Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Map" line item. MPO staff recommended approval.

**A motion to approve the FY23/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Revision #2 / Amendment #1 was made by Dr. Kim DeLaney and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.**

**C. FY24 - FY28 TIP MODIFICATIONS**

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner, shared with the Committee the four (4) modifications requested by The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to the MPO's FY24 - FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MPO staff recommended approval.

**A motion to approve the FY24 - FY28 TIP Modifications was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. US-1 AT SW PALM CITY ROAD INTERSECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY - ALTERNATIVES**

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner, introduced Gerald Bolden from The Corradino Group who appeared remotely. Gerald Bolden explained the scope of services which includes identifying and evaluating conceptual alternatives and gathering input from the public and relevant stakeholders to recommend an alternative to eliminate the uncontrolled right turn from southbound US-1 onto southbound SW Palm City Road and deter traffic from using SW Palm City Road. Gerald Bolden showcased a PowerPoint presentation that provided visual aids and the pros and cons of each alternative. Additionally, two public workshops were hosted to gather feedback from the public who preferred alternative five (5) and heavily supported the traffic calming options from the Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study.

A lengthy discussion took place over the alternatives and the feedback from the public. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) ultimately opted to support alternative five (5) with traffic calming.

**A motion to approve the US-1 at SW Palm City Road Intersection Feasibility Study Alternative 5 was made by Dr. Kim DeLaney with a comment requesting MPO Staff add an illustration of the crosswalks and the pedestrian pathways. The motion was**

**seconded by Robert Daniels with a comment to request the inclusion of a traffic control device. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. DRAFT 2045 REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RLRTP)**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, introduced Stewart Robertson with Kimley-Horn & Associates who presented the draft for the 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP). Stewart Robertson explained the new updates and improvements to the RLRTP. The five goals for the plan are to provide a safe and connected multi-modal transportation system for the regional movement of people and goods; to support the economic prosperity of the region through targeted equitable transportation investments; to protect the region's natural and social environment while minimizing impacts to local communities; to continue to conduct the coordinated regional planning and decision-making process; and to protect and enhance the unique quality of life in the Treasure Coast region. Stewart Robertson also introduced the new tiered scoring system which will consist of three (3) tiers, with Tier 1 projects being the highest priority. The next steps for the Draft 2045 RLRTP are to present it to the individual MPOs, the Treasure Coast Technical Advisory Committee (TCTAC), and the Treasure Coast Transportation Council (TCTC) for adoption. MPO staff recommended approval.

**A motion to approve the Draft 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **F. TRANSIT EFFICIENCY STUDY FINAL REPORT**

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, introduced Jeff Weidner of Marlin Engineering who presented a PowerPoint on the Transit Efficiency Study Final Report. The Martin MPO's FY22/23 – FY23/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies the Transit Efficiency Study (TES). The purpose of this study was to describe the existing MARTY system (services and ridership); as well as review the adopted Transit Development Plan (TDP), socioeconomic trends, and travel patterns. The Transit Efficiency Study Final Report identifies various Transit Network Scenarios (some looking at ridership, some looking at coverage, and some a combination of both ridership and coverage scenarios (hybrid scenario), and the cost analysis for these scenarios.

**A motion to approve the Transit Efficiency Study Final Report was made by Ashman Beecher and was seconded by Andrew McBean. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **G. PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TASK SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, requested approval of a Scope of Services for Professional Assistance Support. The adopted FY23 - FY24 Unified Planning Work

Program (UPWP) specifies that the MPO will obtain one or more General Planning Consultants (GPCs) to provide assistance to staff on a task order basis. This task order provides four (4) additional Open Houses or Listening Sessions in addition to the previous two (2) that were approved with the TDP for a total of six (6) that would cover all five Commission Districts in Martin County. The MPO will use its General Planning Consultants, Marlin Engineering, Inc. and their sub-consultant Kittelson & Associates for this work effort.

**A motion to approve the Professional Assistance Support Task Scope of Services was made by Dr. Kim DeLaney and was seconded by Andrew McBean. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **H. HOBE SOUND NORTH CORRIDOR SUN TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY - FINAL REPORT**

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner, introduced Jeff Weidner with Marlin Engineering who presented the background of the project, public engagement, stakeholder engagement, and the final report for the Hobe Sound North Corridor Sun Trail Feasibility Study. Jeff Weidner explained how they were directed to focus on the west side of the US-1 corridor and how it was the most popular option as there is plenty of right of way. The SUN Trail will cost \$1.55 million per mile, this includes all the earthwork, drainage, and signage. MPO staff recommended approval.

**A motion to approve the Hobe Sound North Corridor SUN Trail Feasibility Study - Final Report was made by Dr. Kim DeLaney and was seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – None**

**8. NOTES – None**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint TAC/CAC/ BPAC Meeting – October 16, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

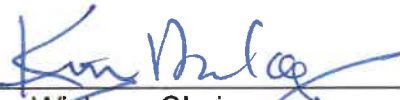

**ADJOURNMENT: 3:28 P.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

2-5-2024  
Date

**Approved by:**

  
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Lisa Wichser, Chair  
  
Kim DeWay, Vice-Chair

2/5/2024  
Date

**Minutes Approved on February 5, 2024**

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