

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

Martin County Administration Building 4th Floor Workshop Room
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Wednesday, February 6, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Chair Lisa Wichser.

ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair

Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair

Robert Daniels

Althea Jefferson

Mark Cocco

Samantha Lovelady

Milton Leggett

Ken DeAngeles

TAC Members Excused:

Stuart Trent

David Dyess

Ashman Beecher

Sam Carver

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner

Lucine Martens, Planner

Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Christine Fasiska, FDOT-D4

Jacqui May, City of Stuart

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, City of Stuart

Joe Capra, Captec Engineering Inc.

Victoria Williams, FDOT-FTE

Chris Goetzfried, Martin County
A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- TAC Meeting – September 7, 2022

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2022 was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FY23-FY27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) - AMENDMENT #2

Beth Beltran gave a brief overview on the FY23-FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2. She stated that FDOT requests an amendment because a new project has been added to the Work Program (FM#452227-1). This project is part of a Statewide Initiative to install rumble strips on the shoulders of high-speed state roadways (50 mph and above). She requested approval and was available to answer questions.

A motion to approve the FY23-FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2 was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Ken DeAngeles. The motion passed unanimously.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion to nominate Lisa Wichser as Chair by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Ken DeAngeles, motion passed unanimously.

A motion to nominate Kim DeLaney as Vice Chair was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Milton Leggett, motion passed unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF BRIDGE, PAVEMENT, AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Beth Beltran introduced Ricardo Vazquez who gave an overview of the Adoption of Bridge, Pavement, and System Performance Targets. He mentioned that the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires that the MPO establish performance measure targets for the national Performance Measures.

Lisa Wichser asked how we did in the last four years. Ricardo Vazquez mentioned we probably have been worse regarding safety performance, but does not recall the bridge, pavement, and system performance in Martin County.

Kim DeLaney suggested that it would be interesting as a committee to have a chance to see what our targets are versus how we are performing so we can have that conversation.

A motion to table this agenda item till April, and bring information regarding how Martin County is performing against the proposed targets, and provide information regarding why and how FDOT has set these Performance Measure targets was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS REPORT SCOPE OF SERVICES

Ricardo Vazquez gave a brief overview of the Community Characteristics Report Scope of Services. He mentioned that the USDOT requires that MPOs collect and analyze socio-economic data to better incorporate the needs of diverse groups into the transportation decision-making process. He requested approval and was available to answer questions.

A motion to approve the Community Characteristics Report Scope of Services was made by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Samantha Lovelady, motion passed unanimously.

E. FY23 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATIONS

Beth Beltran introduced the item to the Committee. She explained that the MPO received one application from the City of Stuart and introduced Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director of the City of Stuart and Joe Capra, Project Engineer. They presented the South Dixie Highway Improvements for the 2023 TAP application cycle. The federal funds being requested are \$481,673.38 with local fund contributions of \$508,714.66.

Kim DeLaney complimented the City of Stuart for taking such a progressive approach on adding mid-block crossings. She mentioned that the one-way turn down Colorado Avenue is a big improvement in that area, and it will make it a lot safer for the community.

A motion to approve the FY23 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Application was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Ken DeAngeles, motion passed unanimously.

F. DRAFT FY25 – FY29 LIST OF PROJECTS PRIORITIES (LOPP)

Beth Beltran introduced the item and gave the Committee a status report on the Martin MPO DRAFT FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities. She mentioned that FDOT requires that the MPO submit the Draft LOPP by March 1st of each year. The final LOPP will be

presented at the June advisory committee meetings and MPO Board meeting before adoption.

Robert Daniels mentioned the North Sewall's Point Road flooding and how this is going to be a catastrophe waiting to happen especially since this is an evacuation route. Beth Beltran stated that when we move forward to the next grant cycle, the County will let the MPO know the status of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant. It is on this list now to be able to move forward to the District, if needed, to be considered for funding.

A motion to approve the Draft FY25 – FY29 List of Projects Priorities (LOPP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Ken DeAngeles, motion passed unanimously.

G. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

Ricardo Vazquez introduced this as an information item and gave a visual presentation of the interactive map. 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.

Lisa Wichser and Kim DeLaney suggested adding the two new project priorities on the map with a red dash line, and to label the urbanized area boundary layer, so that people understand what they are looking at when it is selected.

H. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Beth Beltran introduced the item to the Committee, and Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, presented the Public Involvement Annual Report. He introduced the various objectives and strategies that were achieved in Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to approve the Public Involvement Annual Report was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Milton Leggett, motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim DeLaney mentioned the funding pot for Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail has historically been \$25 million a year. The incoming Senate President is highly prioritizing the trails so the expectation of the funding may be quadruple this year and next year for SUN Trail funding in the state.

8. NOTES

9. NEXT MEETING

Joint CAC, TAC & BPAC Meeting – April 3, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 2:42 P.M.

Prepared by:

for: Heavie C. Martens
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05/01/2023
Date

Approved by:

Lisa Wichser
Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

05-01-2023
Date

Minutes Approved on May 1, 2023

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