

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

Martin County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996

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**Monday, May 1, 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  
Mark Cocco  
Peter Kunen  
Samantha Lovelady  
Milton Leggett  
Ashman Beecher  
Ken DeAngeles

**TAC Members Excused:**

Taryn Kryzda

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Stuart Trent  
Sam Carver

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner

**Others in Attendance:**

Christine Fasiska, FDOT-D4  
James Brown, FDOT-FTE  
Helen James, FDOT-D4  
Kris McKird, FDOT  
Chris Goetzfried, Martin County

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- TAC Meeting – February 6, 2023

**A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023 was made by Robert Daniels and seconded by Ken DeAngeles. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. DRAFT FY24-FY28 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Beth Beltran introduced Ricardo Vazquez who gave a presentation on the Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned the TIP is the document that contains all Federal, State and locally funded, and regionally significant transportation projects to be funded in Martin County during the next five fiscal years. This document is updated annually and is based on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four (D4) Tentative Work Program that was approved by the MPO Board on December 12, 2022. The Final FY24 – FY28 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board at the June 19, 2023 meeting. He requested approval and was available to answer questions.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Milton Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) COST FEASIBLE PLAN UPDATE**

Beth Beltran introduced Christine Fasiska from FDOT-D4, who gave a presentation on the agenda item. The Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is Florida's high priority network of transportation facilities important to moving people and freight, linking Florida's regions, and investing in strategic transportation facilities. FDOT is updating the SIS Policy Plan, which sets the policy direction for designating, planning, and implementing the SIS. It is developed in consultation with statewide, regional, and local partners.

Lisa Wichser inquired if there is only one project on the SIS that is scheduled for construction through 2050 in Martin County. Christine Fasiska stated that was shown in the outer bands but there are probably construction projects within the TIP. The graph illustrated the cost feasible for these time bands and if it's in earlier time bands they are not shown on the graph.

Kim Delaney asked if we are pursuing Federal funding for Monterey/FEC Crossing Grade Separation project. Beth Beltran mentioned that it is in the FDOT Work Program but there is also a Federal Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program that was part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. MPO staff discussed it with FDOT, but FDOT is not applying for the grant at this time.

Robert Daniels asked what the criteria is to get on the SIS. Christine Fasiska stated that for each facility there is a different amount of criteria, and she will share more detailed information with the committee after the meeting.

### **C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) MPO SCHEDULING REPORT**

Beth Beltran introduced Joy Puerta who gave an overview of the FDOT MPO Scheduling Report. She mentioned that the report provides a summary of projects and their project schedule, ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the status of projects and provide appropriate input during the scheduled activity. In addition, the various scheduled activities can provide the MPO guidance and understanding through the design phase. She provided a presentation for two projects within the report. The first project, FM #449829-1 (SR-714/SE Monterey Road from SW Palm City Road to 400 ft south of SR-5/US-1) which includes a resurfacing project. The second project, FM# 448447-1 (SR-5/US-1 from .5 Mile south of SR-A1A/SE Dixie Hwy to south of SE Heritage Blvd) includes a resurfacing project.

**A motion to encourage the department to mitigate the removal of the bike lanes for the resurfacing project of US-1 from .5 Mile south of SR-A1A/SE Dixie Hwy to south of SE Heritage Blvd (FM#448447-1), by finding other FDOT funds that are appropriate, to add a shared-use path at least on one side to maintain the bicycle network was made by Kim DeLaney and seconded by Robert Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **8. NOTES**

- Cove Road Widening Project Website  
[www.Coveroadstudy.com](http://www.Coveroadstudy.com)

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

TAC Meeting – June 5, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT: 2:39 P.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

6/9/23  
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Date

**Approved by:**

*For:*   
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Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

6/9/23  
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Date

**Minutes Approved on June 5, 2023**

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