

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers  
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Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by Chair Amy Eason

**2. ROLL CALL**

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Amy Eason, Chair  
John Patteson, Vice Chair  
Cindy Greenspan  
Blake Capps  
Saadia Tsafarides  
Helen McBride  
Howard Lyndon Brown

**CAC Members Excused:**

Ann Kagdis

**CAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Hilary Young  
Trent Steele

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

A quorum was present.

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

A motion to add 6D "Election of Officers" to the agenda was made by Helen McBride and seconded by Saadia Tsafarides. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the February 8, 2023 CAC Minutes was made by Howard Lyndon Brown and seconded by Helen McBride. 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 Transportation Improvement Program (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 FDOT District 4 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 recommended approval and was available to answer questions.

Blake Capps inquired about the projected timetable for the Cove Road and Bascule Bridge projects. Beth Beltran stated that currently Cove Road is in the adopted Work Program. The PD&E study is ongoing, and it has funding for design. The right of way acquisition and construction are not funded yet. As far as the timetable, it will probably be around 2031-2032 for construction. George Dzama, Deputy Public Works Director, stated that currently the Bascule Bridge is undergoing improvements and upgrading the whole electrical system. This project is estimated to be \$60-\$70 million and it has an extensive PD&E study, and it can be upwards of 15 years.

Amy Eason asked what the failures on the table of the System Reliability (Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)/failures) which has 54,950 for fixed route and 28,661 for commuter bus. Beth Beltran stated that this is regarding Federal Transit Administrations Performance Targets and this table is about safety and the system reliability. This is what the transit agency, Marty, approved for its performance targets. Amy Eason asked what the System Reliability means, does it mean when the bus is late or when the bus is down. Ms. Beltran stated that this is regarding safety, and she will reach out to the Transit Administrator.

Saadia Tsafarides inquired about project #15, Dixie Highway from Cove Road to Jefferson Street. Beth Beltran mentioned that this is a resurfacing project. George Dzama added that this project has a complete street component which includes walkability, pedestrian, and bicycle safety improvements. They are in the planning stages and are looking to get the design funded by FDOT.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Helen McBride, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Beth Beltran gave a presentation on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan Update. The 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.

## **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.

Amy Eason suggested for the first project, FM #449829-1, to upgrade pedestrian signals and for the second project, FM# 448447-1, to mitigate for the elimination of existing bike lanes with another bicycle facility.

## **D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Beth Beltran stated that this was the last meeting that Amy Eason will be attending. She has accepted a position with the County and will no longer be able to serve on the CAC. Therefore, the CAC will need to elect a new Chair. Ms. Beltran thanked Ms. Eason for her years of service on the CAC and for her numerous years of serving as Chair.

**A motion to nominate Saadia Tsafarides as Chair by Blake Capps and seconded by Helen McBride, 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**

**CAC Meeting – June 7, 2023 @ 9:00 AM**

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:17 A.M.**

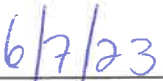
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Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

  
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Approved by:

For:   
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Amy Eason, CAC Chair

  
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Date

**Minutes Approved on June 7, 2023**

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