

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building, Capital Project Workshop Room
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996

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Monday May 8, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Pinal Gandhi-Savdas.

2. ROLL CALL

BPAC Members in Attendance:

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Chair

Julie Preast, Vice Chair

Bonnie Moser

Jody Leclair

Hal Forslund

Bradford Davey

Members Absent Excused:

Don Fabricy

Michael Bocchino

Michael MacLeod

Members Absent:

Dawn Arvin

Timothy Rossknecht

Alette Cataldo

Staff in Attendance:

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner

Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Michael Melendez, FDOT

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Bonnie Moser, the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- BPAC Meeting – February 13, 2023

A motion to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2023, was made by Bonnie Moser and seconded by Julie Priest, the motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

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

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, 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 requested approval and was available to answer questions.

Julie Preast inquired about the Table 1 – Allocation of Project Costs for the Turnpike to see if they are on a particular cycle that we only get the money for that year. Ricardo Vazquez stated that it's just the year that they program and there might be multiple projects for FY24-FY25 time bands that is up to \$20 million. Julie Preast added if the realigning NW Alice Street with Wright Boulevard is on the list of project priorities for next year. Ricardo Vazquez stated that it is on the list of project priorities and will see it on the MPO Board meeting on June 19th.

A motion to approve the Draft FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Julie Preast and seconded by Bonnie Moser, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ricardo Vazquez 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.

Bonnie Moser asked the factors that are contributing to the accidents on SR-710. Ricardo Vazquez mentioned that speed, and the fact that its two-lane from NW Allapattah Road so when the traffic backs up in both directions along SR-710 creating a dangerous situation when speeding motorists are oblivious to the stopped vehicles.

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

Ricardo Vazquez 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.

Julie Preast inquired for the first project, FM #449829-1, if the medians that are proposed are not going to be all the way on that road but instead just sections of it. Joy Puerta stated that it's correct, it is only going to be sections of it because it's a very delicate issue for the businesses that are adjacent along the corridor.

Bradford Davey stated that on the initial report of SE Monterey Road, they mentioned the facilities for cycling, but it doesn't show on the conceptual design. Joy Puerta explained that the Complete Streets: Access to Transit Study recommended improvements to slow the speeds. For the Monterey Road project, there is not enough right of way to put a bicycle lane since FDOT has changed their standard that requires additional width for buffered bicycle lanes. Mr. Davey recommended to have a shared use sidewalk section and paint multiple arrows on the sidewalk to show pedestrians and bicyclists sharing the facility. For the US-1 project, FDOT is removing the existing bicycle lanes, since buffer bicycle lanes cannot be included on corridors with a speed limit over 55 mph. There are many challenges today that we are facing. Discussions continued about the recommendations that were made during the other Advisory Committees.

A motion concurring with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that made the recommendation for shared use paths, and have it mitigated at the same time when they remove the existing bicycle lanes that we have the other option for

the second project, FM# 448447-1, was made by Julie Preast and Bonnie Moser, the motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8. NOTES

- Cove Road Widening Project Website
www.Coveroadstudy.com

9. NEXT MEETING

BPAC Meeting – JUNE 12, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 3:04 P.M.

Prepared by:



Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

6/12/23
Date

Approved by:



Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, BPAC Chair

6-12-2023
Date

Minutes Approved on June 12, 2023

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