

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
JOINT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN/CITIZEN AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
(BPAC/CAC/TAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers  
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Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 1:30 pm

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Robert Daniels.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Susan Ortiz, Administrative Assistant, called roll.

**BPAC Members in Attendance:**

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Chair  
Julie Preast, Vice Chair  
Bonnie Moser  
Don Fabricy  
Mike Bocchino  
Yvette Goodiel  
Dawn Arvin

**BPAC Excused Members:**

Michael MacLeod

**BPAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Bradford Davey  
Hal Forslund

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Saadia Tsafarides, Chair  
Larry Sofield, Vice Chair  
William Stuckey  
Matthew Sexton  
Glen Alexander

**CAC Members Excused:**

Cindy Greenspan  
Howard Lyndon Brown

**CAC Members Absent:**

Hilary Young  
Trent Steele  
Ann Kagdis

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Robert Daniels, Chair  
Jim Gorton, Vice Chair  
Dr. Kim DeLaney  
Taryn Kryzda  
Clyde Dulin  
Ashman Beecher  
Andrew McBean  
Milton Leggett

**TAC Members Excused:**

Mark Cocco  
Peter Kunen

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Stuart Trent

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Principal Planner  
Margie Tamblyn, Senior Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner  
Susan Ortiz, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Vanita Saini, FDOT  
Tony Norat, FDOT  
Rana Keel, FDOT  
Cesar Martinez, FDOT  
James Brown, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Michael Melendez, FDOT  
Rob Lopes, FDOT  
Greg Jett, FDOT  
Kent Walia, FDOT  
Rajvi Shah, Kittelson Associates  
Tyrone Scorsone, Kittelson Associates  
Tammy Campbell  
John Duchock, Assistant Town Manager of Jupiter Island  
Patrick Nolan, Village of Indiantown  
Mark Fecteau

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Julie Preast and was seconded by Sadia Tsaftarides. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the Joint BPAC/CAC/TAC Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2025, was made by William Stuckey and seconded by Don Fabricy. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Representatives from the Martin County Sheriff's Office addressed the Committee, led by Sergeant Joe Angelico, accompanied by Lieutenant Dave Roscoe and Lieutenant Andrew Watson. Sergeant Angelico explained that the Sheriff's Office is seeking additional legislative tools beyond the current state statutes to better address safety concerns related to e-bikes. He noted that while existing laws provide some framework, there are loopholes that make enforcement difficult. The officers emphasized that stronger local or supplemental legislation would help them mitigate accidents and injuries that are occurring in the community. They acknowledged that legislation is already being reviewed at the state level but reiterated that any support from the MPO or local jurisdictions to provide extra enforcement mechanisms would be greatly beneficial. Their goal is to reduce crashes and injuries while ensuring safer use of e-bikes in Martin County. The officers concluded by stating they would be glad to answer any questions from the Committee.

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. FY26-FY30 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS**

Ms. Margie Tamblyn, Senior Planner, presented the proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Committee. She outlined the specific changes requested from FDOT, including the addition of a small segment of SR-710 widening, and the addition of Section 5307 formula funds for Martin County/Port St. Lucie UZA. Ms. Tamblyn highlighted the importance of these amendments in aligning local priorities with state and federal funding opportunities.

**A motion to accept the FY26-FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments was made by Julie Preast and was seconded by Michael MacLeod. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FY27-FY31 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

Ms. Beltran reminded the Committee that in June they approved the list of project priorities for Fiscal Years 2027–2031. She explained that the priorities were submitted to the

District Office, where the District Four team incorporated them into the Draft Tentative Work Program. Ms. Beltran then introduced Mr. Cesar Martinez, who would present the Draft Tentative Work Program and share positive news for the MPO and its projects.

Mr. Martinez acknowledged the FDOT staff in attendance. The focus then shifted to the Draft Tentative Work Program. Mr. Martinez explained that over the past three months, the district team has worked closely with central office to balance the program according to the funding allocations received. Mr. Martinez provided an overview of the process, noting that construction and right-of-way costs are updated annually for projects from the previous four years. Costs have continued to rise compared to last year, while funding allocations have declined. Despite these challenges, the guiding principle remains to maintain commitments to projects already programmed in the first four years, with emphasis on safety, preservation, and maintenance. New projects or phases are generally added into the fifth year. He emphasized that the current draft program is balanced to available allocations. Attention then turned to State Road (SR) 710. Beginning with the west side, Mr. Martinez highlighted two projects: the realignment and widening of Segment A (Martin/Okeechobee County Line to SE 126<sup>th</sup> Blvd.), which remains funded in Fiscal Year 2030 with \$2.2 million, and the continuation of segment D (SW Van Buren Ave to SW Allpattah Road) funding. What is new this cycle is funding for Segments B (FPL Power Plant Road to Martin/Okeechobee County Line) and segment C (SW Allapattah Road to FPL Power Plant Road). Mr. Martinez was pleased to report that all segments in Martin County are now fully funded for construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2029 with the realignment of Martin Highway at SR-710. Mr. Martinez noted that, despite tighter funding and rising costs, the program remains balanced and committed to delivering on safety and preservation priorities while advancing new capacity projects where possible.

Ms. Preast expressed appreciation to both Mr. Martinez and the team for their efforts. She noted her ongoing concerns, particularly given the current national climate, about the potential for budget cuts. While acknowledging that many projects remain unfunded, Ms. Preast emphasized her primary concern for those that are officially funded, asking whether they remain secure. Mr. Martinez responded by assuring the group that the district is in good standing with its funding commitments, and that the projects currently funded are stable.

**A motion to accept the FDOT FY27-FY31 Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Julie Preast and was seconded by Jim Gorton. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. FLORIDA TURNPIKE FY27-FY31 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM**

James Brown, MPO liaison for Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, provided an update on facilities and planned improvements in Martin County. He noted that the Turnpike spans 20 miles through the county and is being prepared for widening to a minimum of six lanes, with certain segments planned for expansion to eight lanes. Mr. Brown highlighted a \$43 million bridge replacement south of Becker Road, currently underway and scheduled for completion in spring 2028. The project addresses aging infrastructure and prepares the corridor for future widening. Three Martin County projects have funding for design and

right-of-way. The I-95 to Florida's Turnpike Direct Connect Interchange has design funded at \$25 million in FY30, though construction is not yet funded and is likely a decade away. Martin Highway Interchange Improvements has the design phase underway with approximately \$2 million remaining and right-of-way funded in FY29. Planned improvements include additional turn lanes and reconfigured movements to improve traffic flow. Lastly, the mainline widening, which includes the segment from Martin Highway to the St. Lucie County line, is in design, with plans to expand to eight lanes. The section from Palm Beach to Martin Highway will be widened to six lanes. Mr. Brown emphasized that while design phases are funded, construction timelines remain long-term, reflecting the scale and complexity of Turnpike projects.

Ms. Preast raised a question regarding the new bridge project south of Becker Road. She asked whether the design would be wide enough to accommodate future expansion to six or eight lanes. Mr. Brown responded by confirming that the bridge is being designed to support future capacity needs and will be built to accommodate eight lanes.

**A motion to accept the Florida Turnpike FY27-FY31 Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Sadia Tsafarides and was seconded by Jim Gorton. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **D. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) MULTIMODAL UNFUNDED NEEDS PLANS PRESENTATION**

Kent Walia, representing FDOT District Four Planning and Environmental Management Office, provided an overview of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) before beginning his formal presentation.

Ms. Preast asked for clarification on the bar graph labeled "Wealth Index." Mr. Walia explained that the measure considers income, but more specifically the portion of income that must be directed toward essential needs. He noted that housing, transportation, and healthcare are the three primary necessities factored into the calculation. The "Wealth Index," along with related measures such as housing affordability and the diversity index, are extracts from the regional profile prepared for the study. Mr. Walia acknowledged that these measures can be complex and somewhat technical but emphasized that they are intended to provide explanatory context for regional conditions.

Ms. Preast raised additional questions, expressing a personal concern after seeing maps projecting portions of Florida underwater by 2050. She asked how seriously resiliency is being considered, particularly with respect to SR-710. Mr. Walia responded that resiliency is a key focus in design and construction projects. He explained that FDOT is ensuring corridors and projects address flooding risks, and that resiliency screenings are being conducted across all system facilities to identify vulnerabilities and incorporate improvements. Ms. Preast then shifted her concern to the Saint Lucie River railroad bridge, noting that it is nearly 100 years old and poses risks given its age and current usage. She explained that she lives north of the bridge and has read about challenges faced by boaters navigating the structure. With the increase in passenger trains alongside freight traffic, she warned of potential safety hazards should the bridge fail, emphasizing

that only one set of tracks currently exists, requiring trains to stop at either end to pass. Ms. Preast urged that every effort be made to support replacement of the bridge as soon as possible.

Mr. Sexton commented on SR-710, referencing a chart that showed a high percentage of non-Martin County travel along the corridor. He asked whether widening would continue into Okeechobee and what plans exist for roads north of Okeechobee, such as US-441, or westward connections. He noted that while these areas fall outside Martin County, traffic impacts could spill over into the county. Mr. Walia clarified that those projects fall under District One's jurisdiction but committed to looking into the matter further.

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

Ms. Preast raised questions and comments regarding roadway lighting and micromobility. She noted that she had previously brought up the need for better lighting on US-1 north of the Roosevelt Bridge and observed that while landscape medians and other improvements had been completed over the past year, no new lights appeared to have been installed. She asked whether improved lighting was planned for the north side of the bridge. Mr. Leggett responded that lighting is part of an FDOT project and confirmed that installation is planned. He added that he would follow up with Ms. Preast regarding the project's schedule and timing. Ms. Preast then thanked law enforcement officers for attending and shifted to the topic of e-scooters and e-bikes. She referenced recent news from Palm Beach County, where a new ordinance was adopted restricting nearly all wheeled devices including rollerblades from sidewalks. While she did not believe such measures were necessary for Martin County, she reiterated her request for continued attention to e-scooter and e-bike regulation, noting that the BPAC would next meet in February.

Ms. Beltran clarified that BPAC had already held two meetings in October and would not have a regular December cycle. She explained that at the last meeting, Ms. Preast, Mr. Fabricy, and other BPAC members voiced concerns about enforcement and possible local regulations. Jim Gorton, Director of Public Works for Martin County, reported that the county has reached out to the Sheriff's Office to coordinate enforcement. Ms. Beltran added that the special BPAC meeting would include guests and provide an opportunity to develop recommendations that could be brought to the Joint Committee in February. She emphasized the importance of BPAC's input, noting that recommendations could then be elevated to the MPO Board for consideration. The MPO Board might, in turn, draft a letter to the County Commission recommending a local ordinance. Mr. Gorton confirmed that the County Commission is not currently on a formal schedule to consider such an ordinance but would look for direction from MPO and BPAC discussions. He noted that coordination with other agencies is ongoing and that the timing of these meetings aligns well with broader scheduling needs.

**8. NOTES**

Mr. Vazquez provided members with an update on the Development Review Map. He reminded the group that the map is updated four times per year and noted that the most recent update was completed at the end of September. This update incorporated new development information received from Martin County, the City of Stuart, and the Village of Indiantown. In addition to the development data, the map has been revised to reflect the project priorities adopted during the last cycle.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint BPAC/CAC/TAC – February 9, 2026

**10. ADJOURN – Robert Daniels adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.**

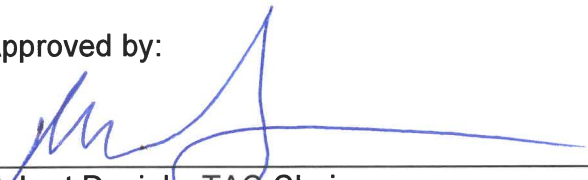
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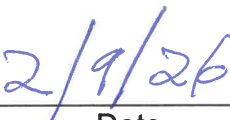
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Robert Daniels, TAC Chair

  
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