

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

Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers
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Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 1:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Dr. Kim DeLaney
Robert Daniels
Taryn Kryzda
Peter Kunen
Milton Leggett
Ashman Beecher
Andrew McBean

TAC Members Excused:

Mark Cocco
Samantha Lovelady

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

George Dzama
Stuart Trent
Ken De Angeles

BPAC Members in Attendance:

Julie Preast
Bonnie Moser
Michael MacLeod

BPAC Excused Members:

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
Don Fabricy
Jody Garret
Mike Bocchino

Hal Forslund
Bradford Davey

BPAC Members Not in Attendance:

Dawn Arvin
Arlette Cataldo

CAC Members in Attendance:

Saadia Tsaftarides
John Patteson
Ann Kagdis
Hilary Young
Blake Capps
Helen McBride
Trent Steele
Howard Lyndon Brown
Larry Sofield

CAC Members Excused:

CAC Members Absent:

Cindy Greenspan

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

James Brown, FDOT-Turnpike
Katina Kavouklis, FDOT-Turnpike
Tony Norat, FDOT-District 4
Kelly Budhu, FDOT-District 4
Sabrina Aubery, FDOT-District 4
Jessica Rubio, FDOT-District 4
Mark J. Madgar, FDOT-District 4
Claudette De Los Santos, FDOT-District 4
Damaris Williams, FDOT-District 4
Jill Quigley, Alfred-Benesch
Ian Debnam, Alfred-Benesch
Paul Carballo, Metric Engineering
Nicole Mauntler, Metric Engineering

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Trent Steele. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the Joint CAC/TAC/BPAC Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023, was made by Saadia Tsaftarides and seconded by Julie Preast. The motion passed with the correction to remove Althea Jefferson from the Roll Call, as she was no longer working for the Village of Indiantown at the April 2023 Joint Meeting.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FY25 – FY29 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, introduced Jessica Rubio from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) who presented the FY25-FY29 Draft Tentative Work Program for Martin County. After FDOT receives approval from the MPO Board, FDOT - District Four will submit the Tentative Work Program for approval by the Legislature. The Work Program returns to the MPO in the spring as the basis for the coming year's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Julie Preast asked if the realignment of Wright Boulevard and the sidewalk for the railroad crossing were separate projects. Mrs. Beltran advised that they are both part of the same project. There will be a presentation at the December 11, 2023, MPO Board meeting to discuss what was evaluated and what steps would need to be taken to move forward.

Trent Steele requested further details on the Bridge Road Project. Mrs. Beltran advised that the County had applied for funding for the rehabilitation of the bridge but due to issues, the District desired a study to see what exactly needed to be fixed or replaced.

Dr. Kim DeLaney sought information on the timing of the Monterey Road project. Ms. Rubio explained that the PD&E will be starting later this year. Mrs. Beltran also offered that there would be a lot of public input that would go into this project at the beginning of the PD&E phase.

Larry Sofield inquired about the funding and timeline of the PD&E phase for the Cove Road Widening project. Ms. Rubio informed him that design takes about two years, however, due to right-of-way acquisition, it could take longer. Mr. Sofield asked if the funding for right-of-way acquisition was included in the current budget. Ms. Rubio informed him that it was not.

A motion to approve the FDOT FY25 – FY29 Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE FY25 – FY29 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Beth Beltran introduced James Brown from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) who presented the FTE Tentative Work Program. Included in the Work Program are projects such as the widening of the Turnpike through Martin County, and a project to improve traffic operations for north-south thru trips that provide a connection between Interstate 95 (I-95) and Florida's Turnpike near the existing I-95/Bridge Road Interchange.

A motion to approve Florida's Turnpike Enterprise FY25 – FY29 Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Julie Preast and was seconded by Saadia Tsafarides. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2023 COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS DRAFT REPORT

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner and Project Manager, introduced Ian Debnam and Jill Quigley from Benesch who presented the Draft Community Characteristics Report. This report divides Martin County into 10 planning areas and documents the demographic, socioeconomic, and relevant data for transportation planning purposes. This report also includes crash data. Meeting Federal requirements related to traditionally underserved populations, the Community Characteristics Report will be used by the MPO for public involvement efforts. It will also serve as a valuable informational resource for Martin County agencies, municipalities, and community stakeholders.

There was a brief discussion regarding the purpose and benefit of the report, as well as some of the data points, specifically commute times. Dr. Kim DeLaney praised the report, commenting on its organization and digestibility.

A motion to approve the 2023 Community Characteristics Draft Report was made by Robert Daniels and was seconded by Trent Steele. The motion passed unanimously.

D. APPORTIONMENT PLAN UPDATE

Beth Beltran brought to the Joint Committee's attention an update from the last MPO Policy Board meeting. The Board gave staff direction to move forward with updating the Apportionment Plan, and to include an additional Board member from the Martin County Board of County Commissioners.

E. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE - SCOPE OF SERVICE

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, sought approval for the Scope of Services for the MPO's Development Review Interactive Map to continue to update the map biannually.

Julie Preast inquired if the map could be updated more often as it is such a valuable resource. Beth Beltran informed her that the current Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) budgeted for biannual updates, however, with the upcoming UPWP Update in Spring 2024, the MPO may implement more frequent updates based on needs.

A motion to approve the Development Review Interactive Map Update - Scope of Service was made by Julie Preast and was seconded by Ann Kagdis. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CR-713/SW HIGH MEADOW AVE WIDENING PD&E STUDY PRESENTATION

Beth Beltran introduced Damaris Williams, FDOT Project Manager, and Paul Carballo with Metric Engineering, who presented a PowerPoint showcasing the PD&E study for CR-713/SW High Meadow Ave Widening. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic capacity and safety issues currently present from I-95 to CR-714/SW Martin Highway. The widening of CR-713/SW High Meadow Avenue from the I-95 interchange to CR-714/SW Martin Highway (two lanes to four lanes) with the inclusion of a shared-use pathway is included on the adopted MPO's FY25-FY29 List of Project Priorities (LOPP). The project is in the currently adopted FY24-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes the design phase in FY26, as well as a right-of-way phase in FY28.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8. NOTES

- Transit Development Plan (TDP) Flyer
 - TDP Survey Link
- MPO Website and social media
 - martinmpo.com
 - facebook.com/MartinCountyMPO
 - Instagram.com/martincountympo

9. NEXT MEETING

- Joint TAC/CAC/BPAC – December 4th, 2023

10. ADJOURN –Trent Steele moved to adjourn, seconded by Ann Kagdis.
2:28 P.M.

Prepared by:



Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

12-4-2023
Date

Approved by:



Kim DeLaney, TAC Vice-Chair

12/4/2023
Date

Minutes Approved on December 4, 2023

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