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Martin MPO Newsletter
Summer 2022 Edition



2022 Planning Agency of the Year Award

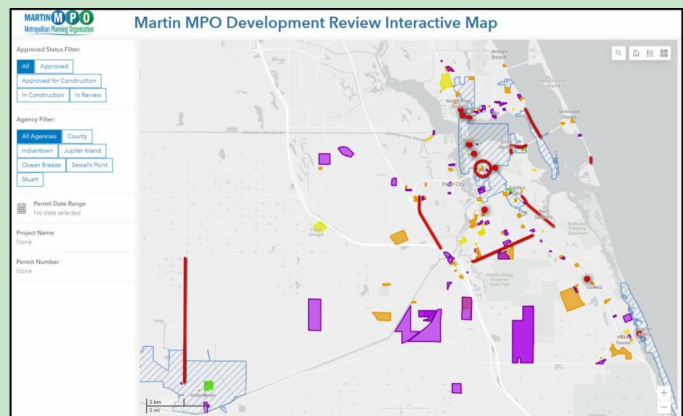
The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged recently recognized the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as the *2022 Planning Agency of the Year*. This award is for the planning agency that has gone beyond their scope to assist transportation disadvantaged (TD) citizens in their area. Martin MPO has included transportation disadvantaged planning into its local plans and has worked closely with the Senior Resource Association, Martin County's Community Transportation Coordinator, to overcome local transportation barriers and to advocate on behalf of the transportation disadvantaged population.

To find out more information about Martin County's TD program, please visit www.martincommunitycoach.com, email martincc@sramail.org with your questions, or call (772) 469-2063.

Development Review Interactive Map

The Martin MPO Policy Board requested that MPO staff work with the local governments to map approved and proposed land developments in Martin County and its municipalities. Following this request, MPO Staff, along with its consultant, Northstar Geomatics,

developed an interactive map showing County and municipal land developments which will be updated twice a year. The MPO Advisory Committees stated that they



were happy with this new tool. The map was presented to the MPO Board and was unanimously approved. This will help the MPO Board when prioritizing projects on the annual List of Project Priorities (LOPP).

For more information regarding the map, please contact Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner, at rvazquez@martin.fl.us. To view the interactive map, please click on the button below.

[Development Review Interactive Map](#)

About the Martin MPO



Vision Zero Plan

Over the past five years, Martin County has welcomed 10,000 new residents and the number of annual visitors continues to climb. During the same time, there have been over 8,000 crashes on roads in Martin County. Of these crashes, 351 resulted in death or serious injury.



The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its partner local governments are taking a bold stand to no longer accept these traffic fatalities and injuries as status quo. Our commitment is Vision Zero, which is a traffic safety initiative to reduce crashes and eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. Why? Because one traffic-related death is one too many.

On May 9th, 2022, the Martin MPO Policy Board approved the Vision Zero Plan, which outlines focus areas and specific recommendations to move the County towards its goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries. To view the Vision Zero Plan, please visit martinmpo.com, or click on the button below.

Citrus Grove Elementary Safety Event

On August 25, 2022, MPO staff held a safety campaign at Citrus Grove Elementary. Students were taught how to safely cross the street and were given bags filled with educational items and safety gear. MPO staff also spoke with parents of students about potential safety improvements at the school crossing. The MPO would like to thank all the students and parents that participated in the safety event.



Spotlight Amy Eason, Chair, MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Amy Eason is a licensed professional engineer with 24 years of experience in managing and delivering public infrastructure projects, especially stormwater management projects. She brings her experience in design and facilities planning and construction management/administration to aid in the decisions made on the Martin MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). She has been on the CAC since 2010 has served as the Chairperson since 2016. The best thing she likes about serving on this committee is sharing her expertise to the other committee members on items that come up during the meeting and ensuring that the projects presented consider all avenues before moving forward.

Amy Eason has been a resident of Martin County for 20 years and cares deeply for this community. As so, she volunteers for the Dance Academy of Stuart as a costume maker and works with the youth at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Her passion is knowledge and loves reading books and enjoying nature by bicycling and kayaking throughout the area.

Transportation Network Resiliency Study

The purpose of this study is to provide a mechanism on how to consider resiliency/climate change in the transportation planning process and consider the additional costs associated with reducing vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure. The MPO has created a Project Advisory Committee which consists of staff from Martin County and its municipalities to help guide the project. The goal is to develop a project prioritization process for transportation related resiliency projects so that local governments can plan for the future of the transportation network.



Public Outreach Survey

Click on the button below to participate in a quick survey regarding your public outreach preferences. This information will assist the MPO is making sure its future outreach is more effective.

[Survey Link](#)

Upcoming MPO Advisory Committee/Board Meetings

| | MPO Policy Board Meeting | Joint Technical/ Citizens/Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (TAC/ CAC/BPAC) Meeting | Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) | Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) |
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| Date | Oct. 17, 2022 | Nov. 28, 2022 | Dec. 2, 2022 | Dec. 5, 2022 |
| Time | 9:00 AM | 1:30 PM | 1:00 PM | 10:00 AM |
| Location | Martin County Admin Building BOCC Chambers | Martin County Admin Building BOCC Chambers | Martin County Admin Building 4th Floor Workshop Room | Martin County Admin Building BOCC Chambers |

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