

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**Monday, April 3, 2024 @ 1:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM by Robert Daniels.

**ROLL CALL**

Anthony O'Neill-Butler, MPO Administrative Assistant, called roll.

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Robert Daniels  
Dr. Kim DeLaney, Vice Chair  
George Dzama  
Stuart Trent  
Taryn Kryzda  
Mark Cocco  
Peter Kunen  
Samantha Lovelady  
Ashman Beecher  
Andrew McBean

**TAC Members Excused:**

Milton Leggett

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Ken DeAngeles

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Tony Norat, FDOT District Four  
Jazlyn Heywood, FDOT - Florida Turnpike Enterprise  
Henry Pinzon, FDOT - Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Bill Howell, H W Lochner, Inc.  
Joe Lobosco, Martin County Fire Rescue  
Rocco Napoli, Martin County Fire Rescue  
Noah Brown, South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS)  
Jake Danduone, South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS)  
Andrew Velasquez, AECOM

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by George Dzama. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- TAC Meeting – February 5, 2024

**A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024, was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by George Dzama. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Noah Brown with South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS) informed the committee and those in attendance that the 2024 Florida Commuter Transportation Summit will be held on May 20 – 22, 2024 at the historic Riverside Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. It is being hosted by FDOT, Commute Broward, SFCS and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). It will be a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) conference, talking about TDM initiatives such as biking, walking, carpooling, or using transit all to help alleviate traffic congestion. He formally invited all to attend this summit and join in on this important conversation about TDM strategies.**

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. FY23-FY24 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT #2 - DE-OBLIGATION OF PL FUNDS**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, introduced the agenda item. She stated that the MPO must ensure the de-obligation is received by FDOT-District Four no later than May 1, 2024. Unless a de-obligation process is followed, the remaining project balances of the UPWP on June 30, 2024, will not be available until Year 2, on July 1, 2025, of the next adopted UPWP.

She requested that \$254,000 in PL funds be unencumbered and de-obligated in the FY23-FY24 UPWP and be made available in Year 1 of the next FY25-FY26 UPWP.

**A motion to approve the FY23-FY24 UPWP Amendment #2 - De-Obligation of PL Funds was made by Ashman Beecher and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MODIFICATION #2**

Beth Beltran presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #2. The TIP is the MPO's short range plan that mirrors FDOT's Work Program. This TIP modification is part of the process of de-obligating funds from the FY23-FY24 UPWP to add funds in the first year of the FY25-FY26 UPWP.

**A motion to approve the TIP Modification #2 was made by Dr. Kim DeLaney and was seconded by Samantha Lovelady. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **C. DRAFT FY25-FY26 UPWP**

Beth Beltran introduced the Draft FY25-FY26 UPWP. She stated that the UPWP documents the MPO's two-year budget and planning activities starting July 1, 2024. She explained that the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 will be the most expensive project in the FY25-FY26 UPWP. Also, the Development Review Map will be updated quarterly in the new UPWP cycle.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY25-FY26 UPWP was made by Samantha Lovelady and was seconded by Dr. Kim DeLaney. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **D. TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY AND PLAN UPDATE**

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner, presented Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Update. On an annual basis the MPO reviews and updates if needed the Title VI language in the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan to ensure it is current.

**A motion to approve the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Update was made by Ashman Beecher and was seconded by Peter Kunen. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **E. TURNPIKE AND I-95 DIRECT CONNECTION PD&E STUDY PRESENTATION**

Jazlyn Heywood, with the FDOT - Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) and Bill Howell, with H W Lochner, Inc. presented the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Turnpike and I-95 Direct Connection Interchange Project. The purpose of this study is to develop and evaluate alternatives to a potential interchange that will directly connect I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. This study will look at improvements to traffic operations, travel time reliability, relieving congestion, safety, and enhanced emergency response and evacuation. The project will provide the vital connection between I-95 and Florida's Turnpike. They are currently in the study phase where they look at the environmental impacts. There is no funding for design. This is the Planning Development

and Environmental (PD&E) phase. The proposed alternatives limits start along I-95 and the Florida's Turnpike approximately two miles south of Bridge Road to one mile north of Bridge Road. The system-to-system interchange project would provide a vital link between I-95 and Florida's Turnpike and emergency access roads for emergency vehicles only. Two feasible alternatives were presented. Input will be received on both alternatives and eventually one preferred alternative will move on to design and construction. Additional Right-of-Way (ROW) would be needed for both alternatives. The new direct connect interchange is projected in the year 2050 to be used to carry 26,400 vehicles per day. Also, in Martin County, the local roadway network will see relief in congestion. For scale of design Dr. Kim DeLaney suggested that FDOT provide cross sections of the proposed system-to-system interchange. Martin County Fire Rescue stated the system-to-system interchange and access roads especially will dramatically enhance emergency vehicle access and operations. George Dzama asked if there was a possibility the emergency access roads could be designed and constructed now. Henry Pinzon with FDOT - Florida Turnpike Enterprise, stated that FDOT needs to get through the process, identify the preferred alternative and then depending on funding the emergency portion of this project could advance sooner.

**This is an informational item.**

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None**


**8. NOTES - None**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – April 29, 2024


**ADJOURNMENT: 1:59 P.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

  
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Date

**Approved by:**

  
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Robert Daniels, Chair

  
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Date

**Minutes Approved on June 3, 2024**

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