

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building  
County Commission Chambers  
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**Wednesday, January 06, 2010 @ 9:00a.m.**

**AGENDA**

| <b><u>ITEM</u></b>   | <b><u>ACTION</u></b> |
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| 1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00A.M.  |                      |
| 2. ROLL CALL   |                      |
| 3. APPROVE MINUTES<br>November 18, 2009 – Regular Meeting  | APPROVE              |
| 4. APPROVE AGENDA  | APPROVE              |
| 5. AGENDA ITEMS  |                      |
| A. RANK ORDERING OF POTENTIAL<br>MARTIN COUNTY FEDERAL JOBS BILL PROJECTS<br>MEMO: temp10CACa03.01 | APPROVE              |
| 6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS   |                      |
| 7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC  |                      |
| 8. ADJOURN   |                      |

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# MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## MPO-CAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
Engineering Department  
Capital Projects Conference Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34996  
(772) 221-1498

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 9:07 am**

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Vice Chair, Sheila Kurtz  
Joseph DeFronzo  
Barbara Timmerman for Barbara Kauffman  
Mark Mathes  
Trent Steele  
Albert Zilg  
C. Stephen Driver, Ex-Officio - St. Lucie County

**Excused Board Members:**

Chairman, Toby Overdorf  
Jody Ianuzzi  
Julie Preast

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Jena Mier

**MPO Staff in Attendance:**

Ann Perrotta, MPO Director  
M. Beth Beltran, Senior Planner  
Boyd Lawrence, Planner  
Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

3. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Trent Steele moved to approve Agenda. Joseph DeFronzo seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **APPROVE MINUTES \* Regular Meeting - September 2, 2009**

Albert Zilg moved to approve the Minutes of the September 02, 2009 regular meeting.  
Trent Steele seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Martin & St. Lucie M/TPO 2035 Regional LRTP**

**MEMO: temp10CACa02.01**

Ms. Perrotta introduced this Item. She said that on May 27, 2009, the Joint Martin & St. Lucie Policy Board approved retaining the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to complete the 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) update. An agreement was executed on June 23, 2009. The tasks explained in the agreement were to be completed within a timeframe of 18 months. Ms. Perrotta stated that Mr. Mike Busha, Executive Director of the TCRPC for the RLRTP update, had assembled a Project Team. Ms. Perrotta introduced Mr. Dana Little, TCRPC Project Manager.

Mr. Little presented the update of the activities and implementation schedule by offering a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file). Mr. Little said that at the end of the presentation he would like the Committee Members' input.

Mr. Little stated that a survey was launched on the website [www.goingongreeninto2035.com](http://www.goingongreeninto2035.com) in an effort to collect public input.

Mr. Little also spoke about future climate change legislation that MPOs and TPOs will have to respond to. He shared an interesting fact regarding vehicle miles traveled. He said that some months ago, when gasoline cost reached \$4.00 per gallon, consumers nationwide were driving one billion miles less a month as a result of people changing their behavior.

Mr. Little mentioned the RLRTP Public Workshop held in Martin County on Saturday, September 26, 2009 in the Blake Library; the one-on-one interviews conducted with various community groups, and the Public Workshop held for St. Lucie County on Saturday, November 07, 2009 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. He shared some of the recommendations made by the public who attended these events.

Ms. Perrotta commented about the public's idea of having SR 609 looking more like a Parkway in order to preserve more green space in the County.

Mr. Little added that during the development of the RLRTP update his Staff would try to link road improvements to local requirements such as land development regulations, density, interconnectivity requirements, etc.

Mr. Little said that when he asked the public where future growth should concentrate in Martin County, the answer consistently was in the designated CRAs (Community Redevelopment Areas).

Mr. Little discussed some of the feedback received from the public during the Public Workshop in St Lucie County.

Mr. Little mentioned some facts posted in the Transportation for America and the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership magazine on November 09, 2009. The report called "Dangerous by Design" revealed the most dangerous U.S. cities for pedestrian. The top four cities in this report were located in Florida.

Mr. Little said that TCRPC had six different engineering firms submit different teams who would review the feedback gathered from the public and would feed it into computer models. He

mentioned that the alternate models developed would be presented around February 2010.

Mr. Little said that, by February 2010, we should know whether the Florida Amtrak would be awarded some of the ARRA funds to establish services from Jacksonville to Miami on the FEC corridor with the possibility of stations in Stuart and in Fort Pierce.

Ms. Perrotta asked what the time frame was when the miles traveled nationwide were reduced by a billion per month. Mr. Little replied that it happened around the Summer of 2008. He added that Tri-Rail experienced an increase of 30% in ridership that same summer, when gas prices went up. Ms. Perrotta asked TCRPC to provide the source of this information on their presentation showing these facts.

Mr. Little said that the way the roads are designed will impact how communities function. In his presentation he showed that the less connected an area is, the bigger the streets have to be in that area. He presented various road network scenarios. Mr. Little said that it would be very hard, if not impossible, to retrofit areas that have already been built and that are not transit-supportive. Mr. Little stated that we must be very conscious when planning future developments in order to built communities that are transit-supportive.

Mr. Little said that proper transit planning has to be a priority at the MPO and TPO levels, at the County, and at the State level. Ms. Perrotta concurred.

Ms. Perrotta requested a five-minute break to allow set-up time for the next presenter.

## **B. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

### **MEMO: temp10CACa02.02**

Ms. Perrotta stated that the MPO retained TranSystems to complete a draft of the PIP by November 6, 2009 and complete a final draft for the MPO Policy Board on December 21st. Part of the PIP update process outlined in the contract directed the consultant to obtain comments and feedback from the MPO Advisory Committees in the development of the updated PIP. Ms. Perrotta introduced TranSystems consultants Mr. Andrew Nicol and Ms. Teresa Townsend.

Mr. Nicol offered a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

Ms. Townsend followed up with the interactive part of the discussion trying to capture the Committee's feedback and further integrate their comments into the development of the PIP update.

Some of the questions Ms. Townsend asked the Committee were: what attributes or features needed to be included in the PIP, what ideas or techniques should be used for public outreach, and what other community groups needed to be reached out to.

Mr. Trent Steele mentioned the CRA groups, and he specifically referred to the CRA in the Hobe Sound area. He said that this was a great group, very interactive, and that it should be included.

Mr. Albert Zilg felt that there was not a lot of outreach done in the southern part of the County. Mr. Zilg was referring to the route along US1 in the Hobe Sound area. Ms. Sheila Kurtz

suggested starting with the basic outreach technique of advertising via regular mail.

Ms. Barbara Timmerman mentioned that part of the problem in this southern area was the cross-county transit where the two counties, Martin and Palm Beach, would have to agree and put money together to serve this area. Ms. Timmerman said that it would be interesting to include a topic like "Strategies to solve inter-county transit problems" in the PIP .

Ms. Perrotta asked Mr. Zilg if the group he is referring to in the south part of the County would use public transportation. Mr. Zilg replied in the affirmative. Ms. Perrotta suggested a meeting with groups within the Hobe Sound community as a way of measuring the level of interest and participation in this area.

Ms. Perrotta mentioned the upcoming Transit Summit on Friday, January 08, 2010 at the Tradition Town Hall, Port St. Lucie from 9:00am - 12:00 noon.

Mr. Little asked if Palm Beach County would be represented at the Transit Summit. Ms. Perrotta mentioned that Tri-Rail might be attending.

Mr. Steele suggested including the cyclists of the region. Mr. DeFronzo said that the BPAC group had participated in this discussion and they had contributed several suggestions.

Ms. Townsend encouraged the Committee Members to review whether the goals set in the Draft PIP were effective in reaching out to the community, and to forward any comments to her.

Ms. Timmerman suggested that the citizens should familiarize themselves with their neighboring surroundings, analyze what transportation options they have available, and to consider planning their future mobility for the time when they might not be able to drive anymore.

Ms. Perrotta said that it was important to establish clear measurement techniques into our PIP. She stated that we need to capture and document what the MPO is doing, and keep record of the results obtained. Ms. Perrotta said that there should be mechanisms established in the PIP so that these efforts can easily be measured, and staff can report how we progress.

Mr. Trent Steele left at 10:25 a.m. to attend a previous engagement.

Ms. Kurtz also suggested the use of small plastic signs set along the road, as a marketing tool.

Ms. Townsend said that different communities respond to different marketing techniques. Mr. Zilg suggested making flyers in Spanish to address the Spanish speaking community.

Mr. Mark Mathes joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Nicol stated that the deadline to submit comments would be November 25, 2009.

**C. TIP AMENDMENT - FY 2010 ENHANCEMENT FUNDS**  
**MEMO: temp10CACa02.03**

Ms. Perrotta mentioned that additional information that was sent electronically to the Committee Members pertaining to the Citizens' Report. The Draft Tentative Work Program from FDOT will

be for next year's TIP. In following the Public Involvement process, Ms. Perrotta also mentioned two possible TIP amendments that will need to be presented to the Committee for approval.

Ms. Kurtz continued with the introduction of the Item. She stated that representatives from the City of Stuart expressed an interest in submitting an enhancement application for a Downtown Stuart crosswalks project. A completed project application was prepared. The project included the visibility and safety improvement of approximately 30 crosswalks on three main downtown Stuart streets: Ocean Blvd, Dixie Hwy, and Flagler Ave.

Ms. Kurtz said that the City of Stuart Crosswalks - Enhancement application was attached in the agenda package for the Committee's review and recommendation. Once it receives MPO Board approval, the signed application will be forwarded to FDOT and ultimately assigned an FM #. The FDOT program managers for the Enhancement program have been provided a copy of the application for preliminary review. FDOT has been informed that the City of Stuart was ready-to-go with this project and that it can be completed within the FY 2010 funding cycle.

Ms. Kurtz asked if there was any landscaping included for any of the Crosswalks. Mr. Boyd Lawrence, MPO Planner II, replied that the application submitted did not make mention of landscaping. Mr. Lawrence offered to research this question further.

Ms. Perrotta said that the application had irrigation costs considered and that this may imply the use of some landscaping; however, there was no general consensus as to whether there would be landscaping involved for the whole project.

**Mark Mathes moved to approve recommendation of a TIP Amendment to move \$365,000 in FY 2010 Enhancement funds from the Jonathan Dickinson Greenway project to the Downtown Stuart Crosswalks project. Joseph DeFronzo seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. NEW FIXED BUS ROUTES**  
**MEMO: temp10CACa02.04**

Ms. Beth Beltran, MPO Senior Planner, provided a short presentation. She stated that the MPO has worked closely with the awardees of the grants (COAMC and MTM) on route planning initiatives such as: scheduling, marketing, budgeting, signage, vehicle assignment, etc. to help ensure the success of the new bus routes. The new fixed-routes will provide much needed public transportation to Martin County and will help reduce expensive door-to-door (paratransit) service currently being provided by Community Coach by transitioning some of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) commuters to less expensive fixed-routes. Ms. Beltran discussed the new bus routes proposed and their interconnectivity with other transit services.

Mr. Zilg asked if the information was available on the website. Ms. Timmerman said that it has been and that the bus schedules were being mailed upon request. Ms. Timmerman added that Ms. Lisa Sanders, MPO Associate Planner, along with the Transit Manager of Community Coach made a presentation on the subject in Hobe Sound, per the community's request.

Ms. Perrotta added that paratransit (door-to-door, by appointment transportation) was not affordable anymore. These routes were designed to capture the majority of riders that could walk

to a bus stop.

Mr. Mathes asked what the terms of the grants were. Ms. Perrotta replied that a number of factors determined grant terms. She said that grants usually were on a year-to-year ongoing allocations, and/or a combination of funding, and/or with or without fund matching requirements. Ms. Perrotta said that a factor for these particular JARC and New Freedom grants would be the increased ridership.

Mr. Stephen Driver suggested strengthening the partnership between St. Lucie and Martin County to promote inter-county ridership.

Ms. Beltran said that services resulting from the JARC grant will be effective December 1, 2009 and services resulting from the New Freedom grant will be effective December 20, 2009.

**E. TIP AMENDMENT - INCREASES IN JARC & New Freedom GRANT AMOUNTS**

**MEMO: temp10CACa02.05**

Ms. Kurtz introduced this Item. She said that an amount of \$73,658 was available to the Port St. Lucie Urbanized Area. Based on the 38/62 population split established by FDOT, Martin County was eligible to receive \$27,989.00. No match was required from the County; grant funds applied for must be matched by the prospective sub-recipient. Ms. Kurtz continued to say that FTA required that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include the \$16,443 in JARC funding and the \$11,546 in New Freedom funding. Once approved, these amounts will be included in the FY 2010 through FY 2014 TIP, in Appendix I, as an FY 2010 TIP Amendment.

**Mark Mathes moved to approve recommendation to the MPO Board to amend the FY TIP to increase the amounts of JARC grant funding by \$16,443 and New Freedom Grant funding by \$11,546. Joseph DeFronzo seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Perrotta discussed two new possible TIP amendments. The first amendment would be to add the Hobe Sound Bascule Bridge project and the second amendment to add the SR 609 Guardrail project (projects description on file).

Ms. Kurtz asked where the funds for these projects would be coming from. Ms. Perrotta replied that these would be ARRA funds.

Ms. Perrotta said that the Guardrail project along SR 609 would extend about 3 miles as an added safety feature to this road.

**Mark Mathes moved to approve recommendation to the MPO Board to amend the FY TIP to include these two projects and to get them funded. Albert Zilg seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Perrotta spoke about the Draft Citizens' Report and distributed two handouts listing the report's highlights (copies on file).

Ms. Perrotta asked the Members to review the data presented and to send their comments to Staff

by December 18th, before going to the MPO on December 21st.

Ms. Timmerman asked why the Medicaid allocation was not listed on the Transit table presented. Ms. Perrotta said that the data presented only reflects public dollars expended by the public, and Medicaid funding goes to private agencies.

**Mark Mathes moved to endorse the Citizens' Report FY 2011-2015 Draft Tentative Work Program subject to additional comment and review. Joseph DeFronzo seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**8. NOTES**

Upcoming Transit Summit- January 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the TRADITION Town Hall, 10799 Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be January 6, 2010, if needed.

Ms. Perrotta informed the Committee that she had submitted her resignation effective January 15, 2010.

**10. ADJOURN**

**Mark Mathes moved to adjourn Albert Zilg seconded.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

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Date

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Toby Overdorf, Chairman

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Date

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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| <b>MEMO:</b><br>Temp10CACa03.01   | <b>MEETING DATE:</b><br>January 06, 2010 | <b>DUE DATE:</b><br>December 30, 2009                         | <b>UPWP#:</b><br>5.5, 5.7 |
| <b>WORDING:</b><br><b>RANK ORDERING OF MARTIN COUNTY FEDERAL JOBS BILL PROJECTS</b> |  |   | <b>5 A</b>                |
| <b>REQUESTED BY:</b><br>FDOT  | <b>PREPARED BY:</b><br>Ann Perrotta      | <b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b><br>Project Ranking Sheet |                           |

**BACKGROUND**

To stimulate economic growth and reverse the recent nationwide rise in unemployment, it is anticipated that additional federal legislation will be passed. This new legislation is being referred to generally at writing as the, "Federal Jobs Bill." **Attached** is the email sent to the MPO Policy Board, the Chairs of our CAC & TAC and the City and Town Managers, advising of this opportunity.

**ISSUES**

Information will be continue to evolve concerning this legislation and project funding. The rank ordering of projects will poise the County to receive additional funding for eligible projects, should the bill be enacted. A project ranking recommendation from the MPO's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is attached. This Ranking ordering will be submitted to the MPO Policy Board at a Special meeting on January 12, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library—see attached Notice.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Recommendation**

1. Motion to recommend to project ranking to MPO Policy Board for funding from Federal Jobs Bill, subject to review and approval by FDOT.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Recommendation**

No figures at writing

**APPROVAL**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Martin MPO JOBS Bill Project Ranking Sheet
- b. Special January 12, 2010 Meeting Notice
- c. Email sent out on December 18, 2009



# **MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that an emergency meeting of the **Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board** has been called for **January 12, 2010** at **10:30 AM**. The meeting will be held in the John F. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, FL.

**The purpose of this meeting will be to consider ranking of transportation improvement projects proposed for funding from the Federal JOBS Bill of 2010.**

Assistance for disabled persons may be arranged by calling 1-866-836-7034. Non-English speaking, deaf, or visually impaired persons needing an interpreter should contact the Office of the County Administrator at 772-288-5420 or 772-288-5940 (TDD). An agenda of items to be considered will be available to the public in the Administrator's Office, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Items not included on the agenda may also be heard in consideration of the best interests of the public health, safety, welfare, and as necessary to protect every person's right of access.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

This notice dated: December 22, 2009

SUBMITTED BY: Ann Perrotta

TITLE: MPO Director

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**Subject:** FW: Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Investment Bill  
**Date:** Friday, December 18, 2009 4:26:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [JobsBill\\_12-16-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

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The attached "Jobs Bill", if enacted by Congress, could present opportunities to complete projects with federal funding, that meet ALL attendant federal requirements as was the case with the ARRA funded projects, and that could also be **under contract within 90 days of its passage**. The time that would ordinarily be taken by processing LAP funding agreements may be avoided if FDOT issues project contracts directly—which they are considering.

Once again, these projects must have been identified in our Long Range Plan and must be incorporated into our TIP. We still have the potential of using our Jan 6<sup>th</sup> CAC/TAC meeting date to review and approve a prioritized list of projects for incorporation into the TIP, if the project is approved by FDOT and contingent upon funding becoming available.

The estimated timeframe for enactment of this legislation is late January/early February. An additional, Special Meeting of the MPO Board may be required to be held in January to review and approve the prioritized list.

Gerry O'Reilly, FDOT District 4 Director of Planning and Programming, has asked for a preliminary list as early as we can get one to him knowing that the holidays will interrupt attempts to develop a list of projects, the project name, description with location information and with cost estimates. It is nevertheless hoped that the preliminary list can be developed in time for review by the CAC & TAC on January 6<sup>th</sup> –if at all possible--with submission to FDOT shortly thereafter. Projects eligible for federal funding such as resurfacing, signals, CIGP projects that were rejected or deferred due to lack of sufficient funding, current ARRA projects that could be enhanced, enhancement projects (3% has been set aside for enhancements) or other projects that are eligible for federal funding a truly "ready to go".

This email is being addressed to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of our Advisory Committees (including the BPAC), and Martin County engineering. Please send

your project information to Boyd Lawrence at [blawrenc@martin.fl.us](mailto:blawrenc@martin.fl.us); or contact him at 320-3015. Boyd will place the project information on the review matrix used previously for prioritizing ARRA projects.

Thank you,

— Ann

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**Subject:** Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Investment Bill

To: MPOAC Staff Directors

Attached is the federal Infrastructure and Jobs Investment Bill that was approved by the House of Representatives on December 16, 2009. It still needs to be passed by the Senate and is subject to change. The Senate has indicated it will not take up the bill until January if they do at all.

The bill includes \$37.3 billion in transportation infrastructure funding. The highway portion is \$27.5 billion and under the proposed formula, Florida would receive approximately \$1.35 billion which is similar to what the state received under ARRA. Also similar to ARRA, the bill requires a 3% set-aside for enhancements and 30% of the funds are suballocated for locally selected projects. Of particular interest is the fact that the House bill has a provision that requires 50% of the funds awarded to each state be under contract within 90 days after the funds are apportioned (to occur within 21 days). After 90 days, a state would lose 50% of the funds not under contract, and all the funds not under contract within one year. As in the ARRA, projects must meet all federal guidelines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Glassman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H" and "G".

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