

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

Wednesday, January 06, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.
Martin County Administration Building
Commission Chambers
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
(772) 223-7983

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Sheila Kurtz chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:10 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Sheila Kurtz, Vice-Chair
Joseph DeFronzo
Barbara Timmerman for Barbara Kauffman
Julie Preast
Albert Zilg

Members Excused:

None

Members Not In Attendance:

Toby Overdorf, Chairman
Jody Ianuzzi
Mark Mathes
Trent Steele
Steve Driver (Ex-Officio)

Staff in Attendance:

Ann Perrotta, MPO Director
Mary Beth Beltran, Senior Planner
Boyd Lawrence, Planner II
Lisa Sanders, Associate Planner
Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

A quorum was present for this committee.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Vice-Chair Kurtz entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Joseph DeFronzo moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Albert Zilg. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES:

* November 18, 2009 – Regular CAC Meeting

Ms. Julie Preast made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. DeFronzo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Rank Ordering of Potential Martin County Federal JOBS Bill Projects

MEMO: temp10CACa03.01

Ms. Perrotta said that FDOT communicated that in order to stimulate economic growth and reverse the recent nationwide rise in unemployment, it was anticipated that an additional Federal legislation would be passed. This new legislation was being referred to as the “Federal JOBS Bill.” Ms. Perrotta stated that she sent an email to the MPO Policy Board, the Chairs of our CAC & TAC and the City and Town Managers, advising of this opportunity (copy of the email on file).

Ms. Perrotta said that the information would 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. Once a project ranking recommendation from the MPO Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was created, the ranking ordering will be submitted to the MPO Policy Board for their review and comments. There would be a Special meeting for the MPO Policy Board on January 12, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library— (copy of the Notice on file).

The list presented to the Members had a preliminary ranking performed by Martin County Engineering. Mr. Boyd Lawrence, MPO Planner II, provided a brief description of each project on the list. The projects were listed in the order they were received by Staff.

A question-and-answer session ensued regarding the details of some of the projects.

Ms. Perrotta stated that the following considerations would assist in the ranking of the projects: 1) Safety 2) Deferred maintenance 3) Improvement of the system’s network. Another determinant factor was that the project can be done in a fairly short period of time.

Ms. Preast inquired about another Stimulus Bill-funded project that was approved: the turn lane from Dixie Highway onto Wright Boulevard headed south. Ms. Preast said that Dan Hudson, City of Stuart Manager, confirmed that there was enough right-of-way for this project but she was not sure if this project was going to take place. Ms. Perrotta replied that she would bring this question up during the TAC meeting.

Mr. DeFronzo asked what the limits were for one of the projects on the list: CR707/Dixie Hwy - Reclamation and Resurfacing. Mr. Lawrence replied that he will find out and will include it in the description of this project. Ms. Perrotta added that once the limits were established this would help provide the correct designation: county road or state road.

The Committee proceeded to analyze the list in terms of the suggested considerations.

Ms. Preast requested that Staff check with County Engineering to find out if they have all the funding needed for the enhancement project in the southern section of the Green River Parkway. She suggested that if any funding was still missing, this project could be added to the list since it was currently underway. Ms. Perrotta replied that she would follow up and request information from Engineering.

Ms. Perrotta recommended proceeding with the ranking of projects based on the first consideration: safety.

Ms. Preast made a motion to have the following projects ranked based on safety.

Hobe Sound Bascule Bridge on Bridge Road crossing Inter-coastal Waterway - Main hydraulic cylinder and associated critical component replacement / fender system and safety improvements	1
CR 609 Guardrail Project - 9.2 mile long road - Install 15 miles of guardrail	2
Turtle Creek Pedestrian Bridge – Demolition of unsafe structure & Replacement.	3

Mr. DeFronzo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

For the second ranking consideration: deferred maintenance, Staff recommended following the County Engineering ranking for resurface projects, as follow:

Bridge Rd.-Mill & Resurface, from SR76 e. to CR-711, from CR-711 1.5 miles e. to new asphalt. US-1 east to beach	4
Willoughby Blvd. Mill & Resurface- Monterey Rd south to Indian St. then 2650' south of Indian St. to Salerno Rd.	5
CR707/Dixie Hwy - Reclamation and Resurfacing	6
CR-711 (Pratt Whitney Rd.) - Mill & Resurface from SR-76 south to Martin/Palm Beach County Line.	7
Sewell's Point Rd.- Indian River Dr. - Mill & Resurface , from SR-A1A to CR-707	8
Dixie Hwy - Cove Rd. south to US 1 - Mill & Resurface 8.16 miles	9
East Ocean Blvd (SR A1A) Corridor Improvements – Evans Crary Bridge to Ernest Lyons Bridge – Signals/Crosswalk, Utilities sub-surfacing, Lighting & Landscaping	10

For the third ranking consideration: improvement of the network, Staff recommended:

South Sewall's Point Road Multiuse Path – Ocean Blvd (SR A1A) to Mandalay Dr.	11
Automated Traffic Mgt System (ATMS), SR-A1A (Ocean Ave.) Palm Beach Road to St. Lucie Blvd	12
Automated Traffic Mgt System (ATMS), US-1 - Bridge Road to Summerfield	13

Ms. Preast moved Staff recommendations for the second and third portions of the project ranking. The motion was on the floor for discussion.

Mr. DeFronzo suggested switching projects #6 and #7 on the list. The motion maker disagreed with his suggestion. Before taking Mr. DeFronzo's suggestion into consideration Vice-Chair Kurtz asked if there was a second for Ms. Preast's motion. **There being no second, Ms. Preast's**

motion failed.

Mr. DeFronzo made a new motion to continue the ranking as discussed and to have projects #6 and #7 switched. Seconded by Mr. Zilg. The motion passed with Ms. Preast dissenting.

The final ranking of projects made by the CAC was as follow:

Project Description	CAC Rank 01/06/10
Automated Traffic Mgt System (ATMS), SR-A1A (Ocean Ave.) Palm Beach Road to St. Lucie Blvd	12
Automated Traffic Mgt System (ATMS), US-1 - Bridge Road to Summerfield	13
Hobe Sound Bascule Bridge on Bridge Road crossing Inter-coastal Waterway - Main hydraulic cylinder and associated critical component replacement / fender system and safety improvements	1
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Enhancement Projects:	
Turtle Creek Pedestrian Bridge – Demolition of unsafe structure & Replacement.	3
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6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Zilg requested the status of the bus shelters project. Ms. Beth Beltran, MPO Senior Planner, replied that there were four proposed bus shelters in progress. Staff would be advertising for a Request for Proposal (RFP) and once a successful bidder was identified, Staff would seek

approval from the BOCC. This process was anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2010.

Ms. Preast had several requests for Staff to follow up:

- A citizen, Mrs. ~~Jean~~^{John} Marik, requested that a four way stop be installed at the intersection of 10th Street and Dolphin. Visibility is hampered by an existing tree and there is also a school in the area.
- The traffic light at the intersection of Monterey Road and Kanner Highway was not timed properly during the early hours of the day at around 4:00am – 5:00am. Unnecessary wait time was created, thus, she requested reviewing the timing cycle of this traffic light for the period early in the morning.
- Would like to confirm that the Rio Park enhancements that were part of the Enhancement Grant program were added to the CRA Enhancements for FY2012-2013.

Mr. DeFronzo requested the status on the possible MPO/TPO merger. Ms. Perrotta replied that the MPO Board Members requested that a letter be drafted listing the various merger issues. She stated that the next Joint Board Meeting would be on January 21, 2010 in the St. Lucie Commission Chambers. Ms. Perrotta said that the letter drafted would be circulated to the Committee Members as well.

A short discussion ensued regarding the advantages/disadvantages of a possible MPO/TPO merger. Ms. Perrotta provided a synopsis of the discussions that have taken place on this regard.

Mr. Zilg requested the status of the Transit Depot project. Ms. Perrotta replied that all documents and requirements have been submitted and it was still undergoing FTA internal review.

7. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None

8. NEXT MEETING

April 07, 2010

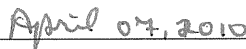
9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Kurtz entertained a motion for adjournment. Moved by Ms. Preast. Seconded by Mr. Zilg. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Recorded and Prepared by:



Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II



Date

Approved by:



Mark Mathes for:
Toby Overdorf, CAC Chairman



Date