

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Wednesday, January 06, 2010 - 1:30 P.M.

Martin County Administration Building
Capital Projects Conference Room, 2nd Floor
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
(772) 223-7983

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Joe Capra, Chairman

Sam Amerson, Vice Chair

Mike Moon

Arlene Tanis, FDOT (arrived at 1:37pm)

Dan Hudson

Terry Rauth for Don Donaldson

Bruce Offord

Chong Wong for Gustavo Schmidt, FDOT (arrived at 1:37pm)

Barbara Timmerman (arrived at 1:44pm)

Samantha Horowitz for Nikki van Vonno

Members Excused:

Jeff Newell

Members Not In Attendance:

Dale Lynton

Kim DeLaney

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 MINUTES:

* November 18, 2009 – Regular TAC Meeting

Mr. Bruce Offord made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Terry Rauth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Staff recommended taking the Agenda out of order and commencing with the discussion of Item B.

Mr. Mike Moon moved to approve the Agenda with Staff recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Sam Amerson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Capra informed that he would be abstaining from voting during the discussion of Item A in order to avoid any conflict of interest there may be.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

MEMO: temp10TACa03.01

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).

Mr. Moon requested that the record reflect that he had forwarded Ms. Perrotta's email to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

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. Perrotta read the project ranking order performed by the CAC earlier today.

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

Chairman Capra asked if the number of jobs created by the project should be a factor considered in the ranking. Mr. Amerson and Mr. Hudson replied that this was not a requirement of the Bill.

Ms. Rauth suggested moving the project ranked by the CAC as #11 (South Sewall's Point Road Multiuse Path – Ocean Boulevard SR A1A to Mandalay Drive) up to the #4 position.

On behalf of Ms. Julie Preast, member of the CAC, Ms. Perrotta asked Ms. Rauth if all the right-of-way (ROW) for the CR 707/Dixie Highway project was acquired. Ms. Rauth replied that this was not the Rio Town Center project and that the resurfacing project on the list was outside of that area. Additionally, Ms. Rauth said that the entire ROW has not been acquired for the project.

Ms. Perrotta requested establishing the limits of the CR 707/Dixie Highway project in its description. Ms. Rauth replied that Engineering would provide the limits.

Mr. Moon requested that Engineering review the cost estimate for the CR 711 resurfacing project on the list. Ms. Rauth replied that she would review it.

Ms. Rauth made a motion to recommend the project ranking to the MPO Policy Board for funding from the Federal JOBS Bill, subject to review and approval by FDOT, as follow:

| Project Description | TAC Rank 01/06/10 |
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| 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 |
| CR 609 Guardrail Project - 9.2 mile long road - Install 15 miles of guardrail | 2 |
| 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 | 5 |
| Willoughby Blvd. Mill & Resurface- Monterey Rd south to Indian St. then 2650' south of Indian St. to Salerno Rd. | 6 |
| CR707/Dixie Hwy - Reclamation and Resurfacing | 8 |
| 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 | 9 |
| Dixie Hwy - Cove Rd. south to US 1 - Mill & Resurface 8.16 miles | 10 |
| East Ocean Blvd (SR A1A) Corridor Improvements – Evans Crary Bridge to Ernest Lyons Bridge – Signals/Crosswalk, Utilities sub-surfacing, Lighting & Landscaping | 11 |
| Enhancement Projects: | |
| Turtle Creek Pedestrian Bridge – Demolition of unsafe structure & Replacement. | 3 |
| South Sewall's Point Road Multiuse Path – Ocean Blvd (SR A1A) to Mandalay Dr. | 4 |

Motion seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion passed with Chairman Capra abstained.

B. Presentation of New Highway Safety Manual

MEMO: temp10TACa03.02

Ms. Perrotta introduced this Item. She said that the consulting firm of Kittelson & Associates has been integrally involved with the development and review of a new Highway Safety Manual (HSM). Consultant John Zegeer made a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

Mr. Zegeer said that the purpose of the HSM is to provide practitioners with the best factual information and tools to facilitate roadway design and operational decisions based on explicit consideration on their safety consequences. The HSM will be a resource that can be used to quantify and predict the safety performance of the variety of elements considered in road planning, design, maintenance, construction, and operation. The HSM features:

- Synthesis of validated highway research
- Procedures that are adapted and integrated to practice
- Analytical tools for predicting impact on road safety

Chairman Capra left at 2:20pm. Vice-Chair Amerson chaired the remaining of the meeting.

Mr. Zegeer stated that this manual was a great tool for comparison analysis that provided additional factors to consider, and not intended to be a policy or a rule. Mr. Amerson said that it would assist in the decision-making process. Mr. Chong Wong, from FDOT, concurred with these comments.

Mr. Zegeer distributed a handout to the members (copy on file). He said that additional information on the HSM could be found at <http://www.highwaysafetymanual.org/>.

6. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Amerson thanked Ms. Perrotta for the great job done during her tenure.


8. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None


9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Amerson entertained a motion for adjournment. Moved by Mr. Moon. Seconded by Ms. Horowitz. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Recorded and Prepared by:




 Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II



 Date

Approved by:


 _____, Sam Amerson
 for: Joe Capra, TAC Chairman Vice Chair



 Date