

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

Monday, May 03, 2010

Martin County Administrative Building
Commission Chambers
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1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 AM

Vice-Chair Doug Smith chaired this meeting since Chairman Mortell was excused.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Doug Smith, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Tom Bausch
Commissioner Edward Ciampi (arrived at 9:30am)
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Commissioner Patrick Hayes
Brian Powers, Indiantown CRA Ex-Officio

Members Excused:

Mayor Michael Mortell, Chairman
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson
Vice Mayor Jack Kelly, St. Lucie TPO Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

M. Beth Beltran, Acting MPO/Transit Planning Manager
Boyd Lawrence, Planner II
Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

A quorum was present for this meeting.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Sarah Heard made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tom Bausch. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

6. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None

7. COMMENTS FROM Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

None

8. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Final UPWP FY 2010-11 / 2011-12

MEMO: temp10MPOa07.01

Ms. Beth Beltran, Acting MPO Administrator, introduced this Item and provided background. She said that the DRAFT FY2010/11-FY2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was recommended for approval by the MPO's advisory committees: Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Ms. Beltran said that a Public Hearing for the DRAFT FY2010/11-FY2011/12 UPWP was held on April 19, 2010. Ms. Tammy Simoneau, Executive Director of the Economic Council of Martin County, was the only member from the public to comment. Ms. Simoneau stated that Martin County is in need of a Customs Office to maintain homeland security and to enhance the marine, tourism, manufacturing, and aviation industries in our area. Ms. Simoneau asked the MPO staff to assist in the planning of this project, and requested that the planning effort associated with this project be included in the FY2010/11-FY2011/12 UPWP. Ms. Beltran stated that at their April 19, 2010, meeting, the MPO Board approved the DRAFT FY2010/11-FY2011/12 UPWP with the additions of including the MPO's planning effort associated with a Customs Office in Martin County and the planning activities related to the new transit depot.

Ms. Beltran informed that the Final UPWP presented to the Board today addresses the planning support associated with the Customs Office on page 29 under Task 5.5 Transportation Improvement Program, and on page 50 under Task 5.13 Airport. The MPO's planning efforts as it relates to the new transit depot is addressed on page 39 under Task 5.8 Public Transportation. The MPO and Martin County Engineering Staff have a meeting scheduled with FDOT-District IV staff on May 7, 2010, to address the District's comments on the FY2010/11-FY2011/12 UPWP.

Regarding the planning efforts mentioned in the UPWP for a Customs Office at the airport premises, Commissioner Heard asked if the updated Airport Master Plan, and the Martin County Airport Business Development Plan have been approved. Ms. Beltran had discussed the plans with Mr. Mike Moon, County Airport Director, and was not aware that the plans had not yet been approved. Commissioner Heard stated that she could not understand why the plans are being referenced in the UPWP before their approval. Commissioner Heard said that, since the UPWP is a document that is reviewed on a yearly basis, then, the airport plans could be included next year, once these two plans

are updated. Commissioner Heard was reluctant to set a precedent for the inclusions of non-approved documents in the UPWP.

Commissioner Hayes stated that the wording of the UPWP referencing the airport plans could be modified to acknowledge that these plans are under review; but that not referencing the plans in the UPWP at all would be a mistake. Vice-Chair Smith concurred.

Commissioner Hayes made a motion that the language remains as presented by Staff on page 50, and to add the following wording to the first sentence under *Methodology* (noted in red for the record), “The MPO will continue to assist in identifying airport improvement projects to be incorporated in the TIP, including the new customs office shown in the updated Airport Master Plan and the Martin County Airport Business Development Plan, both of which are under review”.

Commissioner Bausch asked for clarification as it pertains to the inclusion of approved/non-approved documents in the UPWP. Vice-Chair Smith replied that the airport plans are required and they would be presented for review within the next six months. Vice-Chair Smith stated that, if it is the wish of the Board, it would make sense having the documents be consistent with each other, just as their inclusion in the UPWP would support moving forward with the efforts described in this document. Commissioner Hayes reiterated his motion. **The motion received no second. Vice-Chair Smith left the motion open until the arrival of Commissioner Ciampi, who notified that he would be arriving shortly.**

While awaiting for Commissioner Ciampi, Vice-Chair Smith moved on to discuss page 39 of the document. He said that the language on this page could be clearer and more cohesive with the transit center plan, and he suggested that the last sentence of the first paragraph would read as follows (modification noted in red for the record), “The MPO’s transit planning effort **shall include planning for the transit center district to include parking access and egress to the courthouse planning district that will** coordinate with the county’s new bus service with the I-95 Express and will assist with building ridership for future passenger rail service to Martin County”.

Commissioner Bausch mentioned that the State pulled \$168 million dollars out of the transportation trust fund to support health, from the budget. He asked how much impact this would have in all of the transportation efforts the County is trying to accomplish. Ms. Arlene Tanis from FDOT replied that the “sweep” Commissioner Bausch was referring to, took place last April and Martin County came out relatively unscathed. She said that the amount of approximately \$160 million represented a statewide figure, and it was known that Broward County was affected the most. Ms. Tanis said that District 4 has been well poised during the last three years and they have been absorbing the impact; however, now the projects are either being delayed to future years or being eliminated. She said that, at first glance, Martin County has not been hit, and as for the \$160 million, it is too early to know how District 4 or Martin County would be affected in the future.

Mr. Brian Powers asked if TEA-21 was the new authorization bill or if it would be the replacement for SAFETEA-LU. Ms. Tanis replied that TEA-21 was the previous transportation bill and not the new authorization bill. Vice-Chair Smith responded that the new bill was expected within the next three months. Ms. Tanis concurred.

Mr. Powers requested clarification on tables with budget calculations on pages 52, 53 and 54. Ms. Tanis replied that State matching figures were percentages calculated based on population, thus, they were not discretionary numbers. Ms. Beltran added that there is an FDOT formula established based on the amount of Federal Highway Planning funds (FHWA PL funds) one receives to obtain those numbers. The tables on pages 52 and 53 show of the total, which amount is Federal and which amount is State.

Commissioner Hayes pointed out item 2.6 on page 7, and asked if there was intent to keep the Joint Martin and St. Lucie MPO Policy Board intact. Ms. Beltran responded that there is a joint effort to work on the regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which is being prepared by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. The completion date of the LRTP is January of 2011 and it is due to FHWA in February of 2011. She said that as long as that process is underway, the Joint Board needed to continue to meet. Commissioner Hayes concluded that the Joint Board would have to remain in existence at least throughout this planning phase of the LRTP. Ms. Beltran assented and replied that it would ultimately be the decision of the Joint Board.

Commissioner Hayes referred to the MPO Board composition described on page 5, item 2.1, and asked if the Board would be following Robert's Rules of Order. Ms. Beltran assented.

[Vice-Chair Smith suggested taking a ten minutes break while awaiting for Commissioner Ciampi's arrival. Commissioner Ciampi joined the meeting and the Board was reconvened at 9:30 am.]

Vice-Chair Smith recapped the issues discussed including the motion on the floor made by Commissioner Hayes, which had no second. Ms. Terry Rauth, County Deputy Engineer, assisted with the proper language that could be included in this motion so that it would not be limited to a specific project and would provide clarity to the intent. Commissioner Heard expressed her disagreement and said that she sees no justification for the creation of a Customs Office in Martin County. A discussion ensued about the pros and the cons of having a Customs Office on the County's Airport premises. Commissioner Smith stated that it would benefit the business, the marine and the tourism industries. Additionally, it was necessary to have related language included in the UPWP because it would show consistency among documents. Mr. Powers concurred and said, "a Customs Office would be a money maker and not a money "coster". Mr. Powers agreed that having the Customs Office at the airport was a good idea since it would be a centralized location, and the air traffic would be benefiting from the Customs Office as well.

Commissioner Ciampi stated that he remained neutral on regards of whether or not Martin County needed to have a Customs Office. However, he agreed that there should be an opportunity to explore and discuss it; therefore, he concurred that some wording in this regard should be included in the UPWP without any further commitment on the subject for the moment.

Vice-Chair Smith recapped his suggestion regarding the transit depot and the recommended language to be added on page 39. The language would address adding planning dollars to the court district that is around the transit center.

Commissioner Heard requested that clear and concise motions should be restated.

Commissioner Hayes restated his motion that the language remains as presented by Staff on page 50, and to add the following wording to the first sentence under *Methodology* (noted in red for the record), “The MPO will continue to assist in identifying airport improvement projects to be incorporated in the TIP, including the new customs office shown in the updated Airport Master Plan and the Martin County Airport Business Development Plan, **both of which are under review**”. Seconded by Commissioner Ciampi. The motion carried with Commissioner Heard and Commissioner Bausch opposing.

Commissioner Ciampi stated that the MPO is a *planning* agency. Supporting proposed projects does not mean that projects are going to be taking place at once, but that proposed projects would be explored and considered in the future, by providing that option.

Commissioner Ciampi made a motion to add language on the last sentence of the first paragraph on page 39 as a planning tool and to read, “The MPO’s transit planning effort **to shall include planning for the transit center district to include parking egress and access to the courthouse planning district that will coordinate with** the county’s new bus service with the I-95 Express **and will assist with building ridership for future passenger rail service to Martin County**”. Seconded by Commissioner Hayes. The motion carried with Commissioner Heard dissenting.

Commissioner Ciampi made a motion to adopt the Martin MPO FY 2010/11-2011/12 UPWP authorizing the Chairman or Acting MPO Administrator to execute of all assurances, certifications, the FTA 5303 application, and authorizing MPO Resolution Number 10-03, subject to review and approval by FDOT. Seconded by Commissioner Bausch. The motion carried with Commissioner Heard opposing.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

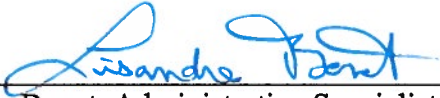
11. NEXT MEETING

- May 17, 2010 – Regular Martin MPO Board

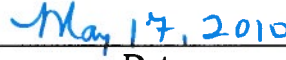
12. ADJOURN

Commissioner Ciampi made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bausch. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Recorded and Prepared by:



Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II



Date



Mayor Michael Mortell, Chairman



Date