



**St. Lucie TPO/Martin MPO Joint Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes**

St. Lucie County Administration Building
Conference Room 3
2300 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, Florida
October 7, 2010
2:00 pm

Members present:

Joseph DeFronzo, Vice Chair
Amy Eason
John Fanticola
Julie Preast
Albert Zilg
Sebastian Gomez, Chair
Kevin Trepanier, Vice Chair
Bertha L. Sullivan
William McKenney
Fred Cook
Paul Weinstein
Olivia Watkins

Representing:

Martin MPO CAC
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Others present:

Peter Buchwald
Marceia Lathou
Neelam Fatima
Ed DeFini
Beth Beltran
Stewart Robertson
Dana Little
Michael Busha
Mark Ledford

Representing:

St. Lucie TPO
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St. Lucie TPO
Martin MPO
Kimley-Horn
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
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Kimley-Horn and Associates

Recording Secretary:

Sarah Howard

Agenda Item 1, Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.

Agenda Item 2, Roll Call: The sign-in sheet was passed around in lieu of the roll call, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 3, Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Prest moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Mr. McKenney, which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4, Approval of Minutes: Ms. Prest moved acceptance of the September 1, 2010 minutes, seconded by Mr. Cook, which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5, Comments from the Public: None.

Agenda Item 6, 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) Update Goals, Objectives, and Policies (GOPs): Mr. Busha reviewed the GOPs of the 2035 RLRTP Update.

Discussion ensued regarding the starting basis and baseline data for the Indicators; the two to three month timeline for a request for a turn lane as part of the North A1A repaving project and FDOT's lack of local knowledge of 175 homes that exist at Queen's Cove; the reduction of resources such as federal funds and gasoline taxes, focusing on the most critical priority projects, proposals to change how the federal government generates revenue, and the continuing reduction in gasoline taxes as less miles are driven; the legal and regulatory impact of the RLRTP and the MPO/TPO Boards using the GOPs to rank projects listed in the RLRTP; the possibility of having a two-page, bulleted list or wall poster of the RLRTP key items; right-of-way (ROW) discussion from the previous meeting and St. Lucie County updating its ROW map using the 2030 document; the cultural change needed to support the 2035 RLRTP; Proposition 4 on the November ballot; Policy 2.1.4 and simplifying the concurrency process; the role of the CAC as the citizen level ambassadors and the commissioners as the champions; that the GOPs will be considered by the Martin MPO/St. Lucie TPO Joint Board for approval on October 21, 2010, and the Cost Feasible Plan will be considered on December 9, 2010; that the CAC members may address the Joint Board during the comments portion of the Joint Board agenda; the RLRTP will not be presented to the individual Boards of County Commissioners since it is a MPO/TPO document; the changing of comprehensive plans to adopt portions of the RLRTP; that the priority corridor for the Infill Alternative would be US-1; the addition of Policy 2.1.15 designating the Martin Grade as a Scenic Highway; Policy 2.1.2 and expediting the review processes; and the recommendation to send notices of the MPO/TPO Joint Board meetings to the TAC and CAC members.

Ms. Prest moved recommending the Goals, Objectives and Policies for approval by the Joint CAC, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7, 2035 RL RTP Update Draft Cost Feasible Plan: Mr. Robertson presented a review of the Draft Cost Feasible Plan of the 2035 RL RTP Update. *A copy of this presentation is available upon request.*

Discussion ensued regarding the Kanner Highway projects prioritization schedule and the Martin MPO approved list of priority projects with the #2 eastern segment divided into three projects; the apparent incompatibility between US-1 rapid bus transit, potential transit components, and livable communities initiatives with the expansion of roads to six and eight lanes in Martin County; the US-1 Corridor Transit Retrofit Project as an alternative to widening US-1 to six or eight lanes as the widening is not cost feasible and is identified as "unfunded"; the possibility of widening Green River Parkway to four lanes to alleviate US-1 congestion was evaluated, and the traffic projections do not support the widening; the confusion caused by the US-1 Corridor Transit Retrofit Project being listed as a construction project and instead could be listed in incremental amounts in every interval; the timing of lights on US-1 and finding alternative parallel routes to alleviate congestion as part of the retrofit project before implementing busing; the Midway Road project schedule is based on traffic volumes; the 3.3% growth rate is based on the historical rate over the last 25 years, is projected forward, is recommended by the State, and accounts for the last two to three years; that the two projects in Martin County during the interval of 2016 to 2020, that is Kanner Highway from Jack James Drive to Salerno Road and Indian Street from Kanner Highway to Willoughby Boulevard, both of which are proposed to be widened to six lanes, and whether these roadways are livable; CR 76 being a major east-west connector to I-95; the addition of a Congestion Management Strategies (CMS) line item and allocating discretionary/uncommitted funds to this line item; and the \$300,000 of St. Lucie TPO XU funds being allocated to CMP box funds starting in FY 2014-15.

Mr. McKenney moved that staff return with alternate plans, since we don't seem to be happy with these, or either present it differently, as more detail is needed. The motion was not seconded.

Discussion continued regarding the incompatibility between livable communities and six and eight-lane roads in Martin County; alternative roads such as Green River Parkway; the soundness of the data supporting six lanes on Kanner Highway; the existing development patterns, subdivisions, gated communities, and the problems caused by the lack of a grid system; and the limited funding available for the projected needs.

It was the consensus of the CAC that today's discussion will provide guidance to the planners to return with another presentation at a Joint CAC meeting following the regular November 17, 2010 Martin MPO CAC meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the list of projects for the St. Lucie TPO being a long list compared to the list for the Martin MPO; the possibility of having two separate CAC meetings, one for the Martin MPO and one for the St. Lucie TPO, to discuss

their own projects, and then follow with a joint meeting; the concern that extra meetings may slow the process; the need to work together on this regional plan; the St. Lucie TPO Joint TAC/CAC/BPAC meeting that is scheduled for 10:30 am, Tuesday, November 16, 2010; and rather than redoing the whole document, address each topic discussed with a short paragraph.

Agenda Item 8, FDOT Comments: None.

Agenda Item 9, Recommendations/Comments by Members: None.

Agenda Item 10, TPO/MPO Staff Comments: Mr. Buchwald explained that as the date of the next joint meeting has been determined, quorums are necessary from both advisory committees to continue the process.

Ms. Lathou reminded everyone about the Fort Pierce Intermodal Transit Facility groundbreaking that is scheduled for 10:00 am on Friday, October 8, 2010, at 8th Street and Avenue D in Fort Pierce.


Agenda Item 11, Next Meeting: The next St. Lucie TPO/Martin MPO Joint CAC meeting will be at 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 17, 2010 in Martin County.

Agenda Item 12, Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



 Sarah Howard
Recording Secretary



Sheila Kurtz
Martin MPO CAC Chair



~~Sebastian Gomez~~ Fred Cook
St. Lucie CAC Chair