

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

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Monday, September 16, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Bausch at 9:06 AM.

2. PRAYER—Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Tom Bausch, Chair, Town of Sewall's Point Commissioner
Sarah Heard, Vice-Chair, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner
John Haddox, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Doug Smith, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Members Excused:

Kelli Glass-Leighton, City of Stuart Commissioner
Anne Scott, Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Members Absent:

Ron Bowen, (Ex-Officio), City of Port St. Lucie
Guy Parker, (Ex-Officio), Indiantown

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Margaret H. Brassard, Administrative Specialist II
Lukas Lambert, Associate Transit Planner
Bonnie Landry, Senior Planner
Murriah Dekle, Planner II

Others in Attendance:

Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church
Carl Mikyska, FHWA
Robert J. Linscott
Andres Nunes, American Consulting
Jason Learned, FDOT

Roxanne Chesser, City of Port St. Lucie
Joe Capra, Captec
Anson Sonnet, FDOT D-4
Don Donaldson, Martin County Engineering Department
Terry Rauth, Martin County Engineering Department
Samantha Lovelady, Martin County, Growth Management
Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn

A quorum was present for this meeting.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Sarah Heard to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Haddock.

Ms. Clarke requested to move item 8F to the top of the agenda as she has an important engagement and will need to be excused early from the meeting. Chairman Bausch stated that they would move Agenda Item 8F to the first position on the agenda if there were no objections.

The Chair called the question including the change to the Agenda. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013 by Ms. Sarah Heard. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eula Clarke. No comments were made. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES; COMPLETE CARD TO COMMENT)

None.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

(Agenda Item 8F was presented as Agenda Item 8A)

Chairman Bausch announced to the public that this Agenda Item is a Public Hearing. He requested any public comments. Seeing none, the Chair proceeded to the Agenda Item.

A. **PUBLIC HEARING**

FY15 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES

Ms. Beltran stated that the List of Project Priorities (LOPP) comes before this Board annually for discussion. She advised that once these priorities are adopted, they will be submitted to FDOT's District Office to become the basis for the Tentative Work Program which will be presented to this Board at the December meeting. She stated that the LOPP contains three categories. The projects in the first category compete for the Surface Transportation Program (SU) funds. The second category is funded using the Transportation Alternative (TA) Program

funds (f/k/a Enhancement Program Funds). The final category is the transit priority which is connections for bus stops to comply with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act. Ms. Beltran reviewed the projects in the first category, competing for SU funds, then went on to discuss the projects funded by the TA Program. There were three TA project applications that were reviewed during the MPO Process and ranked by this Board earlier in the year: the first being the Dixie Highway sidewalks in Stuart from Wright Boulevard to the Green River Parkway, the second being the multimodal enhancements along Mapp Road and the third being the sidewalk improvements on Kindred Street submitted by the City of Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Ms. Beltran advised that the Dixie Highway project is not eligible for funding at this time as there are Right-of-Way (ROW) issues and staff would recommend the number two project, the multimodal enhancements along Mapp Road be funded. Staff is recommending the LOPPs for approval and opened the floor for comments. Ms. Clarke advised that she has reviewed FDOT's letter dated June 18, 2013 which mentioned some wetland studies delineation in the ROW of the Stuart sidewalk on Dixie Highway. She hoped that the engineers would review this project again as she had hopes that this project could move forward. Ms. Terry Rauth stated that if there are any kinds of wetland issues, when using Federal funds, the Federal process must be followed. Ms. Beltran stated that the importance of having three projects on the list is to make sure that the funds remain in Martin County. Ms. Clarke confirmed that she has no problem with the reorganization of priorities at this time. Ms. Heard commented on the expansion of Cove Road and questioned how projects get on this list and become ranked. Ms. Beltran stated that this project was identified in the 2035 update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), they are ranked by the LRTP with discussions between the staff of FDOT, the County and the City of Stuart. Ms. Heard stated that this is a rural area within the urban service boundary and this change will alter the character of this roadway dramatically, not in a positive way, placing huge development pressures on the road. Ms. Heard recalled that it has only been paved for approximately 12-13 years. She stated that she travels this road frequently, it's in her District and she doesn't see the need for the road to become a four lane highway. Ms. Beltran advised that the Citizen's and Technical Advisory Committees (CAC and TAC) each approved the list as presented. She stated that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) approved a differing order, noting first should be Beach Road, High Meadow Road second and Cove Road was third. Ms. Beltran advised that BPAC also recommended that lighting on SR A-1-A be last on the list as they deemed the other projects were more needed. Ms. Heard said that it is forcing the neighborhood character change, and officials work hard to protect the residents' quality of life in Martin County, ensuring development compatibility in neighborhoods. Mr. Don Donaldson stated that previous planning studies go back many years and one issue was to maintain Salerno Road as a two lane roadway. Other connections to Bridge Road have been eliminated. Any in-fill development on U.S.1 in this area does project traffic which will drive the capacity increase. Mr. Donaldson stated that the ROW has been preserved for this increase for a few years, but it's been

planned to become a four lane facility in the County's Transportation Plan much longer. He stated that it was planned to use the DOT funding as a mechanism, noting that the County has limited sources of roadway funding: impact fees, the County's own local sources, or through the MPO for capacity projects. Mr. Donaldson stated that given the future time frame in which this road will be needed, there is sufficient time to go through the PD&E Study. Mr. Donaldson stated that if this were not funded through the MPO it would become a concurrency issue for the County through the Comp Planning process. Discussion continued.

Mr. Smith stated that as long as he has been on the Board, Cove Road was planned to be four lanes. Mr. Smith recalled the Board making the decision to limit the access on Salerno Road, invested a significant amount of funds on improvements in front of Indian River State College (IRSC) and other locations to further calm the traffic, with the intention to direct the traffic to Cove Road and ultimately widening it. Mr. Smith stated that it would be helpful to know at what level of service and functionality it is today. Mr. Smith stated if nothing is done the conditions will continue to worsen. Mr. Smith stated that having a history of the Cove Road project would be helpful for the Board, and requested an additional list showing the Federally authorized roads or projects in the resurfacing cue for Martin. Mr. Donaldson clarified if he was asking if there were more Federally authorized roads that the County would like to have resurfaced. Mr. Smith concurred stating that would be authorized to use the MPO funds. Mr. Donaldson stated affirmatively. Discussion ensued with Ms. Beltran stating that FDOT is looking to have this LOPP adopted today.

Mr. Smith asked about the status of the SR 714 re-alignment. Ms. Beltran stated that it is part of a District I, SR 710 PD&E study which will eliminate a dangerous curve in the road and connect it to CR 15B in Okeechobee County. Since SR 710 is on the LOPP it is indicated as an MPO priority, and Districts I and IV will move this project forward.

Ms. Heard inquired as to what can be done to remove Cove Road from this priority list. Ms. Beltran stated that the prioritization is up to the pleasure of the Board. This project is in the adopted 2035 LRTP and would fund the PD&E study which includes a large public involvement component. **Ms. Heard made a motion that the widening of Cove Road be removed from the priority list.** No second to the motion was obtained. The motion failed.

Ms. Heard asked when this Board would review the LRTP again. Ms. Beltran stated that a scope will be provided in Spring of 2014 for the 2040 Plan. Ms. Heard asked if the project would be capable of being stopped at that point. Mr. Donaldson reminded the Board that if capacity projects don't have a PD&E Study, they cannot be eligible for Federal funds. Mr. Donaldson stated that it will take approximately ten years before seeing this project ranked for construction dollars; a ranking today would allow FDOT to place it in their Work Program to

start the PD&E Study in about five years. Mr. Donaldson wanted everyone to be aware of the lengthy timing process and that there will be plenty of time to revisit this item at a later date.

Mr. Bausch inquired as to the condition of the Murphy Road Bridge. Ms. Rauth stated that the bridge has weight restrictions on it which limits the Martin Fire Rescue as the ladder truck exceeds the weight limit. Mr. Donaldson added that it was built based upon its original design, but that design doesn't meet current design limits and the weight limit does restrict the emergency vehicles. Ms. Rauth stated that it is considered to be functionally obsolete because it does not have bicycle lanes, though it is not in danger of collapse. Ms. Rauth stated that the cost of the bridge will be approximately \$2.5 million. The County is having trouble saving the funds for this and another bridge on Britt Road. She said if this bridge can be funded by FDOT, maybe we can get the other bridge funded in the future. Mr. Bausch said that he is of the opinion that the bridge would have a greater urgency than a road expansion PD&E for Cove Road. Mr. Donaldson said the ranking is important as the number one project will accumulate more funds than the number four project and so on, and sometimes they don't get to the last few projects. Mr. Smith stated that FDOT will also take into consideration the safety factors and they will direct the funds as they deem fit regardless of our priority.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the LOPP as presented by staff with the recommendations from staff of FDOT, the County and the various MPO advisory committees; with the addition of the continuation of the SR 714 re-alignment remaining on the priority list; as well as directing staff to return to this Board with a list of resurfacing projects that could be incorporated into this list. Ms. Clarke provided a second to the motion. Seeing no additional discussion the vote was called. The motion passed 3/2 with Ms. Heard and Mr. Bausch in opposition.

Mr. Bausch clarified for Ms. Clarke that the City of Stuart NW Dixie Highway Sidewalks missing link is not eligible for the TA funding at this time. Ms. Clarke acknowledged in confirmation.

Ms. Beltran clarified that this motion encompasses approval of all of the priority lists. Mr. Smith, the maker of the motion and the Chair, Mr. Bausch, each concurred.

**B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT
– ROLL FORWARD**

Ms. Beltran stated that this is an annual amendment which comes before this Board and is requested by FDOT allowing funds from the previous fiscal year to roll forward to the current fiscal year (FY 2014) in order to be spent. Ms. Beltran stated that it is a standard amendment and staff is requesting approval.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll Forward Amendment. The Motion was seconded by Mr. John Haddox. There were no objections. The Motion passed unanimously.

C. 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Ms. Beltran stated that these are the 2014 Legislative Priorities for the Martin MPO. She advised that typically the Martin MPO supports the priorities of the State Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee (MPOAC), which will be addressed at the MPOAC's October 30, 2013 meeting. Ms. Beltran advised that there is a Martin Delegation meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013, so staff is recommending that the additional items which were included with your Agenda Package be addressed. She advised that these three priorities mirror priorities in the County's Legislative priorities package. Ms. Beltran advised that the first priority is the Small County Dredging Program which is identified in the Florida Statutes, which funds dredging projects for Counties with a population less than 300,000. Staff also recommends that the MPO encourages FDOT to administer this program, that the program includes Shallow Draft Commercial Inlets and allow the Board of County Commissioners be the grant recipient of the program funding. The second priority is funding for grade crossing improvements which support the freight and passenger rail along the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor. Ms. Beltran stated that All Aboard Florida is the passenger rail initiative currently underway and staff on this team has agreed to make a presentation at the December 16, 2013 MPO Board meeting. She said that the third Legislative priority is a local bridge program requesting that FDOT increase funding for local bridges to repair the critical upgrades to the aging infrastructure. It was recommended to amend this item from County bridge repairs to include Municipal bridges also. This would show that the MPO supports increased funding to repairs to both County and Municipal bridges under this program. Ms. Beltran stated that at the time of the agenda release there was a fourth priority which was to support the current MPO structure as staff had yet to receive any response to the prior request for support of the Re-designation Apportionment Plan. She advised that a handout prior to the meeting was the letter from the Governor supporting the Re-designation of the Martin MPO and supporting the Treasure Coast Transportation Council (TCTC) as the board to address regional transportation planning issues. Ms. Beltran stated that staff is recommending support for these Legislative priorities as well as approving that the MPO Chair make a presentation to the Delegation regarding the MPO priorities on Thursday, September 19, 2013. She opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Heard made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to approve the 2014 Legislative Priorities. Ms. Eula Clarke provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously, without further comment.

D. FHWA CERTIFICATION REVIEW

Ms. Beltran introduced Mr. Carl Mikyska, with the Federal Highway

Administration (FHWA) to provide a presentation on the Martin MPO Certification Review which took place in December, 2012. Mr. Mikyska advised of the participating FHWA staff that conducted the review. He advised the Board that the purpose for this audit is to ensure that the MPO is following the required guidelines, and that the overall planning process is being maintained in order to receive Federal funding. Mr. Mikyska noted that this review of all Transportation Management Areas (TMA) is conducted every four years. He advised that a TMA is defined as a Census defined area with a population over 200,000, such as St. Lucie and Martin combined. Mr. Mikyska advised of the four step process the FHWA uses in this review and how the review ensures that all of the documents meet the Federal regulations. He advised that the major objective of this review, a/k/a the three C Planning Process is to ensure that each qualification was met. He advised that there are three major sections of the report, Noteworthy Practices, recommendations, and corrective actions. Mr. Mikyska stated that there were a number of noteworthy practices, a couple of recommendations, but there were no corrective actions in the MPO Certification. He highlighted the rarity of *no corrective actions* stating “that it is about as common as alligators in Minnesota”, and he offered his complements to Ms. Beltran and the MPO staff. He advised that the MPO has been certified for four years and the next certification review will be in September, 2017. Mr. Mikyska posted his contact information (see agenda package for presentation) and advised that the Federal staff is available at any time if there are any questions then he opened the floor for questions. Ms. Heard applauded Ms. Beltran and the MPO staff.

E. 2010 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) ADJUSTED URBAN BOUNDARY

Ms. Beltran introduced Mr. Luke Lambert to present this item. Mr. Lambert stated that in the summer of 2012, FDOT District IV provided the MPO and County staff with the Martin County preliminary Draft FHWA Adjusted Urban Boundary, which was based on results from the 2010 Census. He advised that the MPO Board reviewed and supported the Draft Adjusted Urban Boundary at the December meeting via Resolution 13-1. The Draft was submitted to the FHWA and they have requested changes (See Agenda package for proposed changes in figure 1) because they revised the criteria which will smooth out the boundaries. The new Resolution 14-1 reflects the changes utilizing the revised criteria and provides concurrence with FDOT. Mr. Lambert advised that he would take any questions at this time.

A motion to approve the 2010 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Adjusted Urban Boundary was made by Mr. John Haddox. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heard. There was no opposition to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) UPDATE – SCOPE OF SERVICES

Ms. Beltran stated that the last time the Board adopted the Congestion Management Process (CMP) was in 2011. She stated the MPO staff worked with staff from FDOT and FHWA and changed the CMP to make the process easier for the public to understand as well as make it into a working document so that projects could be funded sooner. Ms. Beltran advised that an Operational Analysis was performed by a consultant, however, much of the work was performed in-house. As a result, one recommendation, the intersection of Citrus Boulevard and SR 714, was funded. Using the same theory for the CMP Update this year, Ms. Beltran stated that Ms. Landry will inform the Board how the 2014 CMP will be addressed. Ms. Landry advised that CMP utilizes strategies to improve the performance and reliability of the transportation system. Ms. Landry stated that the updated process is divided into three tiers, selection of a focus area, analyzing the area and finally monitoring the recommendations. She advised that tier one was drafted in-house by staff, with the study selection area being that of East Ocean Drive and Monterey Road. Ms. Landry stated staff is recommending Kimley-Horn as the General Planning Consultants, and Mr. Stewart Robinson is here to answer any questions the Board may have in relation to the draft scope. Ms. Landry stated that the scope includes an analysis of field and crash data, road segment volumes, as well as future traffic projections. She advised that all modes of transportation, walking, cycling and transit will be considered. Ms. Landry advised that FDOT has initiated a level of service (LOS) ranking process for all of these modes in order to provide a more accurate overview of the area. Ms. Landry continued with her presentation, stating that the scope has been presented to FHWA and FDOT without comments. Mr. Bausch asked if the City of Stuart has ever looked into this before. Ms. Landry advised that a study of the Kingswood Terrace Connection was performed some time ago but the elected officials at that time were not supportive of the recommendations. She stated that she is of the opinion that this will be a more comprehensive study and with the new pedestrian/cycling LOS it would be a good time to revisit this location. Mr. Bausch stated that he experienced a close call in the vicinity and he too would recommend this as a study area. Ms. Heard concurred with the study location stating that she's had several near misses within this area and walking is not any better. Mr. Smith requested confirmation that Kingswood Terrace will be included in the study. Ms. Landry confirmed adding that she is of the opinion that the residents of Vista Pines and Kingswood Terrace will be well served with this endeavor. Mr. Haddox agreed that this area is a priority but as far as congestion management he is of the opinion that the area of Monterey Road and Kanner Highway is a major problem. He stated that one solution could be the double stop of the right lane on Kanner Highway as it hits Monterey Road. That backs up a long way at times. Mr. Haddox asked if that area has been studied, and if not he would suggest that it be considered. Ms. Beltran stated that this area and that of US1/Kanner Highway was discussed between the County, the City and FDOT during the LOPP discussions last summer. It resulted in a letter to FDOT from

the City requesting an operational analysis of that area and it is currently underway.

Ms. Heard made a motion to approved staff's recommendation to accept the scope of services and authorize staff to revise the CMP scope to accommodate FDOT and/or FHWA comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. There were no additional comments the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Heard asked when the results will be known. Ms. Beltran advised that the Board will be updated periodically during progression but there are at least three public workshops scheduled of which staff will provide information.

G. WATERWAYS PLAN – STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Beltran reminded the MPO Board that they are to appoint five members to the Waterways Plan Steering Committee as discussed at the prior meeting. Staff is recommending the following: one member of the MPO Board; Don Donaldson, Engineering Department Director; Don Cuzzo, FIND Commissioner (Martin County); James Anaston-Karas, Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast/Board Member; and the City of Stuart, City Manager or designee. Ms. Beltran advised that other names too, had been discussed as alternates: Kev Freeman, CRA Director, as there are three CRA's with waterfront properties in the County and the Director of Growth Management for the County, Nikki VanVonno.

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Bausch be the MPO Representative, that the five recommended members be appointed with Mr. Freeman and Ms. VanVonno being the alternates. Ms. Heard provided a second to the motion. No additional discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

H. SR 76/KANNER HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Beltran advised that FDOT staff and the consultants are here to provide an update on this project and provide information regarding the recent public meetings. Mr. Andrew Nunes thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to make this SR 76 Final Design Project Update presentation. He stated that Mr. Anson Sonnet, the project manager for FDOT District IV is also here. He advised the project limits of the SR 76/Kanner Highway Project are from SW Lost River Road to just south of Monterey Road, approximately 3.3 miles. Mr. Nunes advised that this project began in 2012 and the initial engineering plans have been submitted to FDOT and Martin County for review. He advised that the last of the public information meetings was held last week, they will be moving forward with three submittals for review/comments by FDOT and Martin County with a construction start date being Fall, 2015. Mr. Nunes continued his presentation. Ms. Heard inquired if walls were proposed for the noise barriers. Mr. Nunes confirmed adding that the walls would vary in height from ten to sixteen feet. The next steps will be coordinating with the property

owners to see what they would like. Ms. Heard asked if decibel ratings are used during the noise evaluation and is that the only criteria used. Mr. Nunes confirmed clarifying that the projected noise levels are evaluated based on future traffic volumes. Ms. Heard asked if the standards are the same for a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facility and SR 76 (Kanner Highway). Mr. Nunes was unsure as he did not perform the study but he said he could obtain this information and provide it to the Board. Ms. Heard advised that she had recently seen an I-95 study stating that Martin County neighborhoods did not meet the criteria for noise barriers along that corridor at the time of the widening of I-95 to six lanes of traffic traveling 70 miles per hour (MPH). She advised that it was deemed loud enough in St. Lucie as they are more densely populated to meet the threshold for noise barriers. Ms. Heard inquired when the final decision on the barriers will be made. Mr. Nunes said that a survey of the community will be done within the next few months.

Mr. Bausch inquired as to the reduced medians noted in the widening. Mr. Nunes clarified that the existing median was designed to accommodate future widening of the road to six lanes. He added that the current median is 42 feet wide, but even after the road widening there will be a 22 foot median which is a standard median for the design speed of the project. Mr. Bausch inquired if the consultants considered utilizing the median for flood control/runoff as opposed to buying ROW and building ponds. Mr. Nunes stated that the challenge is that drainage doesn't depend upon the median. The existing facility does not meet the drainage requirements, and with an additional lane in each direction more property will be required. Mr. Bausch inquired from a cost analysis point of view, if these scenarios were compared. Mr. Anson Sonnet, with FDOT, advised if the widening didn't take place to the inside, ROW would have to be purchased on the outside for the length of the project. Mr. Sonnet stated that the two outside lanes and sidewalks already exist with varying ROW amounts. Cost of the ROW on the outside would be far greater than that of the pond sites. Mr. Smith requested that at a future Board meeting these graphics be presented so the viewing public would be able to see the proposed changes. Mr. Smith advised that it would be good to get the graphics that were shown at the public informational meeting on the MPO website so people could look at them if so desired. Ms. Heard requested the elevations showing the noise walls but Mr. Nunes stated that they do not have any at this time. Ms. Heard stated that those would also be beneficial to the public if they could be provided so the neighborhoods would be able to see how they will look. Mr. Sonnet stated that there will be further coordination with people who have potential noise walls. Mr. Smith stated that everyone uses this corridor, it is one of Martin's three access points, and it's not one of the aesthetically better corridors, so this is an opportunity to improve that scenario. He added that he'd also like to see any landscaping, or lack thereof, that will be accompanying these noise walls. Mr. Nunes responded saying that they have been coordinating with the County and at this point in time no landscaping has been identified. Mr. Sonnet stated that it was prioritized by the MPO to receive landscaping, but without a commitment

from the County that they will maintain the landscaping it will not be included. He stated that the question has been posed to the County a couple of times as to if they will commit to the landscaping but they have not responded. Mr. Smith stated that at the next Joint Meeting with the City of Stuart and the School Board, the Kanner corridor coming into Stuart should be on the agenda for discussion. The City and County should have a broader discussion as to the importance of this matter, and how to fund it, especially if we are going to be adding noise walls.

I. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN (TDSP)

Ms. Beltran advised that this is the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Major Update which is performed every five years and Mr. Lambert will present this item. Mr. Lambert updated the Board in that the TDSP is a Florida Statute requirement that must be developed jointly by the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) [Medical Transportation Management (MTM)] and the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) [Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)]. He advised that this TDSP Major Update is due 125 days after July 1, 2013. Mr. Lambert advised that the Local Coordinating Board – Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) is holding a Special Meeting on October 7, 2013 to approve the Plan. He advised that the members have until Friday of this week in order to submit comments to staff for them to be incorporated into the Major Update. Mr. Lambert has been working closely with other members and he anticipates that the meeting will run smoothly and the Plan will be adopted. Ms. Beltran added that when this Board adopted the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) there were funds set aside to have a consultant develop the TDSP, however, Mr. Lambert has developed it in-house by compiling the information needed for the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) and they have been very complimentary.

9. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Haddox stated that the public has been asking questions about acceptance of grant funds for projects that are not on the priority list. He stated that he would like to see a presentation explaining the various types of grants, and consequences of not taking the opportunity to accept those grants, even without being on a priority project. Mr. Haddox asked if the County has to take the grant for a low priority project, or would the County benefit by choosing the alternative and use matching funds for a priority project. What would be the most beneficial method to the County? He stated that he would also like to see a future capacity needs list, and a congestion management areas list arranged by priority. Mr. Haddox stated that this may provide clarity as to which grants should be applied for or passed on, and can the grant opportunities be applied to priority projects. Mr. Bausch stated that Sewell's Point recently went through something similar, projects vs. priorities. He advised that if you want to do something, make the application. Then if it is determined that there are no funds, you will not be penalized. But if you don't go through the application process and you don't have the money you will get penalized. Mr.

Bausch stated that just because the grant is available doesn't mean that you should apply for it. Ms. Beltran stated that transportation projects that are Federally and State funded, go through the MPO Process in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She stated that there may be projects discussed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with which the MPO cannot help because they don't have the State and Federal funds attached, but staff can put together the projects related to the MPO projects. Mr. Haddox stated that it would be good to have it presented to the BOCC comprehensively. He admitted that his fellow Board members have more experience in this field and if they do not wish to have this presented, he would be happy to meet with staff for his own edification. Ms. Heard stated that she was of the opinion that the public would be interested. Mr. Haddox agreed and reiterated that a presentation should be made at a BOCC meeting. Ms. Beltran stated that she will get with the Engineering staff to compile this information. Mr. Bausch stated that it is important to understand the funding grant and how that determines the County's participation, is there a local match; what is the amount of the match 20% -50%; or is it just a grant. Mr. Bausch shared an event which happened in New Jersey. There was a loss of 63 houses out of 600 because their waterfront property did not have dunes and were not elevated. He stated that barrier islands really need dunes and to have the houses elevated. He said in Sewall's Point they are going through the process of elevating 11 homes for which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will pay. Mr. Bausch stated if a person has the opportunity to go through the elevation process of installation of dunes, they should take advantage of it.

11. NOTES

None.

12. NEXT MEETING – December 16, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

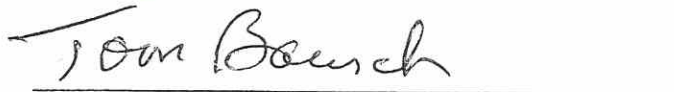
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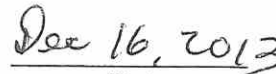
Seeing no items remaining to be brought before the Board the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Recorded and Prepared by:


Margaret H. Brassard, Administrative Assistant II


Date


Tom Bausch, Chair


Date