

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING**
Martin County Board of County Commissioner Chambers
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Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Smith at 9:01 AM.

2. PRAYER – Rev. James Brocious

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Doug Smith, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Tom Bausch, Town of Sewall's Point Commissioner
Eula R. Clarke, City of Stuart Commissioner
Kelli Glass-Leighton, City of Stuart Commissioner
Edward Ciampi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Sarah Heard, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Patrick Hayes, Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Guy Parker, (Ex-Officio), Indiantown

Members Excused:

Jack Kelly, (Ex-Officio) Councilman, City of Port St. Lucie

Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Margaret H. Brassard, Administrative Specialist II
Gavin Jones, Senior Planner
Michael Malham, Planner II,

Others in Attendance:

Kent Rice, Turnpike
Sam Amerson, City of Stuart
Robert Kellogg, Town of Sewall's Point
Julie Preast, RIO Civic Club

Joe Capra, CAPTEC
Greg Nolte, Martin County
Reverend James Brocious
Don Donaldson, Martin County

A quorum was present for this meeting.

Mr. Smith extended a welcome to the representative of Indiantown, Guy Parker.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Beth Beltran stated that there is an amendment to the Agenda. She stated that Agenda Item F, Palm City Sidewalk, needs to be included as requested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

A motion was made by Ms. Heard to amend and approve the Agenda to reflect the inclusion of Agenda Item F. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciampi. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Heard to approve the minutes from the meeting dated February 20, 2012, the motion was seconded by Ms. Clarke. No comments were made. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Bob Kellogg addressed the Board concerning a request from the Town of Sewall's Point (see handout) to transfer money that is currently being considered to be transferred from the Indian Street Bridge [Indian Street Project] to the Kanner Highway Project to the Town of Sewall's Point in the amount of \$144,619 for pedestrian street lighting. Mr. Kellogg stated that the Town submitted an application for Enhancement Funds last year. The application was granted by the MPO and FDOT for landscape improvements which will be done as part of the improvement project on A-1-A. Mr. Kellogg stated that the Town is requesting that the Board consider allocating these funds to this project.

Mr. Smith stated that the Board will be addressing this matter later in the Agenda, and asked if Mr. Kellogg would be available to remain until that item arose. Mr. Kellogg agreed.

Mr. Smith stated that a comment card was also obtained from Ms. Julie Preast and he asked if she desired to speak now or wait until the agenda item she wished to address was called. She elected to address the Board at the agenda item.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. REVISION OF MPO BYLAWS

MEMO: tempMPOa05.01

Ms. Beltran stated that the Transportation Bill recently approved by the Legislature contained language that FDOT would serve as a non-voting technical advisor to the MPO Policy Board instead of a non-voting Ex-Officio member. The Martin Board currently has Ex-Officio members from Indiantown, St. Lucie TPO and FDOT. (See handout) Page three of the MPO Bylaws clarifies FDOT's role as a non-voting member, but in a technical advisory capacity as opposed to an Ex-Officio member. The next item which staff recommends to be revised in the Bylaws is the membership of the Technical Advisory Committee. The change would be to include the Public Transit Provider as a member of that committee. These proposed revisions have been advertised in accordance to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP) and staff recommends these two revisions be made to the Bylaws.

A motion to accept staff's recommendations amending FDOT's position on the MPO Board from a non-voting Ex-Officio member to that of a non-voting Technical Advisor and that the Bylaws be amended to reflect that the Public Transit Provider be added as a Technical Advisory Committee member was made by Mr. Edward Ciampi and seconded by Ms. Eula R. Clarke. There was no additional discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PROJECT UPDATE: SR 710 BRIDGE LIGHTING AND INDIAN STREET WIDENING/#3 PRIORITY

MEMO: temp12MPOa05.02

Ms. Beltran stated that on February 20, 2012, this Board voted to send a letter to FDOT requesting that lights be provided, installed and maintained by FDOT as part of the SR 710 Bridge Project inclusive of the transitional areas leading to the bridge. A response was received dated March 1, 2012 from FDOT stating that the MPO can pay for the cost of the lighting with Federal Attributable funds, which are currently programmed for the MPO's numbers one and three priorities. The MPO's number one priority is the widening of CR 714 from two lanes to four lanes, from the Turnpike to Mapp Road [western segment to the Veteran's Memorial Bridge]. This project is fully funded according to FDOT's Tentative Work Program which was approved by this Board in October, 2011. The MPO's number three priority, is the widening of Indian Street [eastern segment to the Veteran's Memorial Bridge] between Willoughby and Kanner Highway. This segment was evaluated by staff and it has been determined that more than half of the road's capacity will be available to absorb the affect of the opening of the new bridge. The 2035 model was also reviewed and it showed that traffic will be within the Indian Street roadway's capacity. Staff also noted that for the current bridge project, land was acquired for right-of-way (ROW) via eminent domain from The Crossings Apartments. When Indian Street is widened, additional land acquisition from The Crossings Apartments will be needed. Since there is no immediate need to widen Indian Street, staff is recommending redistributing the funds currently programmed for the Indian Street Project to two different projects. The first project would be to redistribute from the ROW acquisition of

the Indian Street Project to the overhead lighting for the project limits of the SR 710 Bridge Project, an SIS facility, with the understanding that FDOT will maintain the lighting. FDOT's updated estimate for the lighting was approximately \$600,000. The second part of this recommendation is directed to maintenance of lights on SIS facilities. FDOT currently maintains lighting on SR 710 through Indiantown (a/k/a Warfield Boulevard), and Florida Power and Light (FP&L) performs maintenance on the lights along this portion of the roadway; FDOT pays the County, and the County pays FP&L for work performed. FDOT maintains lighting on other SIS roadways in Martin County, i.e. I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. The SIS facilities are the State's high priorities. FDOT also maintains lighting on other bridges in the County which are on the State Highway System: Ernest Lyons, Roosevelt, Palm City and the Jensen Beach Causeway. Staff recommends if the Board approves the redistribution of funds for the lighting on SR 710, that a letter be sent to Secretary James Wolfe, and copied to the Martin Delegation, the Secretary of Transportation as well as all others originally copied on the letter to the MPO Board, addressing this redistribution. The letter should state what the redistribution is as well as that FDOT will maintain the lights, approximately 40 lights, for the reasons previously mentioned.

The second recommendation from Staff is that the balance of the funds for Indian Street be moved to the MPO's second priority which is the widening of Kanner Highway from the I-95 interchange to Monterey Road.

At the request of the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in February, Mr. Kellogg had agreed to write a letter requesting funding for the decorative street lighting on A-1-A in Sewall's Point. The MPO did approve \$156,000 to be given to the Town of Sewall's Point during last year's Enhancement Funding cycle. These funds were issued so the Town could work with FDOT during the State's A-1-A resurfacing project for cost efficiency reasons. Ms. Beltran stated that a letter was received from Mr. Kellogg on April 11, 2012, and she has talked to Mr. Anson Sonnett, the Project Manager for the resurfacing of A-1-A in Sewall's Point. Mr. Sonnett stated that the Enhancement Funds were used for the landscaping and crosswalk, that \$144,000 has been budgeted for the decorative lighting which funding was provided by the Town about six months ago, that the job was let at the end of March, 2012, and that FDOT is ready to do the work. FDOT has informed staff that Sewall's Point cannot be reimbursed for the \$144,000 using Federal Funds, because local government reimbursement has to be executed prior to receiving Federal authorizations which should occur prior to the construction advertisement. Mr. Smith asked about the program funding for the widening of SR 76 from I-95 to Monterey Road. He stated that he was of the impression that there was sufficient ROW, so he requested clarification for the \$3.5 million. Ms. Beltran stated that no ROW is needed for the widening of the roadway it is needed for drainage issues. Mr. Smith stated that he has not seen plans documenting anything relative to this corridor. He stated that he is unsure if the PD & E has been completed. Ms. Beltran stated that she learned

from FDOT this morning, that based on the ROW estimate produced in the fall, FDOT programmed the entire phase during the development of the Work Program. They stated that land would be needed to house necessary ponds on the eastern portion of this project; sizes will vary and will be based on preliminary information from FDOT's Drainage and ROW offices. Since preliminary engineering has begun the ROW estimate and pond sizes should be refined within the next year. Any additional funds set aside for the SR 76 corridor will be held in reserve for adjustments to the ROW or construction. Mr. Smith recalled discussions regarding the interchange where one of the designs was going to take out major facilities. He's unsure if additional drainage is necessary, as the County has spent millions rebuilding the drainage in that area. He would like to know how the determination of the need for \$3.5 million was made, and what it was based on as the County hasn't seen evidence of this need. Mr. Smith stated that having the Project Manager at the next meeting would be important as there may be other issues along the corridor which this Board would like to address.

Mr. Bausch stated that he would like to address the Sewall's Point issue. He gave some history regarding the Evans Crary Bridge, stating that during the planning phase a round-about was discussed and became very contentious. The DOT, who was funding the project, decided to change the project scope to only encompass the Crary Bridge from Port St. Lucie Boulevard to River Road in Sewall's Point, eliminated the interior corridor, basically the commercial area. When it became time to resurface the corridor, FDOT determined that lighting was not to be part of their financing. Therefore, in order to complete the original planning scheme designed previously, the Town determined that it would be in its best interest, to pay for that portion out of their own funds, which was done six to eight months ago.

This current source of funding discussed today, comes from the re-evaluation of the ROW requirements of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge [Indian Street] Project. It was determined that the ROW capacity was not required, so the funds dedicated to ROW, became available. It was determined that the need for lighting on the Big John Monahan Bridge could be funded using this source of revenue, and now the Town of Sewall's Point is requesting to be reimbursed for their investment in the lighting within a State Road corridor. The Town would like to receive approximately \$144,000 from these funds. Ms. Beltran stated that these are two different issues. The SR 710 Bridge does not have funding for lighting and they are still under design, and from what she understands from the State, the State has already included the funding from Sewall's Point into the project, and the project will be ready to break ground in August. The funds in question are Federal monies and cannot be used to reimburse the Town. Ms. Beltran was advised from the State, that the reimbursement would have had to take place prior to the contract being in place. Ms Beltran clarified that this Board allocated \$156,000 in Enhancement Funds toward the Town of Sewall's Point project last year which consisted of landscaping, a crosswalk and

decorative lighting. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Bausch if this is additional lighting or does the cobra lighting go away and the decorative light become the lighting of the corridor. Mr. Bausch stated that the Town has sought engineering assistance to place all the utilities in the corridor underground. In doing so, the lighting on the poles would be eliminated, so there would be no lighting in the corridor. Once the project is completed, and what they are attempting to do is coordinate the undergrounding project with the re-milling and other design features that DOT has planned. Mr. Smith clarified that the \$156,000 which was approved by the Board is not going to lighting. Ms. Beltran stated that the Project Manager stated that the funds are going to the landscaping and the crosswalks which were also included in the Enhancement application. Ms. Beltran stated that the lighting was in the Enhancement application but during the negotiations the Town had with the State, the Town paid the money for the lighting, but the Enhancement Funds paid for the landscaping and crosswalks.

Ms. Heard stated that it sounds like Federal Funds cannot be used for reimbursement to a contract that has already been let. Ms. Beltran confirmed that this was what she learned from the State. Ms. Heard stated that the Federal Government has already contributed \$156,000 for landscaping for the project through the Enhancement Funds, and now is Sewall's Point asking the MPO to re-evaluate its funding priorities and instead of funding the lighting on the Big John Monahan Bridge, they would like the MPO to prioritize placing \$300,000 to Sewall's Point so that the Town can underground their utilities. Mr. Bausch stated no, they wish to join the funding of the Monahan Bridge. The Town supports lighting on the Big John Monahan Bridge, but the issue is if FDOT has determined that there is funding available for lighting in a State owned corridor, the Town asked that they be considered the same. Ms. Heard stated that there is lighting present. Mr. Bausch stated that the current lighting will be removed, the Town will pay for the removal, and that will be in ROW that is part of Sewall's Point. They will require ROW from landowners. Mr. Kellogg stated that when the application was submitted last year, it included funding for not only landscaping, but the decorative lighting. Because the project was scheduled for this year funds were located, through the County's effort, for use in FY 2013. Last year the funds would have been for FY2015 funding. There was some money left over, which is where the \$156,000. came from. Mr. Kellogg stated that there wasn't any money allocated to the pedestrian street lights. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Bausch what was the plan prior to the discussion of the Indian Street funds. Mr. Kellogg stated that the Town made the decision to undertake the pedestrian lighting ourselves. The local funding agreement was signed with FDOT on October 3, 2011, which required the Town to pay \$144,000. The Town had budgeted it, allocated it, and the checks have been sent. The Town sees this is flawed, and is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Jim Wolfe, FDOT, and we believe that once we have a conversation with him, that this matter will get resolved, to secure and, with the Board's approval, transfer the \$144,000 to use as part of this project. Ms. Heard clarified that this is separate from and in addition to, the \$300,000. Mr. Kellogg stated the Town is not

requesting \$300,000. That was put in to give a general idea of what was going to occur in the corridor. Mr. Kellogg went on to explain that the Town is acquiring additional ROW behind the sidewalk which will be owned by the Town.

Commissioner Hayes stated one year ago when the Board approved the \$156,000 for the landscaping, at that time, the Board was not asked to approve additional funds for lights. Ms. Beltran clarified that this was presented to this Board only as an application in the Enhancement cycle last year. The application did include landscaping, crosswalks and the decorative lighting. When it was determined to give the previous year's funds (\$156,000) to the Town, the purpose of that was so the Town could work directly with FDOT on this project for cost efficiency reasons because it coincided with the State's resurfacing project. This Board was not presented with details of the undergrounding of the wiring, this Board's motion was only to redistribute those funds to the Town so they could work directly with the State. That was the only role that the MPO played at the time.

Ms. Beltran stated that if the Town wanted to approach FDOT directly and do something different with the lighting or get the funds back and not do the improvements, however the Town chooses to work it out, is between the Town and FDOT. As far as the MPO is concerned, Federal Funds cannot be used to do any form of reimbursement for this project. Mr. Hayes asked if Federal Funds could have been used had the timing been differently. Ms. Beltran stated yes, had it happened prior to the contract. Ms. Glass-Leighton stated that it sounds like we, as a Board, do not have any say to reimburse the Town. Ms. Beltran stated that is why Staff's recommendation is to re-distribute the money to the lighting of the SR 710 Bridge and re-distribute the remainder of the funds to the MPO's number two priority which is SR 76. Ms. Glass-Leighton clarified, that FDOT says, even if this Board were to agree as a Board that we would reimburse the Town for this money, FDOT is saying that this Board doesn't have the authorization to do it. Ms. Beltran stated that is correct. Ms. Heard stated that this sounds to be a matter between the Town of Sewall's Point and FDOT and not the MPO.

Ms. Heard made a motion to move staff's recommendation of redistribution from the ROW acquisition funds of the Indian Street Project to the overhead lighting for the project limits of the SR 710 Bridge Project, an SIS facility, with the understanding that FDOT will maintain the lighting. The second recommendation from Staff is that the balance of the funds for Indian Street be moved to the MPO's second priority which is the widening of Kanner Highway from the I-95 interchange to Monterey Road. This motion was seconded by Ms. Clarke. Mr. Hayes noted Mr. Smith's comment regarding ROW acquisition due to the drainage at the widening of Kanner Highway. Ms. Heard reminded the Board, that it was requested of staff to have the Project Manager make a presentation to the Board addressing the need for additional ROW, what is happening with the intersection improvements and design plans for additional drainage. Mr. Ciampi stated that he is aware of the

issue being between FDOT and Sewall's point, but if Sewall's Point and FDOT were able to work out some arrangement and get a favorable response for Sewall's Point, to prevent the funds already being allocated elsewhere, would the Board want to use the funds to help Sewall's Point with that issue. Mr. Smith asked if Sewall's Point could apply for another Enhancement Grant for another source of funds for another stand alone lighting project or enhancement corridor lighting project. Ms. Beltran stated that it would have to be handled by the State because it is a State corridor, and if Sewall's Point wanted to apply for a grant, they would have to work with the State because the State has strict rules once a resurfacing project has been completed regarding what kinds of improvements can be made to that State road. Ms. Beltran stated that the State has said that the MPO cannot use these Federal Attributable Funds at this point because it would be a reimbursement to a contract which is already set. Mr. Smith stated that it sounds like additional ROW is needed for this project. Mr. Kellogg stated that the additional ROW is for the undergrounding of the overhead electric line that will occur on the south side between the bridges. The Town has been in contact with the property owner and they have agreed to provide the Town with the additional ROW. Mr. Bausch stated that it is a form of an easement. Mr. Smith stated that the Town needs get the ROW, go to FDOT with the ROW in their hand, and say we are ready to do this, not if you say we can do this we will get the ROW. Mr. Kellogg agreed. Ms. Beltran stated that when one uses Federal funds for a project it Federalizes the entire project. Mr. Smith stated that may be another issue to deal with but that conversation needs to be held with FDOT. Mr. Smith noted on the comment of Mr. Ciampi, if Sewall's point can work out all these issues with FDOT, there is no reason why there are Attributable Funds which were put to the widening of Kanner, that the motion suggests, can't be amended as a request, in the future. For now those funds are in that corridor, but if Sewall's Point can work something out with FDOT and they agree under these circumstances, the Town would have to follow the Federal purchases guidelines and whatever else, then we can come back and reprioritize. Mr. Kellogg agreed. Mr. Bausch asked Ms. Beltran regarding Mr. Smith's comment on reimbursement for a completed project, and has she had any experience in the Federal Government funding a project which has already be completed. She stated no. Ms. Beltran stated that the Department is very cognitive about having the funding in place before the contract and the work is begun. Mr. Donaldson stated in his experience, even when the funds are allocated for a project and the MPO has awarded an Enhancement Project, any funds spent prior to being under contract, even though the MPO allocated it, the County cannot get reimbursement.

The motion on the floor was called to vote. There were no additional comments. The motion passed with Mr. Bausch in dissent.

**C. FY2012/13 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
APPLICATIONS FOR FY2015/16 FUNDING**

MEMO: temp12MPOa05.03

Ms. Beltran stated that the MPO screening committee reviewed two project applications to be approved to go through the MPO process. The projects submitted were sidewalks on Baker Road for the City of Stuart, and sidewalks, crosswalks and landscaping in Hutchinson Island. Mr. Sam Amerson complimented the MPO staff for their work and presented the project for the City of Stuart. The project is titled Baker Road Sidewalk Extension and Landscape Beautification. The project limits are from Greenriver Parkway east to Savannah Road and north to Braille Place which will connect to existing sidewalks. The project proposes an eight foot wide concrete sidewalk with native landscaping which will not require irrigation. Also included is a stretch on Cardinal Avenue, which will connect on the east side of Savannah Road, completing three connection points. Mr. Amerson advised that this project has support from CRA's in Martin County and the City of Stuart, as well as the Citizen's, Technical, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees. (CAC, TAC, and BPAC) This project was also ranked in the top ten of the recently approved BPAC Action Plan. Mr. Bausch asked if there was any proposed development on the Cardinal Avenue section. Mr. Amerson stated that there are no development plans to date, however, this will be a connection from Savannah Road to Felix Williams School and the transit stop on U. S. 1 located at the Baker Road Publix. This fills in a number of gaps. The Rio Civic Club and the Rio CRA plan an extension along this section on SR 707 to connect to Savannah Road. Mr. Bausch asked about the bus distance provided by the School Board. Ms. Beltran advised that the distance is two miles. However, there was an agreement with the School Board when the Felix Williams School was built that every student at that school be provided bus service even those within a two mile radius. Ms. Preast, representing the Rio Civic Club, stated that she was in support of the Baker Road Sidewalk Extension and Landscape Beautification Project. She talked about an NPR radio broadcast which aired that morning, an interview of Tom Vanderbilt, the author of Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do and What it Says About Us. Ms. Preast also discussed how this project will connect two CRAs, the County's CRA in Rio and the City of Stuart's CRA. She asked that the Board support this project.

Mr. Bausch stated that he too heard the NPR broadcast and he is in support of this project as walking is more than a transportation issue it is a health issue. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Amerson to clarify the sidewalk size as all the sections on Savannah Road that have been added in the recent past have been ten foot. He asked why the Baker Road section can't continue that ten foot loop. Mr. Amerson advised that there were no restrictions concerning this corridor and stated that he would look into it. Mr. Amerson added that these projects should be looked at as a joint application not as a City or County application as this does connect the City and County with the CRA using the DOT ROW. Recently the City of Stuart Commission adopted a resolution for a jurisdictional transfer of ROW of SR 707 from the drawbridge to Savannah Road. Once the documents are finalized the City will be the owner and have perpetual maintenance of that roadway segment. The City plans to build a pathway on the west side of that

segment from Green River Parkway, Baker Road to Wright Boulevard, so this is part of a larger picture.

Ms. Beltran stated that after the Hutchinson Island presentation has been made she would request that the Board prioritize the projects.

Mr. Greg Nolte, with the Martin County Engineering Department and the Capitol Projects Division, stated that he is presenting the Hutchinson Island Coalition Gateway Project. This Coalition is a volunteer organization representing about 2,700 residents, and has been together approximately one and a half years. The Coalition has prioritized their projects and they are approximately three quarters of the way through creating a Master Plan. The Coalition is considering crosswalks with medians to create a safe haven. They are considering roadside landscaping with Coconut Palms and Oleanders along A-1-A and converting some of the existing gores into raised curb areas with hardscaping and low lying landscaping. Mr. Nolte went on to further describe the project. Mr. Bausch stated that it is a great project, however, there is considerable maintenance and liability cost using Coconut Palms as falling Coconuts are dangerous. Mr. Nolte stated that he will advise the Coalition of this information for their review. Mr. Nolte stated that this will not complete the entire corridor it is just a portion. Ms. Heard advised the Board that the Coalition is being financially responsible as the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) is largely funding this project. The residents are taxing themselves approximately \$106,650 annually for five years in order to fund the surveying, design, engineering, permitting and construction. Ms. Clarke stated that each of the Enhancement projects are very worthy projects. She noted the City's recent acquisition of the south part of SR 707, and the City enacted Resolution Number 30-2012 supporting the Baker Road Sidewalk Project. She stated that she supports this [City of Stuart] project as the number one Enhancement Project in the priority listing. She sees the importance of the Hutchinson Island Gateway Project but believes that the Baker Road Project should be the number one priority.

Ms. Clarke made a motion to approve Agenda Item 8C as presented with the prioritization of the Baker Road Sidewalk Extension as the number one priority for the Enhancement funding. Ms. Heard stated that the funding available is \$438,000 the project that the Ms. Clarke is prioritizing is \$453,000 so if this motion were to pass there would be no funding for the Hutchinson Island Project. Ms. Beltran stated that the Hutchinson Island Project would not be able to be funded, but the hope would be that more funds could come available within the next year to fund that project. Ms. Heard asked if there is any consideration for prioritizing projects that have local matching funding. Ms. Beltran stated that the District leaves that type of criteria to the individual MPOs. Ms. Heard asked what match is provided by the local jurisdiction in the Baker Road Project. Mr. Amerson stated that the project is a local match contingency of 20% required by DOT, the City funds the design, permitting and Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) which will probably be approximately \$50,000.

Ms. Heard asked if there is a contract with the City stating that the City will be funding all of these items. Mr. Amerson stated that once the project is approved and in the funding cycle, an interlocal agreement is entered into as there are maintenance responsibilities that the City accepts. Ms. Heard requested clarity on the responsibilities of the City, the County or the Enhancements Funding as those figures are not provided in the packet. Ms. Heard stated that both projects are great, and the Hutchinson Island Gateway Project is more than just beautification, it's also a safety project, the Coalition is providing a substantial contribution, and she wants to insure that both projects are treated fairly. Mr. Amerson went on to explain how the City is taking on additional maintenance responsibility and costs so they wanted to submit this application for the sidewalk. Ms. Heard asked Ms. Beltran if she had considered that the City would be responsible for those costs in this project. Ms. Beltran acknowledged that she was aware of the costs which is why the MPO has a screening committee in order to screen the applications prior to them going through the MPO process. The screening committee includes the County's Local Area Plan (LAP) Coordinator, the County Surveyor, and staff from Field Operations and Utilities. Ms. Heard stated that in the application it only states that the local fund is the 15% contingency, which does not constitute funding design, permitting and CEI. Mr. Donaldson stated that Enhancement funds only pay for construction, so design is on whoever is submitting the application. The operation and maintenance of the project goes to the applicant. All projects submitting for these funds have to provide the design, ROW and whatever is needed for the project beforehand so they can be funded as these funds are only for the construction portion of the project. Ms. Heard asked if the applicant for this project is the MPO. Mr. Donaldson stated that the MPO is not the applicant, they are the policy makers who direct the DOT how to provide these grant funds. The City is the applicant on the Baker Road Project and the County is the applicant on the Hutchinson Island Project. Ms. Beltran stated that the MPO prioritizes these projects because these are Federal funds. **Ms. Glass-Leighton stated that the Baker Road Extension is a City and a County item and she extended a second to the motion on the floor.** She stated that there is a great need for the connections which will be made with these sidewalks. **Mr. Smith clarified with Ms. Clarke that her motion states that the Baker Road Project is prioritized as the number one project and that the Hutchinson Island Project is the number two project. Ms. Clarke confirmed that statement to be correct and Ms. Glass-Leighton stated that her second also confirms Hutchinson Island Project as the number two project.** Mr. Smith suggested that it is noted that there is a financial cash match on the Hutchinson Island Project, so that FDOT is aware that this project has a cash match when they are prioritizing, as it could increase the chance of receiving funds should funds become available elsewhere. Mr. Ciampi again noted the worthwhile projects. If one project is unable to receive funds, is there another avenue which could be used in an effort to procure funds which would be available for one project that would not be available for the other project? Ms. Beltran stated that the reason for the priority list is so that the State can see which projects the MPO

choses to be included in the Work Program. Being on the list makes it be available to the State when they put together the next WP which will be presented to the Board next fall. Mr. Ciampi asked if there would be a different source of funding for which either project would be eligible. Ms. Beltran stated that these Enhancement funds will not be available until FY 2015-16. In either case the projects will have to wait. She stated that she's not aware of what local funds could be available, but as far as State and Federal funding, that's the purpose of the priority list. Ms. Beltran responded to Mr. Bausch that FDOT requires a minimum of \$250,000 to be allocated toward the projects so splitting the funds between the two projects would not be an option.

The motion on the floor was called to question. The motion passed six to one with Mr. Bausch in dissent.

D. DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

MEMO: temp12MPOa05.04

Ms. Beltran stated that under Federal law requirements, the MPO must develop the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which identifies the planning activities budgeted for completion in the next two fiscal years (FY). The next FY begins July 1, 2012 and runs through June 30, 2014. The Draft UPWP has been available for public review at the six County libraries and at the Administration Building in accordance with the Public Involvement Plan. The Draft is before you now and the final will come before you next month. Projects in the UPWP include the U.S.1 Corridor Retrofit Study, the validation effort of the model that will be used in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Waterways Study, and a Household Travel Study, which will assist staff in implementing transportation demand management strategies. Ms. Beltran stated that she has not received FDOT's review on the Draft UPWP yet, however, she's expecting it today and once she has their comments they will be incorporated into the Final UPWP which will go to the advisory committees next month and will return to this Board. The CAC, TAC and BPAC each approved and recommend the Draft UPWP for Board approval.

Ms. Heard made a motion to approve the Draft UPWP which was seconded by Mr. Hayes. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) DRAFT LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES

MEMO: temp12MPOa05.05

Ms. Beltran reminded the Board that at the last MPO meeting the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update was approved and there was a request for a draft list of Congestion Management project priorities. The CMP Update contained three dozen recommendations for SR 714 between Citrus Boulevard and Martin Downs Boulevard. The top six State and Shared projects formed the Draft List of Project Priorities (LOPP). A list of Martin County Projects was

submitted to the Traffic Engineering Division. The remaining draft LOPPs for the annual update and approval will come before this Board in September.

Mr. Bausch asked for an update on the transit system. Ms. Beltran stated that the ridership on the U. S. 1 route was over 2,000 last month. The Salerno Road bus stop has become the second most popular stop. The Indiantown Route had close to 3,000 riders last month.

F. PALM CITY SIDEWALK DISCUSSION

MEMO:

Ms. Beltran stated that this was recommended to come before the Board by the BPAC at their last meeting. They were concerned about a sidewalk located on the north side of Martin Downs, west of SW Parkside Drive which is part of the Martin Downs Resurfacing Project. This sidewalk has been reconfigured to have a 90 degree turn which makes navigation for pedestrians less appealing, and precarious for cyclists. BPAC has recommended to the Board that a letter be sent to FDOT requesting that a sidewalk be reconstructed with a 45 degree extension as opposed to the current sidewalk. Mr. Ciampi advised that people have mentioned to him about that issue and the fact that a light post is in the middle of the sidewalk. He stated if the sidewalk is wrong it should be corrected.

Mr. Ciampi made a motion to send a letter to FDOT requesting that they use radiuses or other pedestrian and cyclist friendly means for safety reasons, instead of 90 degree angles on sidewalks. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. FDOT COMMENTS

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Clarke advised that there was a letter in the Notes to the County Administrator, Ms. Kryzda, regarding the landscape planning for gateway approaches. She noted that eliminating the landscape plan on the Kanner Highway Project was mentioned and she would like to know what impact this will make on the project. Ms. Beltran stated that the State has changed their landscaping criteria as a result of the recently passed Transportation Bill. FDOT has a limited amount of funding and Ms. Beltran would like to request the Board direct staff to work with FDOT on the criteria which the Martin MPO could use regarding how to spend funds on landscaping and review specific gateways and corridors. Ms. Beltran stated that in conversation with FDOT they are arranging a teleconference with the MPOs in District IV to review the new requirements and develop new criteria. If the Board agrees to direct staff to work with FDOT, Ms. Beltran stated that she will bring an update to the Board within the next couple of Board meetings.

Ms. Clarke made a motion to direct staff to work with FDOT and other MPO/TPOs in an effort to coordinate the new gateway landscaping criteria and develop a plan as to how to spend funds on landscaping projects. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. There were no discussions. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Clarke noted that East Ocean Boulevard has been completed and is a pleasant enhancement to the City as well as the County. She has had residents approach her regarding the bump out. She stated that the Engineering Department indicated that the bump out meets the engineering criteria. She stated that people have been running over them, maybe because the reflectors on not yet installed, nor have they been painted, but she would like to request that they be pulled out four or six more inches to provide more driving room. Ms. Clarke also remarked that when driving in confusion corner, she has noticed people going straight through to the west side of the road to go north on Flagler instead of following the flow of the circle. Mr. Donaldson stated that this was an enhancement project which came through the MPO and was designed by the City. He stated that FDOT does not have anything to do with that project and if the City chooses to make changes they are welcome to do so. He stated that the County is in the process of taking an item to the City of Stuart's Commission as well as the County Commission to turn over that section of road to the City. Mr. Donaldson stated that should that occur, a County permit would not be needed to make changes, the City could do whatever they wanted with it. Mr. Donaldson stated that the MPO is not the entity that has any influence over the change.

Mr. Smith stated that the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railroad announced their passenger rail service from Miami to Melbourne, Cocoa, and over to Orlando. He stated that it would be prudent of the Board and individually as Commissioners, to send a letter to the FEC to voice our support for this project. Stuart was not currently selected as a stop, but we can advise them of our support for a future stop.

Mr. Ciampi made a motion that the MPO staff draft a letter to the FEC and FDOT in support of the passenger rail service from Miami to Melbourne then over to Orlando. This letter should also reference support for a future stop in Stuart and that when the plans are reviewed, or decided on, that the City of Stuart be included in that decision making process. Ms. Clarke gave a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. NOTES

Ms. Beltran stated that a copy of the letter which the MPO sent to FDOT requesting a sidewalk along U. S. 1 as part of the resurfacing project, in connection with the East Coast Greenways (ECG) and Jonathan Dickinson State Park was included in the Notes of the Agenda. FDOT has approved the MPO's request.

12. NEXT MEETING

June 6, 2012 Regular Meeting

13. ADJOURN

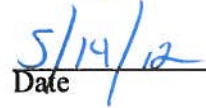
There was a motion to adjourn by Mr. Bausch which was seconded by Ms. Heard. No further discussion was offered. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

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Date


Doug Smith, Chair


Date