

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building
Growth Management Conference Room
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Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was informally brought to order by staff at 9:10 a.m. in the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair and quorum. Staff noted that the consultant for the first agenda item was also absent. It was determined that staff would discuss the items for informational purposes for those present.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken though roll was not called in the absence of a quorum.

Members in Attendance:

Stephen Driver
Saadia Tsafarides
Daniel Parz
John Patteson
Gary Coton

Members Excused:

Amy Eason, Vice Chair
Al Zilg
Michael Houston

Members Absent

Sheila Kurtz, CAC Chair
Trent Steele

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Margaret Brassard, Administrative Assistant II
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Associate Planner
Alice Bojanowski, Planner II
Bonnie Landry, Senior Planner

Others in Attendance:

Robert Trout, Martin County Public Transit

A quorum was not present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Without a quorum the agenda was not approved.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Without a quorum the minutes of May and June, 2015 were not approved.

Mr. Coton expressed his displeasure with the fact that there wasn't a quorum and asked what items of importance were going to be presented Ms. Beltran gave a brief synopsis as to the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (Roll Forward) which allows previous fiscal year (FY) funds to be expensed in the current fiscal year. The second item is the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) which compares the projects to the financial analysis to gauge anticipated revenue for the next twenty five years to determine the CFP.

Ms. Alice Bojanowski introduced herself to the committee as the new Planner II for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. She stated that she will be staff for the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Mr. Robert Trout stated that Martin County Public Transit is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to initiate an express bus route from Indian River State College (IRSC)/Memorial Hospital South to Palm Beach County. This new express route will stop at St. Christopher's on Bridge Road in Hobe Sound; continue south on U. S. Highway 1 to the Florida Power and Light (FP&L) facility; from there the route would extend to the Gardens Mall at which time a rider may transfer to Palm Tran. The route stops would mirror the way back providing eight routes a day, Monday through Friday, with the south routes being from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM then from 2:00 PM to either 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM going north.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. FY2015/16-2019/20 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT – ROLL FORWARD

As a quorum was not present, this matter was not addressed.

B. 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) DRAFT COST FEASIBLE PLAN (CFP)

Ms. Landry advised the committee of the 2040 LRTP workshop which will be held on September 16, 2015 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the IRSC Wolf High Technology Center. Ms. Beltran advised that this is set up in an Open House format so people may stay the entire time or go after providing their input. Ms. Landry went on to discuss the CFP, noting which funds are capable of being used for what types of projects reminding the committee that some funds cannot be used for maintenance. Ms. Landry stated that the Plan was developed using information from the local elected officials, the public and a transportation model based on population/travel patterns as well as other factors over the next 25 years. She discussed the different modes of transportation and stated that cost estimates, inclusive of inflation adjustments have been provided for all potential projects. Ms. Landry said that there has been an outcry by the public for increased multi-modal facilities and that some funds have been flexed to use on maintenance which also was in the public's top priorities. It was noted that the U.S. 1 Retrofit will improve safety for all modes of transportation through the use of the proposed CMP strategies which have previously been approved by the committees and MPO Board. Ms.

Landry stated that the anticipated adoption of the LRTP is in December. Ms. Beltran said that the consultants will present the Draft LRTP inclusive of the CFP to the Joint Advisory Committee meeting in November and to the Board in December so it remains on schedule. Mr. Patteson asked about the widening of the intersection of SR714/Citrus as there is heavy tractor trailer traffic in the area. Ms. Beltran said that intersection improvements will be included in the widening project. Discussion ensued about connections of sidewalks and roadways, noting the importance of a comprehensive approach to transportation planning.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Beltran expressed her appreciation to those members in attendance.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

None.

9. NEXT MEETING

- Oct. 5, 2015 1:30 PM Joint BPAC/CAC/TAC Meeting

10. ADJOURN

The informal meeting ended at 9:57 AM.

Recorded and Prepared by:
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