

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Administration Building, Fourth Floor Workshop Conference Room
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**Monday, May 1, 2017 @ 1:30 pm
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sam Amerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Sam Amerson, Chair
Samantha Lovelady, Vice-Chair
Joe Capra, Alt.
Mark Cocco
Steve Meyer (Arrived at 1:39 PM)
Lisa Wichser
Mira Skoroden, Alt.
Gissela Saucedo, Alt.
Ken DeAngeles
Don Donaldson (Arrived at 1:39 PM)

Members Excused:

Georgé Stokus

Members Absent

Kim DeLaney
Stuart Trent

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Alice Bojanowski, Senior Planner
Margaret Brassard, Administrative Assistant III
Bolivar Gomez, Planner
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Associate Planner

Others Present:

Vinny Barile, Commissioner Town of Sewall's Point
Victoria Williams, FDOT turnpike MPO Liaison

A quorum was present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Joe Capra to approve the Agenda which was seconded by Mr. Mark Cocco. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Joe Capra and seconded by Ms. Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections. The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY2017/18-FY2021/22 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Alice Bojanowski advised that the purpose of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is to provide a comprehensive list of funded transportation projects; Federal or State funded, of regional significance and are MPO Priorities. She stated that this Plan needs to be consistent with the State's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as be in the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP). Ms. Bojanowski said that the TIP is updated annually, financially constrained with a five year planning horizon and has a public input component. She explained how the TIP is organized; the Overview and Major Projects, Project Selection and Priorities, Public Involvement and Appendices which contains local Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) from the various municipalities, Federally obligated projects Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, Planning Area Map and Project Sheets. Ms. Bojanowski detailed a few of the TIP Project Selection and Priorities guidelines i.e. they must be financially constrained, have a project selection process, changes to the Project Priorities and Congestion Management Process (CMP) to list a few. She highlighted the avenues of public outreach including the website, newspaper ads, committee meetings, local libraries and a public hearing. Ms. Bojanowski provided a list of approximately 12 funding sources for the TIP, the abbreviations under which they may be found and stated that the handout provided replaces page 24 in the agenda showing the project costs by Funding Source. She showed a slide with the TIP Major Projects, the Priority Rankings through FY2018, followed by an example of how a project is depicted using the Interactive TIP Tool. Ms. Bojanowski concluded that she would take questions at this time. Mr. Joe Capra sought clarification as to the funding sources requesting the reasons for the large variance in dollar amounts for these projects. Ms. Bojanowski mentioned the handout with corrected numbers adding that a lot more funds have been allocated to the Turnpike in the first five years. Mr. Capra said that he was more concerned with the amounts as they vary from \$20, \$42, \$18, \$30, to \$7 million adding that possibly that is how the funds are going to be spent. He wanted to comment on the Grade Separation Study and though it's going to be in the next agenda item, according to comments expressed in a previous meeting by Mr. George Stokus [Airport Manager] the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not approve of the Monterey Road alternative. He's unsure if that has been verified but he was of the opinion that Martin should not waste a lot of time on that alternative. Mr. Capra thought that Grumman Road may be a better less expensive alternative, suggesting the importance

of that option be raised noting that projects can take upwards of seven years to come to fruition. He said that the train [All Aboard Florida (AAF)] is slated to begin service in approximately 2019 and Martin needs to get these Federal and State funds in place. Martin County doesn't currently have a raised grade crossing and it's important to get to the hospitals, for evacuations and a lot of other reasons too, it should be on this list as it's important. Ms. Beth Beltran clarified that what this committee is looking at now is the short range Transportation Improvement Program (or TIP) reflecting priorities that were approved last fall. The List of Project Priorities (LOPP) reflects the following year's FDOT Work Program which will become the TIP. She explained that the reason the next agenda item has Monterey Road on it, is because it will allow the State and MPO to work together to see how to expedite the grade separation project. Ms. Beltran advised that Mr. Weidner gave his presentation to the Board last month which generated a lot of discussion. She said prior to the MPO Policy Board meeting, there had been a Project Priorities meeting with FDOT. There was a lot of discussion regarding the best approach to moving ahead and funding the grade separation project. Ms. Beltran said maybe it will be best to have it on our Project Priorities List that will be approved in June this year, but the State is also looking at it from the SIS perspective to see if they can move it ahead. The State will be the lead agency of a Project, Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study regardless of which way it's handled which is why we have this LRTP amendment coming before the committees for input. Ms. Beltran said without this project in Martin's LRTP, it's at a standstill.

Mr. Mark Cocco made a motion to approve the Draft FY2017/18-FY2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wichser. There was no additional discussion on this matter and the motion passed unanimously.

B. 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT – FEC RAILROAD/MONTEREY ROAD GRADE SEPARATION.

Ms. Beth Beltran stated that since staff is waiting for FDOT to advise the MPO on the LRTP amendment regarding the railroad grade separation, it will be brought back before the committee next month. However, staff is taking an LRTP modification to the MPO Policy Board on May 22, 2017. She informed the Committee that the MPO's Federal Highway (FHWA) and Federal Transit (FTA) Audit was held last week. The response from the review team regarding Martin's LRTP was a new rule that was put into place a couple of years ago for the 2040 Plan which stated that TIP projects needed to be included in the LRTP. Ms. Beltran said staff was aware of this which was why the LRTP was previously modified. However, FHWA not only wants the projects, they want the phase and dollar amounts listed as well. She commented that Martin will have a spreadsheet showing all TIP projects that were in place at the time of the LRTP adoption. Ms. Lisa Wichser inquired if the amendment was for the CFP and was this a snapshot from when it was adopted. Ms. Beltran affirmed, stating that it would seem like this would require an LRTP amendment annually, but FHWA does not interpret it that way, so staff is requesting a recommendation for MPO Policy Board approval.

A motion to approve was offered by Ms. Lisa Wichser which was seconded by Mr. Joe Capra. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. COMMENTS FROM FDOT

Ms. Beltran inquired if Ms. Victoria Williams would like to elaborate on the Turnpike. Mr. Victoria Williams introduced herself as the Martin MPO Liaison for the Turnpike and she said that the Work Program reflects one resurfacing project which is in excess of \$43 million dollars. She advised that it consists of a guard rail and resurfacing of approximately 20 miles through the County. That is how the Turnpike would match with the TIP and they operate off of the Turnpike tolls adding that some revenue stems from bonds occasionally sold by the Florida Turnpike. She advised that this will be funded in FY2018. Mr. Capra inquired if it was going to be widened. Ms. Williams advised that at this time, it is only scheduled for resurfacing, however, there is a PD&E study being performed currently to determine if widening would be justified or possibly a new exit or potential interchange. She advised that feedback from the Policy Board suggested analyzing Kanner Highway, State Road (SR) 76 for a potential Turnpike interchange. Ms. Williams advised that it's very timely as there are five locations to be evaluated in this study for potential interchanges. Ms. Williams advised if the widening occurs, that restarts the clock for the facility and a noise study would be done at that time. Noise studies are only preformed as a secondary to another project.

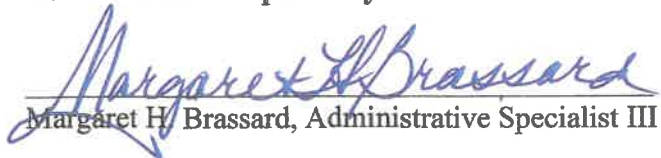
9. NEXT MEETINGS

TAC Meeting June 5, 2017 at 1:30 PM.

10. ADJOURN

Mr. Joe Capra made a motion by to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sam Lovelady provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Recorded and Prepared by:


Margaret H. Brassard, Administrative Specialist III

Date:

June 5, 2017

Approved by:


Sam Amerson, Chair

Date:

6/05/17