

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building
BOCC 4th Floor Workshop Room
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996
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Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Joan Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore, Chair
Ken Natoli, Vice Chair
Julie Preast
John Trahan
Hal Forslund
Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

Members Excused:

Don Fabricy
Jan Icyda
Martiza Diaz

Members Absent:

Bryan Richardson
Dawn Arvin
JP Lazo
Chris Ross Wade
Kev Freeman
Sgt. Brian Bossio
Sgt. George Yacobellis

Non-Voting Members

Deputy Andy Adams
Deputy Ben Lisle
Larry Wallace

Staff in Attendance:

Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner
Joy Puerta, Planner
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner
Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

Other in Attendance:

There was a quorum for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Ms. Julie Priest. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – September 9, 2019

A motion to approve the September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Mr. John Trahan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to reappoint Joan Moore as the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Mr. Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to reappoint Ken Natoli as the Vice Chair by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Mr. Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Bolivar Gomez presented the Safety Performance Targets and explained that there are five Federal Safety Performance Measures: Number of Fatalities; Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicles Traveled (VMT); Number of Serious Injuries; Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT; Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has identified "Vision Zero" Targets (goal of no fatalities and injuries) for all five of the Safety Performance Measures. MPOs have until February 27, 2020 to adopt the FDOT "Vision Zero" Targets for all five Safety Performance Measures. If an MPO elects to adopt different targets, justification, methodology and data must be provided to support the recommended targets. Discussions followed about decreasing the trend on fatalities and how the County would get to a zero-target; including, CR Highway 714, the current Safety Action Plan and Law Enforcement involvement. Mr. Gomez explained that there are no repercussions if the county does not meet the targets, but questions will be asked during the federal certification process about what projects are implemented to meet the target zero goal. Furthermore, Ms. Joy Puerta mentioned that there is a safety component proposed in the next Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) starting July 1st to address "Vision Zero".

A motion to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Ken Natoli with the amendment to ask the MPO to make Vision Zero a priority to achieve in Martin County. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) ANNUAL REPORT

Bolivar Gomez presented the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Annual Report. The objectives for the report were: to hold regular public meetings with Advisory Committees and gather information, to provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision making, engage the public early enough to get feedback and often enough so they are informed, use a variety of methods to involve and engage the public, and public input on Program of Projects for Martin County Public Transit. There was discussion on participations and methods to get organizations involved and the problems that may lead to low participation.

A motion to approve the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Annual Report was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Mr. Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Bolivar Gomez presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment. An amendment to the FY19/20-FY23/24 TIP was requested by FDOT for operating funds for the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) which is Senior Resource Association (SRA) who administers the transportation disadvantaged (TD) program in Martin County. The requested funds are the additional local or state funds that are included in the DOT Work Program, but they would also like the MPO to reflect that in the TIP.

A motion to approve the Transportation Improvement (TIP) Amendment was made by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Mr. Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) APPLICATION

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application. Martin County is applying for the grant for FY25/26. TRIP funds require a minimum 50% match. The total TRIP estimated is \$2,700,000; the funds will be used for SE Cove Road from SR-76 (S Kanner Highway) to SR-5 (US-1 / SE Federal Highway). This project will be widening the facility of Cove Road from 2 to 4 lanes with additional turning lanes along with six-foot sidewalks and buffered bicycle lanes. The application will be presented to the MPO Policy Board on February 17, 2020; then presented to the BOCC meeting on February 25, 2020 to get approval to apply; then the application will

go through the regional Treasure Coast Transportation Council process and sent to FDOT for approval of funds for the project. The deadline for submittal is February 28, 2020.

A motion to approve the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application was made by Ms. Julie Preast and seconded by Mr. Hal Forslund. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joan Moore thanked Pinal for attending the meeting.

John Trahan mentioned the visibility of crosswalks across Ocean Boulevard on the corner of Georgia by the Stuart Middle School. Joy Puerta suggested that Ms. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas follow-up on this information since she requested to have white parallel markings applied adjacent to the special emphasis crosswalks. Ms. Gandhi-Savdas noted that she will discuss with her Engineering department to see if it's within Stuart or County right-of-way. Mr. Trahan discussed information that he sent to Ms. Puerta on bicyclist/pedestrian accidents and a plan for prevention needs. Mr. Hal Forslund mentioned the 3D crosswalks in Europe. The committee discussed illuminated crosswalks and other ideas that included the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Joy Puerta explained that since the Sheriff's Office is not part of the State's High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) program they are not allowed to order or receive specialty items from the Bike/Ped Resource Center such as bicycle safety lights that could be distributed. Deputy Lisle explained that in the past the Sheriff's office handed out bike lights; however, now someone from their community operations program conducts safety classes. Mr. Trahan also talked about facilities for bicyclists and provided information for biking locations. Ms. Gandhi-Savdas mentioned that the City of Stuart is looking at an electric bike rental program.

A motion was made to send in a letter of support for the City of Stuart's E-bike Program by Mr. Ken Natoli and seconded by Ms. Julie Preast. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Julie Preast talked about grating on the Old Roosevelt Bascule Bridge and adding shared use markings. Larry Wallace requested to see an example to see if it's an approved product. If approved there would not be a problem to retrofit. He complimented the City of Stuart for adding brick reflective pattern for crosswalk at the base of the old Roosevelt Bridge on the south side.

Ken Natoli mentioned attendance and possibly seeking other people to fill the positions of those individuals who do not attend the meetings. He also mentioned a sign request at Martin Downs and Matheson that nothing has happened yet. He requested the status of the East Coast Greenway. Joy Puerta informed the committee that the MPO submitted a SunTrail Grant Application for the Sailfish Capital Trail, a segment of the East Coast Greenway and will receive a response from FDOT in July. Once the application is approved, a feasibility study and workshops could take place. Mr. Natoli explained that he is still working on approval to give bicyclist/pedestrian presentations to the county with no success. Commissioner Doug Smith recommended to speak with the Regional

Planning Council but is waiting on a response. Mr. Natoli also mentioned that Vision Zero will not happen unless there is a change in the built environment. Mr. Hal Forslund mentioned that if there are more safer facilities for cyclists there will be more participation which will be a positive effect. Mr. John Trahan explained that Vision Zero does not prevent counties from having their own Vision Zero program so Martin County could have their own that involves stakeholders at a local area.

A motion was made to initiate a Vision Zero program for Martin County by Julie Preast and seconded by John Trahan. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Ken Natoli recommended adding motion to previous Vision Zero motion.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

8. NOTES -None

9. NEXT MEETING – Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – April 6, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

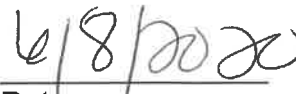
10. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Recorded and prepared by:



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist, III




Date

Approved by:



Joan Moore, Chair



Date

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