

## **MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING**

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Monday, May 11, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- 2. PRAYER** - Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Doug Smith, Chair, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Stacey Hetherington, Vice Chair, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Harold Jenkins, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
Merritt Matheson, City of Stuart Commissioner  
Edward Ciampi, Martin County Board of County Commissioners  
James Campo, Town of Sewall's Point

#### **Members Absent**

Anthony Dowling  
Eula R. Clarke

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner  
Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Reverend James Brocious, Stuart Alliance Church  
Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator, City of Stuart  
Brian Good, Engineering Consultant, Kimley Horn  
Nilgun Kamp, Tindale Oliver  
Steve Tindale, Tindale Oliver  
Myroslava Skoroden, FDOT  
Vikas Jain, T.Y. LIN

**A quorum was present for this meeting.**

## **5. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the amended agenda to remove Business Item D from the agenda and bring it back to the Board in September was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. Approve Minutes**

- Regular Meeting – February 17, 2020

**A motion to approve the February 17, 2020 regular meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

## **8. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. FY2020 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION**

Beth Beltran explained that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application is for a federal funding source that is in place for bicycle and pedestrian improvements that comes before the Board every year. The only application received this year came from the City of Stuart. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator, City of Stuart and Brian Good, Engineering Consultant, Kimley Horn presented the 2020 TAP grant application from the City of Stuart for the Riverside Park Neighborhood Improvements for this cycle for funding in fiscal year 2024. The project area is located north of the old Roosevelt Bridge and within the CRA boundaries. The project is bounded in the north by Palm Street, in the south by Fern Street, in the east by Dixie Highway and in the west by NW North River Drive. Ms. Gandhi-Savdas also explained the existing uses and conditions of the project. The project is adjacent to the proposed East Coast Greenway along Dixie Highway corridor. Brian Good presented the information on the existing roadway within the Riverside Park Neighborhood and the proposed improvements. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas explained the funding cost for the project. The total cost for construction is \$731,872.05. The City is requesting \$415,554.65 from the TAP Grant and the matching contribution from the CRA will be \$316,317.40.

**A motion was made to approve the FY2020 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Application for the City of Stuart by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Harold Jenkins. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. FY21 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION/RESOLUTION**

Beth Beltran explained that the application comes before the Board every year and it is for State funding for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Martin County. It is for the Planning Grant in the amount of \$22,700.00 and it does not require any local match. It is allocated to Martin based on formula.

**A motion was made to approve the FY21 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Application/Resolution was made by Commissioner Harold Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner James Campo. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **C. MPO AGREEMENT WITH EXHIBIT "A" FY21-FY22 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)/RESOLUTION**

Beth Beltran explained that the MPO Agreement is the mechanism that all MPOs in Florida have with FDOT to receive Federal Highway Planning funds. Exhibit A of the Agreement is the Unified Planning Work Program which is a 2-year budget as well as the planning activities that will be performed by the MPO during that time.

**A motion was made to approve the MPO Agreement with Exhibit "A" FY21-FY22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/Resolution was made by Commissioner Merritt Matheson and seconded by Commissioner Edward Ciampi. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **~~D. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) RECOMMENDATION— REMOVED FROM AGENDA UNTIL SEPTEMBER~~**

## **E. DRAFT 2045 LONG RANG TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) NEEDS PLAN**

Vikas Jain of T.Y. LIN presented the 2045 LRTP Needs Plan. The 2045 Needs Assessment comprises three major categories: data driven analysis which is the Treasure Coast Regional Planning model as well as the Congestion Management Process update; the transportation and planning studies done by the Martin MPO as well as partner agencies and agency coordination; and public input as well as internal and external coordination. Data driven analysis includes land use and demographic changes such as population density, employment density, land use, and income and age. Mr. Jain also presented existing projects that have been funded. Input taken from the Project Steering Committee and MPO advisory committees was also used to come up with a roadway needs list. A component of the highway roadway needs is the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and the projects have been identified based on FDOT's SIS 2045 Cost Feasible Plan as well as the Unfunded Needs Plan. Mr. Vikas Jain also discussed the transit, freight, Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSM&O) and non-motorized needs.

There was discussion of prioritization and how to ensure that SR-710 is included in this Plan. Beth Beltran explained that FDOT Traffic Operations staff have been working with the County Engineer to determine short-term safety improvements in that area. A long-term capacity project widening from 2-to-4 lanes would be an opportunity to address safety improvements and allow FDOT to have some type of strategic planning for emerging technologies that can help with the safety in that area. In June the Board will be reviewing the list of project priorities for the next year. There was conversation on the suggested 3 items that should be at the top of the list for the Board to review in June: SR-710, Monterey Road grade separation at the FEC crossing and traffic lights at US 1 at Constitution Blvd. and at South River Drive. Beth Beltran clarified that there are two potential priorities with SR-710 and the realignment of CR-714. Cove Road widening was also mentioned as a top priority.

**A motion to approve the Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan to include discussion for project prioritization at next months' MPO Policy Board meeting was made by Commissioner Edward Ciampi and seconded by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **F. MOBILITY/MULTIMODAL FEE STUDY DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

Beth Beltran explained that the Mobility/Multimodal Fee Study is an analysis that County staff recommended the MPO do to see what is done in different areas of the state with mobility fees. Nilgun Kamp and Steve Tindale from Tindale Oliver presented the Final Report for the Mobility/Multimodal Fee Study, explaining that the purpose of the analysis is to provide information and a reference document to see how the mobility/multimodal fee would be structured, what kind of funding the fee would provide, and what are other options for transportation capital needs. The study revealed options for fee variation by geographic area, targeted land uses and subareas, evaluated proposed options under financial and legal criteria, and discussed the development review process associated with legal requirements and best practices. There was discussion on the percentage of change of increase with the new strategy. Steve Tindale explained that the analysis study is not recommending an increase it is just showing the value of the system.

**A motion to approve the Mobility/Multimodal Fee Study Draft Final Report was made by Commissioner Stacey Hetherington and seconded by Commissioner Merritt Matheson. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

Break 10:41 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

#### **9. COMMENTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None**

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS –**

James Campo congratulated Chair Doug Smith for becoming the Chair of the TCTC.

Chair Doug Smith asked FDOT to provide a status or timeline for the repair to the US 1 southbound left-hand turn lane onto Joan Jefferson Way and the US 1 resurfacing project. Myroslava Skoroden of FDOT said that she will get the information and bring it back to the Board.

**11. COMMENTS FROM FDOT- None**

**12. NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2020@ 9:00 a.m.**

**13. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, Chair Doug Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

**Approved by:**

  
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Doug Smith, Chair

**Prepared by:**

  
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Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

**Minutes approved on:**

June 15, 2020  
Date

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