

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers
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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Amy Eason, Chair.

2. ROLL CALL –

Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair
Saadia Tsafarides
Ann Kagdis
Ralph Davino

Members Excused:

John Patteson, Vice Chair
Hilary Young
Al Zilg
Helen McBride
Sheila Kurtz
Trent Steele

Members Absent:

Cindy Greenspan

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Joy Puerta, Planner
Ricardo Vazquez, Associate Planner
Florence Allen, Adm. Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Siaso Fine, Turnpike (virtual)

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Ralph Davino. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 5, 2020 Joint CAC/TAC Minutes was made by Ralph Davino and seconded by Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to reappoint Amy Eason as the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to reappoint John Patteson as the Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chair by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FY22-FY26 CITIZENS REPORT – DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Beth Beltran presented the FY22-FY26 Citizens Report – Draft Tentative Work Program, explaining that this item will become part of the State’s transportation budget and it comes before the committee every year. Ms. Beltran stated that the Citizens Report is the second step in the Federally required MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process, which begins with the MPO’s list of project priorities approved in June. The current five-year TIP shows almost \$150 million worth of transportation projects in Martin County. Almost \$100 million of those funds are coming from the State government, approximately \$50 million is coming from the Federal government, and the local share is just over \$8 million. Ms. Beltran continued, discussing several projects including County Road (CR) 714 realignment. There was discussion on the roundabout being placed at the intersection of the new roadway in Okeechobee County and State Road (SR) 710. Ms. Beltran explained that roundabouts have been found to be safer than an intersection with a traffic signal with improved mobility. She continued to discuss a segment of SR 710 between the County Line with Okeechobee to the FPL Power Plant, explaining that due to safety issues as well as complaints about accidents, FDOT is looking at the corridor to increase mobility (i.e. passing lanes, pullovers, etc.) to make it safer.

A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 Citizens report – Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Ann Kagdis and seconded by Saadia Tsafarides. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE – TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Siaso Fine from the Turnpike presented the Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise – Tentative Five-Year Work Program. The Turnpike District 4 Tentative Work Program does not list

Martin County since there are no major, minor or regional projects with construction funded in the next five years. There are several projects funded for PD&E and design in Martin County where construction funding occurs outside of the five-year Work Program. PD&E and design funding for the Turnpike and I-95 crossover is programmed in current FY20/21. The AET8 which is the electronic toll is in the current year so there are no future funds for that project. There is a resurfacing project from mile post 117 to mile post 139, and rehab projects in Martin County that includes funding through FY21 but nothing FY22-FY26. There was discussion on the one resurfacing project and Ms. Beltran clarified that this Tentative Work Program starts in FY22 and goes through FY26 and there is not a resurfacing project for Martin County in those years; however, there are projects like resurfacing that started in the current year FY21 that are going on now. She stated that there is currently a PD&E study that FDOT will present to the committee in April and the other project that was mentioned last February is a direct connection between the Turnpike and I-95, with no impact to the interchanges in Martin County. Mr. Fine confirmed that the information.

A motion to approve the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise – Tentative Five-Year Work Program was made by Ann Kagdis and seconded by Ralph Davino. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Beth Beltran presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. These are two TIP Amendments that FDOT requested for the current FY21-FY25 TIP. The first project is a lighting retrofit improvement project at two different intersections SR 714 at Mapp Road and US1 at Joan Jefferson Way. The estimated cost for this project is \$61,000. The second TIP Amendment is for a rail safety signal project on the CXS corridor and that is for LED light inserts at Martin Luther King Drive in Indiantown. The estimated project cost is \$16,506.

A motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments to add FM# 447002-1 and FM# FM# 448048-1 was made by Ann Kagdis and seconded by Saadia Tsaftarides. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. SAFETY TARGETS

Beth Beltran presented the Safety Targets. This item has come before the committee annually for the past four years. The safety performance measures are number of fatalities; rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; number of serious injuries; rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. FDOT has identified "Vision Zero" Targets for all five of the Safety Performance Measures, supporting the philosophy of no fatalities or injury is unacceptable. MPOs have until February 26, 2021 to adopt the FDOT "Vision Zero" Targets for all five Safety Performance Measures.

A motion to approve the Safety Targets was made by Saadia Tsafarides and seconded by Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER

Beth Beltran presented the Professional Services Task Order. This item is for a scope of services for one of the MPO's general planning consultants that were selected through a competitive process. It is for assistance to help MPO staff as they go through the Federal certification audit in March 2021. The general planning consultant will help the MPO with questions and items concerning the transportation model that was used in the LRTP.

A motion to approve the Professional Services Task Order was made by Ralph Davino and seconded by Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

Committee clerk read Al Zilg's comments into the record.

"There is nothing mentioned about South Martin County and that should not be because there is a fire department big construction project currently going on at County Line Road. The website only includes locations where beaches and restaurants are, the web should include police department location, fire department locations, medical centers locations, and education centers. Would like to see maps of bus routing within the county."

Ann Kagdis wanted to know the status of a bus route at Jensen Beach Blvd. from Rt. 1. Beth Beltran explained that this project is a part the County's adopted Transit Development Plan and she doesn't think the project is funded right now but she'll give Ms. Kagdis the name and contact information for the Martin County Transit Manager.

Amy Eason wanted to know if the Complete Streets projects are being done and has any of the projects been put in the CIP. Beth Beltran explained that the Complete Streets projects are included in the LRTP. If they are on a road that has a Federal classification, they can go through the MPO process. The County does use that list when applying for Small County Outreach Grant Program funds from the State, that can be one of the justifications they use to get the grant award.

Saadia Tsafarides wanted to know is Dixie Highway A1A and is a State road or a Federal road. She would like to know because the funds are needed to finish the project. Beth Beltran confirmed that it is identified as A1A and the County owns that portion of Dixie Highway.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

NOTES

Beth Beltran informed the committee that the MPO won a national reward for the Freight and Goods Movement Plan. The formation of a Freight Transportation Advisory Committee will be discussed on January 25, 2021 at the MPO Policy Board meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

CAC Meeting – February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.


ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.

Prepared by:



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III




Date

Approved by:



Amy Eason, CAC Chair



Date

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