

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building
4th Floor Workshop Room
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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Michelle Berger, Vice Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair (virtual – not part of the quorum)
Michelle Berger, Vice Chair
Kim Delaney
Althea Jefferson
Samantha Lovelady
Mark Cocco
Mira Skoroden
Tim Voelker
Ken DeAngeles
George Dzama

TAC Members Excused:

Stuart Trent
Claudette Mahan
Sam Carver

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

David Dyess
Todd Schimelfanick

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Sabrina Aubery, FDOT
Christine Fasiska, FDOT

Leslie Wetherell, FDOT
Siaosi Fine, Turnpike (virtual)
James Gorton, Martin County

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. 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 Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Tim Voelker. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to reappoint Lisa Wichser as the Technical Advisory Committee Chair by George Dzama and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to reappoint Michelle Berger as the Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Kim DeLaney. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Beth Beltran explained that the Citizens Report is the second step in the MPO funding cycle, and the first step is the List of Project Priorities (LOPP). Once the Draft Tentative Work Program is reviewed by the committee and comments are provided it will go to the MPO Policy Board for approval and then submitted to the District who will then submit the document to Tallahassee and it will become part of the State's transportation budget. The Legislature will approve it, and then it will come back to the MPO in the form of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Beltran introduced Sabrina Aubrey, FDOT, to present the FY22-FY26 Citizens Report – Draft Tentative Work Program. Ms. Aubrey explained that after gathering feedback on the FY22-FY26 Citizens Report – Draft Tentative Work Program the District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at District headquarters. The public hearing will also be accessible through webinar and that information will be provided to the MPO to post on the website. Once the public hearing is completed all information gathered will be given to Central Office in Tallahassee. Legislative session opens up on March 2, 2021 and then the Secretary adopts the Work Program for July and the process starts over again. In August

at the Revenue Estimating conference with State funds there has been reduced allocations in the amount of \$1.36 Billion Statewide and that is through FY26. This is due to revenue reductions across the board because of less gas tax being collected and people driving more fuel-efficient vehicles. Stamps revenue collected from real estate transactions have been stable, significantly less rental car surtax has been collected, and less vehicle registrations. Ms. Aubrey continued her presentation, discussing the MPO's priorities funded in the Citizens Report.

Vice Chair Michelle Berger introduced the concerns that Sewall's Point has for North Sewall's Point Road. Ms. Berger wanted to make sure the concerns were presented from FDOT to Tallahassee and an email she sent regarding the concern placed into public record. She explained that North Sewall's Point Road is an arterial road that became a major regional road when the Roosevelt Bridge went down and because of those impacts, Sewall's Point wanted to bring awareness that if something happens again during the time where there is tidal flooding or other issues where that road goes under water it could very easily cut off transportation for the entire region.

A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 Citizens Report – Draft Tentative Work Program was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Ken DeAngeles. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Siaosi Fine with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise presented the Florida's Turnpike – 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. The Turnpike's Tentative Work Program included major projects that are funded for construction in the five-year Work Program. There are several projects funded for PD&E and design in Martin County where construction funding occurs outside of the five-year Work Program. Design funding for the Turnpike and I-95 crossover PD&E is due in current FY20/21. The All-Electronic Tolling (AET) project is in 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 have funding through FY21 but nothing in the future. Ms. Beltran explained that a Turnpike Widening Project PD&E was presented to the MPO advisory committees and Board last February and will come before the committee again in April to wrap up that study.

A motion to approve the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise – Tentative Five-Year Work Program was made by George Dzama and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Ms. Beltran presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. These are two TIP Amendments that FDOT requested from the current TIP which is from FY21-FY25. The first project is for a lighting retrofit improvement project at two different intersections, (1) SR 714 and Mapp Road and (2) US1 and Joan Jefferson Way. The estimated cost for this project is \$61,000. The second request for the TIP Amendment is for a rail safety signal project on the CSX 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# 448048-1 was made by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. SAFETY TARGETS

Ms. 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 Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Ken DeAngeles. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER

Ms. 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 was selected through a competitive process. It is for assistance to the MPO staff as they go through the Federal certification audit in March 2021. The general planning consultant that the MPO would like to use is TY LIN International. They were the consultants that developed the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). They will help the MPO in the area 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 Ken DeAngeles and seconded by George Dzama. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim DeLaney informed the committee about a TCRPC Council meeting on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. where there is an agenda item for an update on regional transit and rail construction. The committee can attend in person if they like or via go to meeting, the agenda item can be accessed at TCRPC.org. Ken DeAngeles wanted to know if the presentation would include information about the round-a-bout area in Jensen Beach. Kim DeLaney said that would be a good question to ask Katie from Brightline.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

NOTES

Ms. Beltran informed the committee that the MPO won a national award 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

TAC Meeting – February 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM.

Prepared by:

Florence Allen
Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

2/1/2021
Date

Approved by:

Michelle Berger
Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair
*Michelle Berger TAC
Vice Chair*

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Date

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