

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT CITIZEN'S/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Monday, October 5, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair

Joe Capra

Kim Delaney

Stuart Trent

Althea Jefferson

Samantha Lovelady

Mark Cocco

David Dyess

Mira Skoroden

Tim Voelker

Claudette Mahan

TAC Members Excused:

TAC Members Absent:

Sam Carver

Ken DeAngeles

Todd Schimelfanick

Michele Jones

CAC Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair

Helen McBride

Ann Kagdis

Ralph Davino

CAC Members Excused:

Cindy Greenspan

Al Zilg

Saadia Tsafarides

CAC Members Absent:

John Patteson, Vice Chair
Hilary Young
Sheila Kurtz
Trent Steele

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Damaris Williams, FDOT
Helen James, FDOT
July Jimenez, FDOT

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Ms. Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Joint CAC/TAC Minutes was made by Ms. Amy Eason and seconded by Ms. Ann Kagdis. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. VISION ZERO INITIATIVES – SCOPE OF SERVICES

Joy Puerta presented the Vision Zero Initiatives Scope of Services. Safety has been a planning priority for many years during iterations of the transportation law making. As stated within the FAST Act planning factors, metropolitan areas should “increase safety for motorized and non-motorized users.” FDOT has expanded on this concept further by becoming a Vision Zero area, with a goal of zero fatalities across the state within the Florida Transportation system. The Martin MPO’s FY20/21 – FY21/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan/Vision Zero Action Initiatives in Task 6. The intent of this plan is to provide consultant services to develop a plan that includes several required activities that recommend safety countermeasures (infrastructure and non-infrastructure) based on the identification of

potential hot spots for bicycle and pedestrian crashes throughout the county. This includes collecting and analyzing bicycle and pedestrian counts and crash data, as well as developing countermeasures at select locations to create safer, more convenient and attractive bicycle and walking environments. The MPO will use one of its General Planning Consultants, Kimley-Horn and Associates for this work effort.

There was a question on whether implementing vision zero plans was a trend across the state with all MPOs. Ms. Beth Beltran explained that other MPOs have been developing vision zero plans. There was extensive discussion on Section 2.2 Motor Vehicle, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Counts and its purpose of counting bicyclist and pedestrians for one day and what value it adds. Ms. Puerta explained that some counts (like on SR 710 and SR A1A) have been previously conducted and the MPO thought it would be a good before and after. The intent is to do the timing with resurfacing projects. If the projects have already begun, the count will be done after completion. If they have not begun, the count will be done before. Ms. Beltran explained that the purpose of the study is to update the bicycle and pedestrian safety plan and comply with the Federally required Safety Performance Targets.

A motion to approve the Vision Zero Initiatives – Scope of Services was made by Mr. Joe Capra and seconded by Ms. Kim DeLaney. The vote was unanimous with the understanding that Martin County Traffic Engineering staff and MPO staff will further discuss the best way to collect bicycle and pedestrian counts. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. KANNER HIGHWAY (SR 76) RESURFACING PRESENTATION – INFORMATION ITEM

Damaris Williams, FDOT presented the Kanner Highway (SR 76) Resurfacing presentation. Ms. Williams discussed the project limits for SR 76/Kanner Highway Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resurfacing from North of SW Cabana Point Circle to SR 5/US 1 in Martin County, proposed improvements that include roadway, drainage, signing and pavement marking, lighting elements, along with watermain replacement. Proposed improvements also included high emphasis crosswalk striping at the intersections of Monterey Road and US1, new contrast detectable warning surfaces at US1 curb ramps, and replacing the sidewalk in areas of drainage repairs. Drainage improvements included the video inspection to evaluate the existing drainage system, drainage pipe and structure replacement at roadway settlement locations, and drainage pipe lining at other pipe segments. Watermain improvements included the City of Stuart's watermain replacement in areas of drainage improvements with no interruption to water service. Ms. Williams also discussed construction impacts to traffic, the project schedule and cost.

There was discussion on the project timeline, and bike lanes. Committee member Mark Cocco, Safety Manager, Martin County School District, would like to have a meeting with FDOT and include the school principal as well as staff administrators to discuss school traffic and MOT. There was extensive discussion on Kanner Highway onto northbound

US1. Committee members recommended that the double left turn going north/east on Kanner Highway onto northbound US1 should be changed to a triple left using one of the thru lanes, recommended incorporating wider sidewalks by combining the existing two (2) foot stamped paver strip with the existing sidewalk width to become a wider multi-modal path and requested the future US1 southbound right turn lane onto Kanner Highway be considered to be included with this project. Ms. Williams said that she would check the feasibility.

C. US1 RESURFACING PRESENTATION – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Ms. Helen James presented the resurfacing project on SR-5/US1 from SE Contractors Way to North of NW Jensen Beach Blvd. She explained the scope of the project, programmed budget, and the project schedule. Scope of the project is pavement resurfacing/rehabilitation, extending SB left turn lane at Ocean Blvd, lighting retrofits at signalized intersections, and ADA upgrades. The project is anticipated to start in October 2021 and is expected to last 18 months, the budget for the project is \$0.9 million for design cost and \$7.6 million for construction cost. There was extensive discussion on adding 8-foot sidewalks to areas currently that do not have sidewalks where there is adequate Right-of-Way.

A motion to approve the recommendation that FDOT install eight (8) foot sidewalks in locations where sidewalks are currently missing on the east side of the corridor, north of the Roosevelt Bridge; one location is from Wright Blvd. to Baker Road, and the other is between NW Windemere Drive and NW Britt Road, and replace or repair existing sidewalks to use the State standard of 8-ft sidewalks where there is adequate Right-of-Way along the US1 corridor was made by Ms. Kim DeLaney and seconded by Ms. Amy Eason. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. July Jimenez presented the resurfacing project on SR-5/US1 From North of NW Jensen Beach Blvd to Martin/St. Lucie County Line. She discussed the project limits and a project overview to include proposed improvements and the project length. Ms. Jimenez also discussed the new East-West crosswalk that is being added at SE Westmoreland Blvd, lighting retrofits, proposed improvements from Jensen Beach Blvd. to Sunset Blvd, proposed improvements from Sunset Blvd. to St. Lucie County Line, and the project schedule. Project completion is estimated for early 2023 and estimated project cost is \$2.6 million dollars. There was discussion on the intersection at US1 at SE Westmoreland Blvd. and US1 at NW Eugenia street and pedestrian safety. Committee members wanted to know if FDOT would consider a modified Dutch intersection at US1/SE Westmoreland Blvd. and at US1/NW Eugenia Street where the medians would be extended forward with cut-throughs for the crosswalks, providing a refuge for pedestrians.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members discussed the resurfacing projects further and additional comments related to the projects have been included under each appropriate section. Al Zilg's

written comments: Martin County website has no reference to transportation to certain sites, there should be locations for the police departments, medical centers, etc. What is being done about the bus situation from Martin County to Palm Beach. They are half full. Is there progress being made in that area? There is no reference to anything in South Martin County. What is going to be done when cars begin changing over to electric concerning the funds being collected for the gas tax. There will be no more gas delivered because cars will not need it. Amy Eason commented that on Johnson and US1 she has noticed more bus riders.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

8. NOTES - None

9. NEXT MEETINGS

Joint CAC/BPAC/TAC Meeting – November 30, 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 3:00 PM.

Prepared by:



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III




Date

Approved by:



Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair



Date

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