

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING**
Martin County Administrative Building Commission Chambers
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Wednesday, May 5, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chair Amy Eason.

2. ROLL CALL

CAC Members in Attendance:

Amy Eason, Chair
Hilary Young
Saadia Tsafarides arrived at 9:11 a.m.
Trent Steele
David Hafner

CAC Members Excused:

John Patteson
Cindy Greenspan
Al Zilg
Ann Kagdis
Ralph Davino

CAC Members Not in Attendance:

Helen McBride

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering (virtual)
Victoria Williams, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (virtual)

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by David Hafner and seconded by Hilary

Young. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 3, 2021 CAC Minutes was made by Hilary Young and seconded by Trent Steele. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY2021/22 – FY2025/26 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Draft FY2021/22–FY2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the TIP is to provide the County with a 5-year plan of the transportation projects that will be occurring in the County. It is a comprehensive list all Federal, State, locally funded, and regionally significant transportation projects to be funded in Martin County during that timeframe. It is consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and it is updated annually. The Final FY2021/22 – FY2025/26 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board at the June 21, 2021 meeting. Advertisement for the TIP went out on May 1, 2021 to provide 45 days for public review and comment. Beginning May 1st, the Draft TIP will be available for public review, both on the MPO website and in hard copy at local libraries and in the County Administration Building lobby. The List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was adopted in June 2020 and was used to develop the Draft Tentative Work Program that was approved at the January 25th MPO Policy Board Meeting. After the 45-day review period the Final Draft TIP will go before Advisory Committees in June and then on to the MPO Policy Board for final adoption. During those meetings, the committees will be voting on the next list of project priorities for the new cycle. Some of the recently implemented projects include the Dixie Highway sidewalk extension from Wright Blvd. to S. Green River Parkway, Savannah Road resurfacing, High Meadow Avenue resurfacing and bike lanes, and the Bridge Road sidewalk.

A motion to approve the Draft FY2021/22 – FY2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made Trent Steele by and seconded by David Hafner. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

B. GOMEZ AVENUE FEASIBILITY STUDY – SEGMENT OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY – Discussion

Jeff Weidner presented the Gomez Avenue Feasibility Study – Segment of The East Coast Greenway. The MPO is seeking input on the development of a scope of services for a feasibility study to implement a shared use, non-motorized path as a segment of the SUN Trail/East Coast Greenway on SE Gomez Avenue from Osprey Street to Bridge Road. The focus of the study is to coordinate with the community and to perform analyses to identify a concept that can move from the planning phase of project development

towards design and ultimately, construction. He explained that Marlin Engineering will come before the committees in June with a Scope of Services. Mr. Weidner discussed the background of the East Coast Greenway, the New Vision for the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) 2019-2023 Plan and Maps, the purpose of grant award, unallowable costs for SUN Trail funding, potential scope tasks and alternatives. The proposed project schedule is 12 months from the Notice to Proceed and public meetings will be held as well as community outreach. He continued and discussed maps of the Statewide Greenways and Trails System Plan and the Gomez Avenue Corridor. There was discussion on whether the project would include the El Camino project in Golden Gate, the concept of a feasibility study, whether FDOT was doing a project in the same area, and what information is involved in the data analysis part of the study. Joy Puerta explained the future segment of the trail shown on the map includes the Golden Gate area and will be a separate feasibility study in the future. She explained that the intent of the feasibility study is to determine alternatives for the alignment and types of facilities and clarified that the US 1 segment by FDOT includes a pathway along US 1 from Bridge Road to the Wildlife Refuge Center. The FDOT pathway will be coordinated with this feasibility study and connected with US 1 and Bridge Road. Mr. Weidner explained that the analysis includes data on cyclists and pedestrians, the environment of the area, and existing traffic.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ricardo Vazquez read Al Zilg's comments.

"There are no South Martin County roads being repaired according to the plan. A light is needed on County Line Road and Dixie where the railroad double tracks are being repaired. There are no hurricane shelters in South Martin County."

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

NOTES- None

NEXT MEETINGS

CAC Meeting – June 9, 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 9:33 AM.

Prepared by:



Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

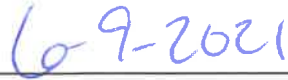


Date

Approved by:



Amy Eason, CAC Chair



Date

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