

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administration Building  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996  
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(772) 221-1498  
Monday, May 3, 2021

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM by Lisa Wichser.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair  
Michelle Berger, Vice Chair  
Kim DeLaney arrived at 1:36pm  
Stuart Trent  
Althea Jefferson arrived at 1:54pm  
Mark Cocco  
David Dyess  
Samantha Lovelady  
Mira Skoroden arrived at 1:47pm  
William Powell

**TAC Members Excused:**

Sam Carver

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Ken DeAngeles  
Michele Jones

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

George Dzama, Martin County  
Mary Ann Sosa, Martin Transit Specialist  
Tim Voelker, City of Stuart  
Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering (virtual)  
Victoria Williams, Turnpike (virtual)

Todd Schimelfanick, MCSO  
Christina Fermin, Marlin Engineering (virtual)

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Michelle Berger and seconded by Samantha Lovelady. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the February 1, 2021 TAC Minutes was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Mark Cocco. 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 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. 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 LOPP 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 and High Meadow Avenue resurfacing. There was discussion regarding the improvements at the intersection of Monterey and Dixie, landscape maintenance on A1A in Sewall's Point, advertisements, and the FDOT map.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY2021-22 – FY2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Mark Cocco and seconded by Michelle Berger. 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 (SUN) Trail/East Coast Greenway segment 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 also discussed maps of the Statewide Greenways and Trails System Plan and the Gomez Avenue Corridor. There was discussion on the limits of this project and the limits of the FDOT project currently in the process. Mr. Weidner explained that Marlin will be presenting different alternatives and be coordinated with the FDOT project. Joy Puerta explained that the FDOT project would go along the east side of US 1 from Bridge Road south to the Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge. From Bridge Road and US1 to Sea Branch State Park there will be a feasibility study. Kim DeLaney provided a lengthy discussion about primary trails, connectors, funding opportunities and requested the status of the trail projects within the Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Ms. Puerta explained that there were two sections, the south portion at Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the north portion that extended over the railroad tracks. The north portion was canceled due to easement issues over the railroad. The south portion is designed to run from the entrance of the park, through the park property to a point where it turns east back to US 1 where it crosses US 1 with a signalized pedestrian crossing and ends at the Wildlife Refuge Center. The FDOT project continues the trail from the Wildlife Refuge Center along the east side of US 1 to Bridge Road. Ms. Puerta also discussed the future Sailfish Capital Trail that would complete the balance of the East Coast Greenway through Martin County.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS-**

Kim DeLaney provided an update on the Brightline Train. She will send a video of construction for a precast section that was built and other material to Ricardo Vazquez to distribute to committee members. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCPRC) is working with Palm Beach County up to Tequesta to establish quiet zones. Once Brightline has established the track improvements they will work on the Bridge Road improvements. In FY22 they will finalize the grade crossing then they will work on the electronic interface at the end of the project to accommodate Positive Train Control (PTC).

David Dyess wanted to know when preliminary work would start on the Bridge Road design.

Kim DeLaney explained that the project is on hold, but she will email Michael and copy him. The TCRPC is also working on an extreme heat analysis as it relates to transit and walkability.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**NOTES**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

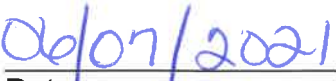
TAC Meeting – June 7, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.

**ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:16 PM.

Prepared by:

  
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Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

  
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Date

Approved by:

  
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Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

  
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Date

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