

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PREDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room

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Monday, May 10, 2021

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Joan Moore.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**BPAC Members in Attendance:**

Joan Moore, Chair

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Vice Chair arrived at 2:03 p.m.

Kerrie Tyndall

Don Fabricy

Timothy Rossknecht

Thomas Campenni

Michael MacLeod

**Members Absent Excused:**

Julie Preast

Jackie Vitale

Jessica Anderson

Debbie Rabener

Hal Forslund

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Arvin

Sgt. George Yacobellis

Sgt. Brian Bossio

Chris Ross Wade

Larry Wallace, FDOT

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner

Florence Allen, Adm. Specialist III

**Others in Attendance:**

Jeff Weidner, Marlin (virtual)

Christina Fermin, Marlin Engineering (virtual)

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Timothy Rossknecht. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the February 8, 2021 BPAC Minutes was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Michael MacLeod. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Potential New Member(s) Introduced: Arlette Cataldo**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. DRAFT FY2021/22 – DRAFT 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 a question regarding had any changes been made to the TIP from January to current date. Mr. Vazquez explained that no changes had been made.

**A motion to approve the Draft FY2021-22 – FY2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Pinal Gandhi-Savdas. 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 – a 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 and the potential scope tasks, including the different 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 regarding the scope of services, the process for adding amenities, whether the project was within the CRA, and the other segments of the East Coast Greenway. Joy Puerta explained that SUN Trail funding does not allow funding amenities; however, as part of the feasibility study, amenities may be recommended along the trail. In particular, Kerrie Tyndall asked if embedded trail safety markers could be included as part of the construction of the trail. Ms. Puerta advised Mr. Weidner to confirm this. Ms. Puerta noted that other grants could be applied for to fund these amenities in the future if they are recommended in the feasibility study. Thomas Campenni mentioned that maybe funding through a grant using the CRA could be coordinated. Ms. Puerta provided a summary of the different segments of the existing and planned East Coast Greenway through Martin County. She noted this segment along Gomez Avenue will incorporate Bridge Road to US 1 to connect with the trail segment by the State along US 1 between Bridge Road and the Wildlife Refuge Center.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Don Fabricy wanted to know what he can do to have the speed limit changed on Sewall's Point Road going into Jensen Beach. Arlette Cataldo complimented the committee for their work and suggested instead of trying to reduce the speed limit it may be better to look into speed reducing alternatives. Joy Puerta will email Traffic Engineering. Once a response is received, she will provide the information to Mr. Fabricy.

Kerrie Tyndall wanted to know what is being done with the bike lane on Citrus Blvd. that ends on SR 714. The trail has no connectivity.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**NOTES- None**

**NEXT MEETING**

BPAC Meeting – June 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Prepared by:

  
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Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

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Approved by:

  
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Joan Moore, BPAC Chair

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