

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**  
Martin County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
2401 SE Monterey Road  
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**Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 1:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Lisa Wichser, Chair  
Joe Capra for Michelle Berger, Vice Chair  
Kim DeLaney arrived at 1:36pm  
Mark Cocco  
Clyde Dulin for Samantha Lovelady arrived at 1:34pm  
Milton Leggett for Tim Voelker  
Mira Skoroden arrived at 1:38pm  
William Powell

**TAC Members Excused:**

Stuart Trent  
Althea Jefferson  
David Dyess

**TAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Sam Carver  
Ken DeAngeles  
Todd Schimelfanick

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, MPO Planner (Bike/Ped)  
Florence Allen, Administrative Specialist III

**Others in Attendance:**

Victoria Williams, FDOT/Turnpike, MPO Liaison  
Carol Scott, FDOT/Turnpike, Planning Manager  
Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering  
John M. Podczerwinsky, FDOT, Planning Supervisor

**A quorum was present.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Capra and seconded by William Powell, motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

TAC Meeting – May 3, 2021

**A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2021 was made by Clyde Dulin and seconded by Mark Cocco, motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PRESENTATION**

Victoria Williams, FDOT/Turnpike, MPO Liaison and Carol Scott, FDOT/Turnpike Planning Manager presented an information only Work Program Update on the following projects:

- Electronic Tolling
- Sun Pass Interoperability
- Jupiter (Indiantown Rd/SR 706) to Ft. Pierce (Okeechobee Rd/SR 70)
  - Widening Turnpike Mainline
  - SR 714/Martin Highway Interchange
- New/Improved direct connect ramps from I-95 to the Turnpike
- 2045 Traffic Demand

Chair Lisa Wichser inquired about the 500-foot buffer between the proposed I-95 and Bridge Road interchange. Victoria Williams said she would inquire about the 500-foot buffer.

Beth Beltran inquired if the district had funding for the I-95 and Turnpike crossover in the TIP. Victoria Williams, FDOT/Turnpike stated that she didn't think that it was funded but would hope to see that flush out as they continue to hold public hearings, and get better feedback from the community, this along with the traffic needs for the year 2045.

There was discussion expressed by committee members about how you would access the Southbound Turnpike ramp onto Leighton Farms Road. Turnpike staff mentioned the excessive eastbound and westbound traffic along 714, and Ms. Wichser pointed out that the widening of the 714 bridge should help alleviate the stacking of traffic.

A public hearing is scheduled for the summer 2021. The public hearing is being held as a hybrid meeting (virtual and in-person).

## **B. FINAL DRAFT FY22 – FY26 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner presented the Final Draft FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Committee. The public hearing for final approval and adoption is scheduled for June 21, 2021.

Joe Capra wanted to be sure that the North Sewall's Point Road Project is on the TIP schedule.

Kim DeLaney responded to Joe Capra that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) has been asked to assist the Town of Sewall's Point in developing its first long term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A number of those projects will be coordinated with the TIP going forward. She stated that she would assure that the MPO has all the necessary information for the next TIP, on behalf of Sewall's Point.

**A motion to approve the Final Draft FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Clyde Dulin and seconded by Joe Capra, motion passed unanimously.**

## **C. SHARED-USE NONMOTORIZED (SUN) TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY ALONG GOMEZ AVENUE - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering, gave a brief overview on the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program Agreement between the MPO and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund a Feasibility Study for a shared-use path along SE Gomez Avenue from SE Osprey Street to SE Bridge Road. This pathway when finished will serve as a segment of the East Coast Greenway (ECG). The ECG is a 3,000-paved trail from Maine to Key West that will provide a safe walking and biking route along the Atlantic coast.

Chairperson Wichser recommended the agreement language say, "A connection from US1/Bridge Road to Seabranh State Park".

Beth Beltran affirmed the recommendations suggested by Chairperson Wichser.

**A motion to approve the Approve the Scope of Services for the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Feasibility Study with comments was made by Joe Capra and seconded by Kim DeLaney, motion passed unanimously.**

## **D. FY23 - FY27 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, explained the FY23 - FY27 LOPP.

**A motion to approve the FY23 - FY27 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Clyde Dulin and seconded by Mark Cocco, motion passed 7/1, Joe Capra abstained.**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator explained the FY23 - FY27 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) priorities, and Public Transit Program of Projects (POP).

**A motion to approve the FY23 - FY27 TAP LOPP and the Transit POP was made by Clyde Dulin and seconded by William Powell, motion passed 7/1, Joe Capra abstained.**

## **6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Kim DeLaney announced that the TCRPC has invited the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss quiet zones with Palm Beach County local government. She explained that an invitation has been extended to Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River. The meeting is scheduled for mid to late July. Ms. DeLaney said she would provide the detailed information to Beth Beltran for distribution.

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- NONE**

**8. NOTES-NONE**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

TAC Meeting – September 8, 2021 @ 1:30 PM

**ADJOURMENT: 2:44 PM**

**Prepared by:**

  
Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

9-9-21  
Date

**Approved by:**

  
Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair

09/08/2021  
Date

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