

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Workshop Room  
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**Monday September 13, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Vice Chair Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

**2. ROLL CALL**

**BPAC Members in Attendance:**

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Vice Chair

Julie Preast

Jackie Vitale

Kerrie Tyndall

Thomas Campenni

Timothy Rossknecht

Arlette Cataldo

**Members Absent Excused:**

Joan Moore, Chair

Don Fabricy

Michael MacLeod

Chris Ross Wade

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Arvin

Hal Forslund

Sgt. George Yacobellis

Sgt. Brian Bossio

Larry Wallace, FDOT

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner

Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Julie Preast, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- BPAC Meeting – June 14, 2021

**A motion to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2021 was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Jackie Vitale, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. FY22 – FY26 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – ROLL FORWARD**

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner introduced Amendment #1, Roll Forward amount to the FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program. He explained the roll-over funds are for use in various public transit programs, and Turnpike projects, for a total amount of \$7.8 million dollars.

Julie Preast asked if Jensen Beach Boulevard funds would be rolled over to the program. Ricardo Vazquez said that the \$857.00 maybe rolled over in the work program. Tom Campenni inquired about the Turnpike roll forward funds. Ricardo Vazquez explained that the Turnpike staff did a PD&E study on the Turnpike widening and interchange projects. Once the study was complete it was determined that the funds are programmed for FY25 to fund the PD&E Study. The \$1,500.00 line items are administrative fees.

**A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Roll Forward was made by Thomas Campenni and seconded by Julie Preast, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. COVE ROAD AND HIGH MEADOW MARTIN COUNTY PROJECTS – FDOT MULTIMODAL SCOPING**

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner introduced the items to the Committee. She explained that the two projects, Cove Road (FM# 4417001) and High Meadow (FM# 4416991) identified on the updated Scheduling Report are being brought forward to discuss recommendations to include in FDOT's Multimodal Scoping Checklist (MMSC). This MMSC aims to implement the Department's Complete Streets policy and recognizes

that Complete Streets are context-sensitive and require transportation system design that considers local land development patterns and built form. While maintaining safety and mobility, Complete Streets shall serve the transportation needs of transportation system users of all ages and abilities.

She introduced the Cove Road project first, explaining that the project is a widening project that will expand the roadway from a 2-lane undivided roadway to a 4-lane urban roadway for a length of 3.23 miles. The cross section submitted for a previous grant application included a 4-lane urban roadway with 6 foot sidewalks and seven foot buffered bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway. MPO staff recommended a shared-use pathway be included on one side, preferably the south side, and a sidewalk on the other side for the safety of pedestrians and school children attending Anderson Middle School and the Treasure Coast Academy. This is consistent with the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Master Plan.

After a brief discussion by the Committee, they recommended landscape buffers, shade trees, narrow travel lanes, enhanced crosswalks, street lighting, storm drainage, connections to parks signage, traffic calming instrument, signal warrants, green bike lanes and turn lanes where necessary. Staff stated that this review was for informational only to gather input.

On an unrelated topic, Arlette Cataldo noted that many cyclists ride along S.E. St. Lucie Blvd. with no bike lanes and a single narrow sidewalk. She inquired as to whether bike lanes could be added when the sewer project was underway. Tom Campenni explained that the City utilities would not be removing roadway or sidewalks for the sewer project. Arlette Cataldo did recommend the corridor be looked at for future bike lanes. Julie Preast recommended sharrow markings on the roadway when the speed limit is 25 MPH.

Next, Joy Puerta introduced the High Meadows project and recommended to have a shared use pathway along the east side, from I-95 to CR-714/Martin Highway. This would allow the residential developments adjacent to the corridor to access the shared-use pathway. The Committee members also suggested the street lighting and shade trees.

### **C. FLORIDA NEW LAW UPDATE**

Joy Puerta introduced the new bike laws to the Committee. She explained that the new law information will be disseminated to the public by the FDOT through various outreach opportunities.

Julie Preast recommended the new law information be put on MCTV and distributed to the bike clubs/stores in Martin County.

**6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Julie Preast commended FDOT for their replanting landscaping on US 1 north of the Roosevelt Bridge. She did express concern for the lack of street lighting from the Roosevelt Bridge to Jensen Beach Blvd. Joy Puerta said that she would back to FDOT regarding the lighting concern.

Kerrie Tyndall inquired if there would be signage displaying the new bike laws along the roadways. Joy Puerta said she would gather additional information regarding FDOT’s plan to publicize information to the public.

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

**8. NOTES**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

CAC/BPAC/TAC Joint Meeting – October 18, 2021 @ 1:30 PM

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT: 2:50 P.M.**

Prepared by:

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Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

2-28-22  
Date

Approved by:

Joan Moore  
Joan Moore, BPAC Chair

2-25-22  
Date

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