

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

Martin County Administration Building 4th Floor Workshop Room
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Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 1:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

TAC Members in Attendance:

Lisa Wichser, Chair

Joe Capra

Kim DeLaney

David Dyess

Samantha Lovelady

Tim Voelker

William Powell

Sam Carver

Ken DeAngeles

TAC Members Excused:

Stuart Trent

Mark Cocco

TAC Members Not in Attendance:

Althea Jefferson

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, MPO Planner

Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

Kev Freeman

Milton Leggett

Mary Ann Yaw Sosa

Mira Skoroden, FDOT

Paul Schilling

Victoria Williams, FDOT/Turnpike, MPO Liaison

Kim McLaughlin, Martin County Public Works Grants Coordinator
Chris Goetzfried, Martin County Capital Projects Administrator
Cpl. Becki Brady, Martin County Sherriff's Office
Sergeant David Rosko, Martin County Sheriff's Department
Mark Plass, P.E., FDOT(Virtual)
Benazir Portal, P.E., Kittelson & Associates (Virtual)
Mira Skoroden, FDOT
Frank Veldhuis, Northstar Geomatics (Virtual)

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda delaying item 5B pending virtual attendance by FDOT by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Samantha Lovelady, motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- TAC Meeting – September 8, 2021

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2021 was made by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by Samantha Lovelady, motion passed unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion to approve Lisa Wichser as Chair by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Joe Capra, motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Kim Delaney as Vice Chair by Ken DeAngeles and seconded by David Dyess, motion passed unanimously

B. SR A1A FROM NE CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD TO HUTCHINSON SHORES RESORT SAFETY STUDY PRESENTATION.

This item was heard after item 5D.

Mark Plass, FDOT District Four, gave a visual presentation to the Committee on the SR A1A from NE Causeway Boulevard to Hutchinson Island Shores Resort safety study.

Kim Delaney asked if there was any consideration to a mid-block pedestrian crossing light. She also expressed concern over the size of the bike lanes due to the overgrowth of grass into the bike lanes. Mark Plass said he sent an email to Kris Kehres of FDOT about the maintenance of the bike lanes. Benazir Portal, (Virtual) FDOT Consultant

Project Manager joined the meeting. She stated that there was discussion as it relates to removing the RRFB and fully signalizing the median opening of that resort due to a possible commercial business application. Mark Plass stated he would go back and meet with County staff as it relates to this topic. Mira Skoroden, FDOT, stated that the bike lane maintenance has been addressed.

C. FY22-FY26 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT.

Ricardo Vazquez, MPO Senior Planner introduced the item. He explained that there are two additional items that have been requested by FDOT to amend into the FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The first item is a 5310 Grant for Advocates Rights of the Challenged (ARC) for operating assistance, and the second item is another 5310 Grant funded by Corona Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA). The 5310 Grant funds are funds used for the transportation disadvantaged, and the Martin MPO is supportive in obtaining as much funding as possible to provide that population with trips.

A motion to approve the FY22-FY26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment was made by Joe Capra and seconded by Ken DeAngeles, motion passed unanimously.

D. FY 22 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATION.

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator introduced the item to the Committee. She explained that the MPO received one application from Martin County and introduced Kim McLaughlin, Public Works Grants Coordinator, and Chris Goetzfried, Capital Projects Administrator. They presented the County's request for the S.E. Washington Avenue Sidewalk Project for the 2022 TAP application cycle. The federal funds being requested are \$420,000.00 with local fund contributions of \$167,399.65.

A motion to approve the FY22 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Application was made by Joe Capra and seconded by William Powell, motion passed unanimously.

E. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) ANNUAL REPORT.

Beth Beltran introduced the item to the Committee, and Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner, presented the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) annual report. He introduced the various objectives and strategies that were achieved in Calendar Year 2021.

A motion to approve the PIP Annual Report was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Kim Delaney, motion passed unanimously.

F. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW INTERACTIVE MAP PRESENTATION.

Beth Beltran explained that this item is an information item and is still a work in progress.

Frank Veldhuis, Northstar Geomatics introduced the item and gave a visual presentation of the draft map. He explained that the data from the different municipalities is still being gathered.

Beth Beltran explained that the map was developed as part of the MPO planning and will be used for future developments as it relates to transportation needs. She explained that she looks to update the map twice a year.

G. DRAFT FY24-FY28 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)

Beth Beltran introduced the item and gave the Committee a status report on the Martin MPO DRAFT FY24-FY28 List of Project Priorities.

Chris Goetzfried, Martin County Capital Projects Administrator gave a brief explanation of the new projects on the list of project priorities specifically South Sewall's Point Road flooding. Joe Capra explained the project in detail.

A motion to approve the Draft FY24 - FY28 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) was made by Samantha Lovelady and seconded by Kim Delaney, motion passed with Joe Capra abstaining.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS-None

Kim Delaney noted that she has been actively working on the Brightline Quiet Zone for the local governments. She also noted that there is going to be grant funds available to create barriers along the railroad to prevent trespassing. She noted the following upcoming grant opportunities from the Federal Rail Administration:

- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI)
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

Lisa Wichser announced the closure of the railroad crossing on Jensen Beach Blvd. beginning February 14th through March 11, 2022.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- None

7. NOTES


8. NEXT MEETING

CAC/BPAC/TAC Joint Meeting – April 4, 2022 @ 1:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT : 4:10 P.M.

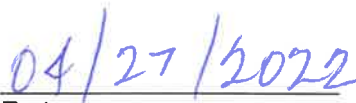
Prepared by:


Cherie White, Administrative Assistant


Date

Approved by:


Lisa Wichser, TAC Chair


Date

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