



## **MPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Susan Mulcahy, City of Sebastian Representative  
Terry Goff, City of Vero Beach Representative, Vice Chairman  
Barbara Tilney, Town of Indian River Shores Representative  
George Sipp, Town of Orchid Representative  
Chief Scott Melanson, City of Fellsmere Representative

**Libby Harrow - Chairman**

### **AGENDA**

**THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) WILL MEET AT 2:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010, IN CONFERENCE ROOM B1-501 IN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING B, 1800 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET, VERO BEACH, FL.**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes –**  
**April 27, 2010**  
*Action Required*
- 3. Update on Indian River County Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects**  
*No Action Required*
- 4. Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees**  
*No Action Required*
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Comments from the Public**
- 7. Adjournment**
- 1. Next Meeting**  
**BAC – October 26, 2010**

**To view the BAC Agenda packet on-line please go to the following link:**

**<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/BAC/2010/agendas/BAC072710A.pdf>**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT MPO STAFF AT (772) 226-1455.

ANYONE WHO MAY WISH TO APPEAL ANY DECISION WHICH MAY BE MADE AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE ON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. ANYONE WHO NEEDS A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS MEETING MUST CONTACT THE COUNTY'S AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATOR AT 772-226-1223 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.



**MPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday – April 27, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.**

Conference Room B1-501, County Administration Building "B", 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, FL

Note: Audio/Video/Minutes of the meeting can be found at <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/BAC/2010.htm> .

Also, all reports referenced with an asterisk (\*) are on file at the Board of County Commissioners and available upon request.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Libby Harrow, Chairman	Indian River County (IRC) Representative
Chris McCarthy	City of Sebastian (COS) Representative
Barbara Tilney	Town of Indian River Shores (TIRS) Representative
Chief Scott Melanson	City of Fellsmere (COF) Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Susan Mulcahy	<i>Alternate filled in: Chris McCarthy</i>
George Sipp	Town of Orchid Representative (TO)
Terry Goff, Vice Chairman	City of Vero Beach (COVB) Representative

**STAFF/OTHER PRESENT**

Phil Matson	MPO Director
Michael Love	IRC Traffic Engineer
John-Mark Palacios	Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Beth Casano	Recording Secretary/Commissioner Assistant District 5

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Harrow called meeting to order at 2:06

**2. Approval of Minutes January 26, 2010**

**On Motion** by Chief Melanson and **Seconded** by Mr. McCarthy, the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**3. Status Report on East Coast Greenway (ECG) Issues**

Mr. Matson introduced the County's new Traffic Engineer, Michael Love and welcomed FDOT's engineer-in-training, Mr. Palacios. Mr. Matson then explained that the ECG is a developing trail system, spanning nearly 3,000 miles from Maine to Key West and gave current statistics on the system: 28% of trail is on traffic free paths; 28% in Florida is completed with 26% in

current development, 42% in public control awaiting development and 4% without a potential area for route development. Mr. Matson referred to an e-mail\* from bicycle enthusiast, Herb Hiller, which provided an overview of their 12-month plan for the Florida Greenway: an October launch of the Vista Florida trails website; forging alliances with politicians and organizations to develop tours; coordinate plans to attract 500 Spanish touring cyclists during the Spain-Florida Quincentenary; and, follow through on the recent prioritization of developing destination trails. The e-mail also contained questions pertaining to the availability of establishing key contacts with a list of counties which included Indian River.

Members discussed various areas that could be East Coast Greenway Links and agreed that A1A would be the most obvious while offering parallel detours through places like Pelican Island and Jungle Trail. Mr. Matson asked the members if they wished to take formal action to provide a liaison to be the BAC's "eyes and ears" to the ECG as well as be an advocate for the movement in IRC.

**On Motion** by Ms. Tilney and **Seconded** by Ms. Harrow, members unanimously approved the nomination of local bicycle enthusiast, A1A area resident and BAC member-alternate George W. Sharpe to be the Liaison to the ECG. (Mr. Sharpe will be contacted.)

Mr. Matson pointed out that there are always a few who are unhappy with any type of development. Case in point, FDOT has plans to resurface South A1A and can, if the County wishes, provide funding and labor for sidewalks where needed along the resurfaced roadway. A few residents in the area are against having the sidewalk. Members discussed the increased-safety benefits of the sidewalk as well as its possibility to provide a future link for the ECG and felt it necessary to take action.

**On Motion** by Chief Melanson and **Seconded** by Mr. McCarthy, members unanimously voted to recommend that the IRC Board of County Commissioners accept the Department of Transportation's offer to provide the sidewalks when resurfacing South A1A.

Mr. Palacios confirmed that FDOT plans to begin the resurfacing in May of 2011.

#### **4. Discussion of Future Bicycle Safety Events and Bicycle and Helmet Distribution**

Mr. Matson declared that the Bike Safety Events held in Fellsmere and Sebastian were huge successes and he commended the police departments of both cities. He announced that the FDOT's Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) would be giving 32 bikes to each county in the State. The CTST in conjunction with local bicycle committees will determine how to distribute the free bikes.

Committee members decided they would like to see the giveaway tied into a contest of some sort. Chief Melanson suggested the giveaways occur during the National Night Out (NNO - scheduled for first or second Tuesday in August) as almost all municipalities and their enforcement agencies have independent festivities. Members thought it might be feasible to do an essay contest of some sort through summer library programs and announce winners at the NNO events. It was also decided to divide the bikes up so that each participating municipality could have four bikes to giveaway at the

NNOs and then four more for a future event. Mr. Matson felt that the giveaways would need volunteer efforts to coordinate and he also wanted to double check with the County Attorney regarding liability issues. Chief Melanson said that he would mention it at the Chiefs and Sheriff's meeting he would be attending on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Matson said he would relay the committee's idea and get more information for the next meeting.

#### **5. Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees**

Mr. Matson mentioned that the new long range plan now de-emphasizes arterial widening because there is less transportation money to work with and there is mounting opposition to road widening with the belief that it may be hurting surrounding communities. The new plan will focus on paving networked dirt roads to relieve the burden on the major arterials. Also, they are trying to close a sidewalk gap on Old Dixie near 12<sup>th</sup> street with funding from FDOT's Safe Routes in School program with the County retrofitting those areas where right of way is not a concern.

#### **6. Other Business**

Mr. Matson provided a handout informing members of a series of workshops being held on the Long Range Plan, MPO's guiding document on road development over the next 20-25 years. Mr. Matson encouraged all members to inform their respective municipalities so that they may weigh-in on the process.

#### **7. Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the Public.

Mr. McCarthy inquired about the sidewalk in Sebastian along Indian River Drive North and Mr. Matson said that they are working toward having a nice pedestrian bicycle path that would make a letter C to run by the river and back to US1. Mr. Matson emphasized that the 3 mile path was going to be very nice.

Mr. Matson informed the members that MPO is setting up their new planning work for next year and are looking to do another bike/ped plan update. FDOT would like to see if MPO can come up with an innovative way to count bike/ped traffic. Members discussed counting techniques such as utilizing volunteers for a manual count; surveying homeowner's associations; or finding an electronic monitoring device that would be applicable.

#### **8. Adjournment**

**On Motion** by Chief Melanson and **Seconded** by Ms. Tilney the meeting was unanimously adjourned at **3:24**.

#### **9. Next Meeting July 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Members of the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

**THROUGH:** Robert M. Keating, AICP *RMK*  
Community Development Director

**FROM:** Andy Sobczak *AS*  
MPO Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 20, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Update on Indian River County Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects

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It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Indian River County MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) at the meeting of July 27, 2010.

**BACKGROUND**

With the help of grant funding from the MPO, Indian River County and its municipalities have undertaken many bicycle/pedestrian improvement projects in recent years. In 2009, a number of major sidewalk projects were completed in the county. One such project was the 12<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project. Located on the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, sidewalks were constructed between Vero Beach Elementary School and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and between 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. These were significant projects because they linked existing sidewalks segments along 12<sup>th</sup> Street to create a continuous sidewalk between US 1 and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

The MPO continues to actively pursue funding for additional projects and has, in the past year, obtained the County's first-ever grant through the Department of Environmental Protection's Recreational Trails Program (RTP). In fact, at the present time, the county is constructing ±10.9 miles of new bike/ped and trail projects. In 2010 and 2011, City and County officials anticipate undertaking several more projects, including the final segment of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk project (between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue); North Indian River Drive Sidewalks in Sebastian; the Aviation Boulevard Greenway; and sidewalks on Old Dixie Highway in the Gifford area. A complete list of current MPO bike/ped projects appears in table 1.

On July 27, 2010, staff will update the BAC on the status of recently completed projects and proposed bike/ped project activity.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the BAC review the attached information, consider the staff presentation on July 27, 2010, and provide comments to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

## 1. Table 1: Current MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects

TABLE 1

June 15, 2010 [ BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS Underway ]							
Project Name	Project Limits	Date Applied	Grant Amount	FDOT Contract #	Type of Grant	FM Number	Comments
North Indian River Drive Bikepath	Indian River Drive from ±300' north of Jackson Street to the intersection of Roseland Road	April 25, 2000	\$262,000	AON 14	EH	409504-2-58-01	Contract with FDOT pending 3/29/2010. Construction to begin Fall 2010.
CR 512 Scenic Beautification and Crossings	CR 512 between Wimbrow Drive and just south of Roseland Road	April 9, 2002	\$157,200		EH		Pending (City of Sebastian)
Indian River Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement	Indian River Boulevard between 12th Street and 17th Street	June 25, 2005	\$432,000		EH	418136-1-58-01	FDOT will send agreement once Coast Guard permit is issued *Construction cost estimate is \$362,608 (\$69,392 less than grant)
Old Dixie Sidewalk Project (38th Lane to 65th Street)	Old Dixie Highway between 38th Lane and 65th Street	June 15, 2007	\$1,570,200	SRTS 112 A	SRTS	423186-1-58-01	5/4/2010 -LAP agreement approved by BCC
Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor Greenway	Sebastian Crossings - Sebastian River Middle School	March 31, 2009	\$207,157		RTP	T29025	Construction to begin Fall 2010
Thompson Magnet Elementary School Sidewalk Project	11th Street SW from 17th Avenue to 18th Avenue, 13th Street SW from 17th Avenue to 18th Avenue, and 17th Avenue from 11th Street SW to 13th Street SW	April 28, 2009	\$246,967		SRTS	4276151	FDOT approved funding for project in Fiscal Year 13/14
Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor Greenway	North of CR 512 and partially within abandoned railroad ROW, the project extends from ±500' NE of Sebastian River Ln west to 104th Ave. )	May 29, 2009	\$717,060		EH	4276661	In Approved TIP. Scheduled for Fiscal Year 2012/13
Total			\$3,592,584				

EH - Enhancement Grant  
 SRTS - Safe Routes to School Program Grant  
 RTP - Recreational Trails Program

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Members of the Indian River County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

**THROUGH:** Robert M. Keating, AICP *RMK*  
Community Development Director

**FROM:** Phillip J. Matson *Pm*  
MPO Staff Director

**DATE:** July 20, 2010

**SUBJECT:** STATUS REPORT OF MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration at the BAC meeting of July 27, 2010.

**MPO MEETINGS**

The MPO met on May 12, 2010. The primary issue of consideration was adoption of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for 2010/11 – 2011/12. After considering the Draft UPWP, the MPO approved the UPWP. Bicycle/Pedestrian tasks contained in the program include an update to the MPO's Bike/Ped plan in 2010/11 and the initiation of a South County Greenways Plan in 2011/12.

Also on May 12, 2010, the MPO considered a presentation from citizens regarding the proposed construction of a sidewalk on the east side of SR A1A between Coquina Lane and St. Edwards Drive in Vero Beach. After considering the concerns of the citizens, the MPO made a motion to support construction of the new sidewalk.

The MPO also met on July 8, 2010. At that time, the MPO approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2010/11 – 2014/15. Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities in the TIP include sidewalks on Indian River Drive north of Sebastian; the Trans-Florida rail-trail Greenway project near CR 512; and sidewalks in the Oslo Park neighborhood in the vicinity of Thompson Elementary School.

**TAC MEETING**

The TAC met on June 25, 2010. The primary issue of consideration was the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2010/11 – 2014/15. After discussing the TIP, the TAC recommended that the MPO approve the TIP.

## **CAC MEETING**

The CAC met on July 6, 2010. The primary issue of consideration was the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2010/11 – 2014/15. After discussing the TIP, the CAC recommended that the MPO approve the TIP.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The MPO and its advisory committees will next meet as follows:

**MPO Meeting: August 11, 2010 – 10:00 am**

**TAC Meeting: July 23, 2010 – 10:00 am**

**BAC Meeting: October 26, 2010 – 2:00 pm**

**CAC Meeting: August 3, 2010 – 2:00 pm**