

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (MPOCAC) was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, in the First Floor Conference Room "A", County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were Chairman Juliana Young; Richard Woodard (arrived at 2:05 p.m.), Walter Wright, Roger Sherwood, and Robert Johnson, IRC Appointees; Charles Vogt, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Clarence Korke, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Donald Wright, City of Sebastian Appointee; William Lundy Parden, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee; and Deryl Seemayer, City of Sebastian Appointee.

Absent were Michael Durwin, School Board Appointee; Jack Phillips, City of Vero Beach Appointee (both excused); Robert Bowman, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee and Freddie Woolfork, Minority Appointee (unexcused).

Also present were IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; and Misty L. Pursel, Interim Staff Assistant IV. Others present: Victor DeMattia, and Claudia Dewitt Interested Citizens.

Call to Order

Chairman Young called the meeting to order, at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Young asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 6, 2007 MPO/CAC Meeting. Deryl Seemayer advised he was present at the February 6, 2007 meeting; however was not listed and requested the correction.

**ON MOTION by Mr. Wright, SECONDED by Mr. Seemayer,
the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the
minutes of the MPO CAC meeting of February 6, 2007 as
amended.**

Mr. Woodard arrived at 2:05 p.m.

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Consideration of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and Project Prioritization Criteria

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, discussed the Department of Transportation's (DOT) new pool of funding to implement regional roads and the requirements attached to the grant money. He presented the Treasure Coast Transportation Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office, and explained the process used to identify and list the major roads which was one of the first requirements, as well as the components of the plan.

Mr. Matson responded to Chairman Young's questions regarding the disposition should the Committee not approve the plan with the chance IRC would be left out of future allocations of the trip grant fund, with the other two counties, St. Lucie and Martin, going ahead.

ON MOTION by Mr. Johnson, SECONDED by Mr. Lundy, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) participate in the Treasure Coast Transportation Plan for one year before reviewing the results of the first plan to determine whether to be a permanent participant in the regional process.

Consideration of Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)/Discussion of the MPO's budget for 2007/08

Mr. Matson summarized the FY 2007/2008 Unified Planning Work Program, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office, simply as the MPO's budget with certain guidelines to receive approximately \$10 million federal and state funding per year for federal highways.

Mr. Matson presented information outlined in his Memorandum dated April 23, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office, for discussion and consideration.

Mr. Matson discussed changes from last year's budget which included planning emphasis areas, activities mandated to be accomplished, funding changes and accomplishments.

Mr. Johnson inquired whether roundabouts were a part the plan. Mr. Matson advised the issue was being handled by Chris Mora, Assistant Director, IRC Public Works.

Discussion ensued regarding widening Aviation Boulevard.

Mr. Matson reviewed Attachment 2, Agency Comment Summary Sheet which consisted of FDOT suggested changes and comments and the MPO response.

ON MOTION by Mr. Johnson, SECONDED by Mr. Vogt, to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the Unified Planning Work Program.

UNDER DISCUSSION Chairman Young inquired if any contentious issues involved regarding the comments received from FDOT and responded to. Mr. Matson answered in the negative.

Mr. Johnson withdrew his original motion.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Johnson, SECONDED by Mr. Vogt, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization to approve the Unified Planning Work Program to include a study of the fee structure for transit planning Section 3.2 of the transportation system.

Consideration of the Initial Component of the Draft Evaluation Appraisal Report of the County's Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element

Mr. Matson referred to and summarized the Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office for examination of changes and travel conditions. He indicated an overall population increase of 29.7% since the last major Comprehensive Plan was updated in 1996.

An extensive discussion ensued regarding Attachment 6, Traffic Volume Level of Service.

Chairman Young commented some of the criteria for the roads which were listed critical non-peak season needed to be revisited more than the roads rated critical peak season.

Mr. Matson agreed to change the zeros to "n/a" on Attachment 7, entitled "Traffic Crash Rates by Number of Crashes" for more effective accountability.

Discussion ensued regarding Attachment 14 entitled "2030 Extended Grid Network".

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson reviewed the Memorandum regarding Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees dated April 30, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the County Commission Office.

Other Business

Mr. Matson introduced Vic DeMattia and indicated Mr. DeMattia was talking with some of the Commissioners and hospital district representatives regarding the long range plan of connecting Indian River Boulevard and U.S. Route 1 with a new road alignment. He stated the hospital district was hiring their own engineer to explore options.

Mr. Matson reported a recommendation may be made to the MPO to proceed with further study to collect enough data regarding the wetlands.

Comments from the Public

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room "A".