

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, September 4, 2007, in Conference Room B1-501, County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were Chairman Juliana Young; Richard Woodard, Walter Wright, Roger Sherwood and Robert Johnson, IRC Appointees; Charles Vogt and Herb Whittall, City of Vero Beach Appointees; Clarence Korke, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Donald Wright and Deryl Seemayer, City of Sebastian Appointees and William Lundy Parden, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee.

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

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner and Sharon Schalm, MPO Staff Assistant III, Community Development Department. Others present: Ruth Stanbridge, County Historian; Karen Deigl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association; Jim Granse, Interested Citizen and Reta Smith, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Johnson asked if it was possible to have a summary of what had taken place at the regional MPO meeting. Chairman Young suggested including this under Item #3 of the agenda. She then moved Item #7 in front of Item #3 on the agenda.

Call to Order (1:48:07)

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

Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2007 (1:48:12)

Chairman Young noted in the second motion on page three of the minutes, the vote was 9-1; therefore the word unanimous should be stricken.

(1:48:50)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Vogt, SECONDED BY Mr. Whittall, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the minutes of June 26, 2007, as amended.

Chairman Young commented the minutes were too abbreviated and there was not enough information contained in them. The secretary related the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had approved summarizing the minutes of the committees, and explained how the time notations corresponded with the audio tapes contained on the County's web page. Chairman Young directed Mr. Matson to apprise the BCC of her dissatisfaction with the new format.

Review and Approval of Public Involvement Plan Evaluation (1:54:15)

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, reviewed information contained in his memorandum of August 27, 2007, along with the backup on file in the Commission Office.

Traffic impact fees were discussed. Mr. Matson said he would speak to his supervisor about putting on a presentation on impact fees for the CAC. He promised to have an update on road work being funded by the County as a regular agenda item.

Ms. Karen Deigl, Executive Director, IRC Senior Resource Association (SRA) (2:19:35), gave a presentation on the new looks planned for both the Community Coach and fixed route "Go Line" vehicles.

Consideration of Regional Priority List and Candidate TRIP Projects (2:32:35)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of August 27, 2007, which is on file in the Commission Office. He outlined the regional network of the Tri-County area and described the Treasure Coast Transportation Council. Mr. Matson went over the Regionally Ranked 2030 Needs Projects contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office and reviewed the priorities.

Lengthy discussion followed (2:45:14).

(2:52:09)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Donald Wright, SECONDED BY Mr. Johnson, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the technically-ranked Regional Project List.

Mr. Johnson requested Mr. Matson report back to the Committee when the items had been approved for funding.

Mr. Matson stated he was also asking the members to approve adoption of the list of regional roadways and ranked priority order, adding those projects would entail hundreds or millions of dollars and were very unlikely to get funded.

Discussion ensued (2:57:13)

(3:02:32)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Woodard, SECONDED BY Mr. Vogt, the members voted (10-1) to approve the proposed long list, noting concerns about lack of viable information and feasibility of the entire ranking process when there was no funding source. Mr. Johnson in opposition.

Consideration of the MPO's 2007 Priority Projects Report (3:03:57)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated August 10, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. Chairman Young pointed out page five made reference to a project at U.S. Highway #1 (Atlantic Boulevard to Old Dixie Highway), and Mr. Matson made the correction Atlantic Boulevard should read Aviation Boulevard, which should be changed throughout his report.

The Oslo Road Interchange at Interstate 95 was discussed (3:06:53). Aviation Boulevard at U.S. Highway #1 was discussed (3:13:01).

Mr. Johnson requested Mr. Matson specify Calendar Year (CY) in front of 2007 in the subject line, so everyone would know it was not Fiscal Year (FY). Mr. Johnson suggested Mr. Matson make the change to widen Oslo Road all the way down to the County line, rather than just to

Highlands Drive, and the two projects should be done in tandem due to the extreme bottleneck of the bridge.

Construction of a facility for operations, administration and secured vehicle storage for the SRA was discussed. Mr. Johnson pointed out the SRA was under contract with the County to run its transit system and there was nothing saying somebody else might be providing the service in the future. Mr. Matson clarified the County held title to all the vehicles and this would be a County facility.

It was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Matson to insert language in his report stating any expansion of the facility was to come out of 5309 funds exclusively.

Mrs. Ruth Stanbridge, County Historian, (3:33:10) took issue with a statement on page four of Mr. Matson's memorandum dealing with the widening of 66th Avenue, where it stated the Indian River Mall was the County's largest employer and trip generator. Mr. Matson said he would change it or delete the comment.

Mr. Woodard (3:35:01) noted Fleming Street was still included in the table on page 17. Mr. Matson stated it had not been removed from the 2030 Plan, but a study was underway for alternative routes.

(3:43:22)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Whittall, SECONDED Mr. Seemayer, the members voted (10-1) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the 2007 Priority Projects Report with the proposed changes. Mr. Johnson in opposition.

Mr. Johnson clarified he was not in favor of the Oslo Road interchange because he felt approving it may cause the Cloud Grove project to be established.

Consideration of Scope of Services for the Design and Environmental Permitting Process (Central Greenways Plan Task 7) of the Airport Loop Trail (3:45:19)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated August 21, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. Ms. Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner, IRC Community Development

Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Central Greenways Plan of the Airport Loop Trail, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Chairman Young suggested the diagram in the report should show where the loop would be on the Southern border.

(3:55:11)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Vogt, SECONDED BY Mr. Donald Wright, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the scope of services for the design and environmental permitting of the Airport Loop Trail; authorize staff to negotiate contract terms with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and Alta Planning + Design; and recommended MPO staff issue a work order to the consultants if the contact can be negotiated at or below the budgeted cost of \$146,000.

Mrs. Stanbridge mentioned the IRC Historical Society would like to offer assistance with development of the trail.

Consideration of Scope of Services for the Development of the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan (3:55:50)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated August 21, 2007, and Ms. Chatterjee gave a PowerPoint presentation, both of which are on file in the Commission Office.

Ms. Chatterjee invited the CAC members to be included on the Greenways Management Committee if they so desired. Chairman Young wanted to add a public involvement component, whereby more outreach be given to citizens and appropriate groups by the consultants, and asked that they be included at an integral level to a larger degree than had occurred in the past.

Discussion followed.

(4:04:29)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Donald Wright, SECONDED BY Mr. Vogt, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to recommend the MPO approve the scope of services for the development of the North Indian River County Greenways Plan, with the addition of the inclusion of more public involvement, including the Indian River County Historical Society; authorize staff to negotiate contract terms with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and Alta Planning + Design; and recommend MPO staff issue a work order to the consultants in the amount of \$80,000.

Discussion of Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) Study of Transportation Funding Equity in the State of Florida

(4:06:33)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated August 27, 2007, and Ms. Chatterjee gave a PowerPoint presentation, both of which are on file in the Commission Office.

Discussion followed about the proposed extension of Indian River Boulevard using a route by the hospital.

Mr. Donald Wright left the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees (4:24:02)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated August 27, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business (4:24:44)

The members commented they liked the new meeting room but it needed a sound system. Chairman Young mentioned Ms. Chatterjee spoke too quickly and suggested Mr. Matson ask her to slow down in order to be understood. Mr. Matson noted Mr. Bowman, the member from the Town of Indian River Shores had resigned from the CAC and a new representative would have to be appointed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. (4:16:10).