

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 2, 2008, in Conference Room B1-501, County Administration Building "B", 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the meeting agenda, backup material and the minutes on Indian River County website <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/CAC/2008>. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: Chairman **Juliana Young** and Vice Chairman **Robert Johnson**, BCC Appointees; **Charles Vogt**, City of Vero Beach Appointee; **Donald Wright**, City of Sebastian Appointee; **Clarence Korker**, City of Fellsmere Appointee; **William Lundy Parden**, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee; **Michael Durwin**, School Board Appointee; **Walter Wright** and **Roger Sherwood**, BCC Appointees.

Absent was **Herb Whittall**, City of Vero Beach Appointee; **Deryl Seemayer**, City of Sebastian Appointee; **Freddie Woolfork**, Minority Appointee; and **John Warner**, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee (all excused). Note, there is a vacancy for a BCC appointee.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3. Others present: Mr. Jim Granse, Interested Citizen and Karen Wood, Transportation Director, Senior Resource Center.

Call to Order

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2008

Mr. Johnson noted he was absent from the July 1, 2008 MPOCAC meeting, but had provided an excuse so requested his absence be changed from "unexcused" to "excused". Mrs. Vasilas stated she would make the change.

Chairman Young wished to have it placed in the minutes that she did not like the method in which the minutes were now being prepared. She acknowledged the BCC had set the current method in place due to the improved technology which allows the recorded meetings to be available online and available to everyone.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Vogt, SECONDED BY Mr. Johnson, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of July 1, 2008 as amended. (2:00:30)

Consideration of the MPO's 2008 Priority Projects Report

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He explained the MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan included an adopted cost feasible list of improvements that will meet the projected needs of the county through the year 2030. To implement these improvements, the MPO each year must rank and place improvements in an annual Priority Projects Report and submit this report to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). FDOT then uses the MPO's list of unfunded priorities in developing the next five year work program.

Mr. Matson reviewed the 2008 List of Priority Highway Projects as follows:

Highway Projects:

1. Oslo Road Interchange at Interstate 95

Candidate TRIP Grant Highway Projects

1. 66th Avenue from CR 510 to SR 60
2. CR 510 from CR 512 to US 1

Highway Projects – Other

1. US 1 six-laning from Highlands Drive to south of Oslo Road
2. US 1 six-laning from the St. Lucie County Line to Highlands Drive
3. 82nd Avenue two-laning from 26th Street to CR510

Enhancement/Greenways Projects

1. Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor
2. South Sebastian Greenway Corridor
3. Airport Loop Greenway Trail

Congestion Management Process Projects

1. Improvements to the intersection of Barber Street & Schumann Drive

Transit Projects

1. Expanding weekday hours of service (8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
2. Providing service between South Beach Park, Humiston Park and Sexton Plaza
3. Providing new service on 17th Street in Vero Beach
4. Adopting 30-minute headways on Routes 1 and 2
5. Constructing a facility for operations, administration, and secured vehicle storage

Mr. Matson asked the members to recommend approval to the MPO, if warranted.

Mr. Wright inquired if the hours of operation for public transit could be increased with an earlier start time. Ms. Karen Wood, Transportation Director for the Senior Resource Center, interjected that the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) recommended hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Korker asked about providing small shelters for riders. Mr. Matson explained there were problems with curbs being absent from many of the roads throughout IRC. When there were not curbs, the rule was people must be kept 24 feet from the edge of the pavement, which in many cases, that much right-of-way was lacking. He continued to explain that once a curb was put in, drainage must also be installed which would add substantial cost.

Mr. Johnson requested to see the response from FDOT on the priority lists sent from the MPO. Mr. Matson responded he would provide that in the future.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of ridership, which is currently nothing. Mr. Wright felt it was important to prepare for the time when funding was no longer available and getting riders accustomed to paying a small fare now.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Wright, SECONDED BY Mr. Sherwood, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend the operating time for the Indian River County transit system be increased to 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (2:33:47)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Johnson, SECONDED BY Mr. Wright, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend to the Metropolitan Planning Organization approval of the 2008 Priority Projects Report as presented. (2:35:50)

Consideration of the Draft Evaluation Appraisal Report of the County's Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He continued the Transportation Element of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) evaluated the effectiveness of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. As structured, the Transportation Element EAR has three components – an examination of the changes in travel conditions within the county; an evaluation of the achievement of objectives; and an identification of changes to the Comprehensive Plan necessary in light of changing conditions and achievement of objectives.

Mr. Matson reviewed each of the 13 objectives and asked the members for their comments and recommendations.

Some of the suggestions were to provide examples of roads for the landscaping improvements; coordination of improvements in communication within neighboring municipalities in our district which includes West Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties; increasing the hours of public transit from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and running more frequently; bonding the money to be held for sidewalks in new developments for when construction was completed instead of when a

portion was done then torn up shortly after to continue building; providing incentives for using alternative modes of transportation instead of individuals driving their own vehicles.

Chairman Young thanked Ms. Wood for the efforts put forth regarding public transportation by the Senior Resource Center in IRC. She felt for such a small county, we have a superior system.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson reviewed the status report dated August 22, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the County Commission Office. He continued the MPO will have a meeting on September 10, 2008 to submit these items.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Next Meeting

Mr. Matson announced the next meeting would be held jointly with the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee on September 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in lieu of the October 7, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.