

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, December 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>

Present were members: Chairman **Juliana Young**, Vice Chairman **Robert Johnson**, **Walter Wright** and **Roger Sherwood**, BCC Appointees; **Charles Vogt** and **Herb Whittall**, City of Vero Beach Appointees; **Donald Wright** and **Deryl Seemayer**, City of Sebastian Appointees; **Clarence Korker**, City of Fellsmere Appointee; **William Lundy Parden**, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee; **Michael Durwin**, School Board Appointee; **John Warner**, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; and **Freddie Woolfork**, Minority Appointee.

Note: there is a vacancy for a BCC appointee.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Brian Freeman, Senior Planner, MPO; and Beth Casano, Commissioner Assistant, District 5. Others present: Mr. Jim Granse, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2008

Mr. Sherwood asked that the spelling of his last name in the third paragraph of the November 4, 2008 minutes be corrected from Sherman.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Vogt, SECONDED BY Mr. Walter Wright, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the minutes of November 4, 2008, as corrected.

Chairman Young expressed her appreciation for the efforts to provide more information in the minutes.

Chairman Young noted Item 3, Consideration of Presentation by Community Development Department Staff on Amendments to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan, would be presented later in the meeting when Bob Keating, Community Development Director could be present.

Presentation of FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14 Draft Tentative Work Program by MPO Staff (02:28)

Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, summarized he would be presenting the Five Year Draft Tentative Work Program for review. The work program, which is FDOT's project programming and financing schedule for transportation projects within the MPO area, must be developed with consideration of the MPO's 2008 highway, enhancement, congestion management system, transit and aviation priorities. He continued the MPO must approve the work program prior to FDOT transmitting it to the state legislature for ultimate approval early next year. Accordingly, the MPO must take action regarding the work program at its December 10, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He explained the funding was comprised of federal, state and county funds of which the federal and state agencies had very little influence over the county's plans. He continued the most important job of the FDOT Five-Year Tentative Work Program was the long range transportation plan.

Mr. Matson related the second most important job was annual prioritization done at an annual meeting in September. There were caveats mentioned such as: MPO may not necessarily want the most important projects on the priority list because they were funded with federal and state funds and therefore dragged out for long periods of time. The jobs saved for this funding were for big ticket, high expense jobs requiring federal oversight and environmental studies.

Mr. Matson reviewed the process over the year as shown on the PowerPoint and recommended the CAC make any changes and recommend the MPO approve the Tentative Work Program as presented.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the confusing portions of the report versus the map provided by FDOT. Mr. Matson offered to ask FDOT why the numbers listed on the maps did not coincide with the report.

The Tentative Work Program for FY 09/10 – 13/14, included in the agenda item was reviewed. The first three priorities were as follows:

- #1. SR-5 Construction Reserve
- #2. SR-5/US-1 from St. Lucie County Line to North of Highland Drive
- #3. 82nd Avenue from 26th Street to CR-510

The other projects were also reviewed. The members asked for a presentation at a future meeting by the IRC Traffic Engineer regarding synchronization of traffic lights.

Mr. Matson then reviewed the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) projects which consisted of:

- #1. I-95/SR-9 from IR/ST Lucie Countyline to SR-60
- #2. I-95/SR-9 at Oslo Road Interchange
- #3. I-95/SR9 from SR-60 to North of CR-512
- #4. I-95/SR-9 from North of CR-512 to Brevard Countyline

Discussion was held regarding adding traffic improvements west of I-95 in a future long range plan.

The sidewalk projects were then reviewed by Mr. Matson. He stated the project SR-5 from 37th Place to 45th Street in Gifford was top priority.

Mr. Matson explained the trip and road resurfacing projects slated. Chairman Young questioned the widening of Aviation Boulevard and 26th Street. Mr. Matson responded the project was needed as determined by transportation models.

Mr. Johnson interjected Indian River Estates were getting another 100 rooms added, and in that proposal the contractor agreed to the Board of County Commissioners to make 26th Street between 72nd and 82nd

Avenues a priority because they were dirt roads. He opined that improvement would open up 26th Street to be a more viable route as an alternate for SR60.

Chairman Young asked what the construction fund for FY 2008/09 was going to be used for and stated she had serious concerns about the segment between 43rd and 58th Avenues being four-lane divided on 26th Street. She felt the County was opening itself up for liability and did not know what the answer was to the problem.

Mr. Matson responded there were several similar road issues throughout the County that needed to be dealt with. The one determining factor for the order in which roads were improved was concurrency. Unless the capacity existed on a roadway, building permits would have to be deferred.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding road problems and finding possible solutions.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Whittall, SECONDED BY Mr. Woolfork, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to recommend approval to the Florida Department of Transportation of the FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14 Draft Tentative Work Program as presented with no changes.

Consideration of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (03:45:02)

Mr. Matson related at the request of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the MPO staff recently administratively approved an amendment to the adopted FY 2008/09 – 2012/13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of this amendment is to add a new project to this year's TIP. That project, an FTA Section 5317/New Freedom Grant, provides the Senior Resource Association (SRA) with up to \$153,768 in new operating funds to support its door-to-door paratransit operations. The source of the matching funds is the SRA's annual Medicaid allocation. Staff approval of minor amendments to MPO plans is allowed pursuant to MPO Resolution No. 99-02, adopted on July 14, 1999. That resolution allows such administrative amendments with the requirement that the MPO Staff Director provide a status report of any such amendment to the MPO, TAC, and CAC at their next regularly scheduled meetings.

Chairman Young felt more should be done to get the word out on the accessibility of our transportation system as her friends in John's Island did not even know they could get door-to-door transportation service.

MPO and MPO Advisory Committees 2009 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Matson reviewed the 2009 meeting schedule contained in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson reviewed the status report dated November 4, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business

Mr. Matson presented a Public Service Announcement that he made for the Channel 27 public access channel concerning the GoLine. A brief discussion ensued regarding accepting donations and the implementation of new donation boxes being installed in the buses.

Mr. Don Wright stated since Mr. Keating was still in a meeting that he would like to go over agenda Item #3 at future meeting. Chairman Young asked the members to retain the agenda backup concerning Item #3 for the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the synchronization of traffic lights between Sebastian and Vero Beach and that it needed to be tweaked. Chairman Young suggested this matter should be discussed at the next meeting since she did not feel there was a contact person in the County. Mr. Chris Mora, Assistant Public Works Director, related until such time the economy improves enough to add more staff, he was the traffic contact person.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Next Meeting

Mr. Matson announced the next meeting would be held January 6, 2009.

Adjournment (4:10:00)

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.