

## 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 Monday, December 1, 2009, in Conference Room B1-501, County Administration Building "B", 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the meeting agenda, backup material and the minutes on the Indian River County website <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/CAC/2009>.

Present were members: Chairman **Juliana Young**, Vice Chairman **Robert Johnson**, **Walter Wright**, and **Chuck Mechling**, BCC Appointees; **Charles Vogt** and **Herb Whittall**, City of Vero Beach Appointees; **Dave DeVirgilio** and **Deryl Seemayer**, City of Sebastian Appointees; **William Lundy Parden**, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee; **Clarence Korker**, City of Fellsmere Appointee; **John Warner**, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; and **Freddie Wolfork**, Minority Appointee.

Absent was: **Michael Durwin**, School Board Appointee. Note: there is a vacancy for a BCC appointee.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Brian Freeman, MPO Planner; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

### **Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2009 Joint MPOCAC, MPO Bicycle Advisory and MPO Technical Advisory Committees**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Mr. Woolfork, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009 as submitted.**

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. David DeVirgilio, new City of Sebastian appointee replacing Don Wright who was recently elected to the City of Sebastian City Council.

**Consideration of Draft Revised Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan** – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson summarized the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) revisions involved updating the existing conditions section, analysis section, and goals, objectives, and policies section of each plan element. He continued staff had recently completed revisions to the Transportation Element of the plan. A draft of the revised Transportation Element that incorporated the EAR's findings and recommendations was included in the agenda packet and is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson gave the 13 Objectives and their status as follows:

**Objective 1:** The County acknowledges that there are no existing roadway capacity deficiencies within the County. Through 2020, the county traffic circulation system will continue to operate at or above the minimum service levels specified in Policy 1.1.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise Target Date.**

**Objective 2:** Safety: By 2010, the number of intersections with a high relative crash rate (over 2.0 accidents per million entering vehicles) will be less than the five high relative crash rate intersections identified in 2001.

**Objective Not Achieved (Anticipated).**

**Future Action: Revise indicator and target date.**

**Objective 3:** Transportation System Review – The County will have a transportation system review and evaluation prepared on an annual basis.

**Objective Not Achieved.**

**Future Action: Delete Objective.**

**Objective 4:** Rights-of-Way – By 2015, the County will have protected the right-of way needed to maintain the grid network of roads in Indian River County, and in so doing the County will have acquired the right-of-way needed for all county collector and arterial roads and all mass transit corridors within the urban area where improvements are programmed (in the 2020 Long Range Plan).

**Objective Not Achieved (Anticipated).**

**Future Action: Revise target date.**

**Objective 5:** Traffic Control – Through 2020, all development projects approved by the County will provide for adequate traffic control.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Delete Objective.**

**Objective 6:** Pedestrian/Bicycle System – During each five-year period between 2001 and 2030, a minimum of 20 miles of sidewalk facilities and 10 miles of bicycle facilities will be added to the functionally classified roadway system.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise target and target date.**

**Objective 7:** Land Use Compatibility – The traffic circulation system will be compatible with the land use element and other elements of the comprehensive plan.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise target.**

**Objective 8:** Coordination – The County will have a system which ensures that all transportation requirements, procedures, and improvements are coordinated with all applicable governmental entities responsible for transportation activities and with the Hutchinson Island Resource Management Plan.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise Target.**

**Objective 9:** Adequate Transit Services – Between 2001/02 and 2006/07, the number of one-way, fixed route passenger trips will increase by an average of ten percent annually, from 167,782 to more than 270,000.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise indicator and date.**

**Objective 10:** Land Use/Transportation – By 2010, the County's population density in the urbanized area will increase from 1.4 persons per acre to 1.7 persons per acre in order to make transit more feasible.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise target and target date.**

**Objective 11:** Transit Coordination – Through 2020, the County will have a coordinated transit system.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Delete Objective.**

**Objective 12:** Adequate Intermodal Facilities – Through 2020, County aviation and intermodal facility demand will be met in a manner consistent with existing and future land use.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise target date.**

**Objective 13:** Energy Efficiency – Between 2001 and 2030, Carbon Monoxide, Hydrocarbons, and Nitrous Oxide emissions will increase no more than 15 percent during each five-year period.

**Objective Achieved.**

**Future Action: Revise indicator and target date.**

**New Policies:**

- **Under Objective 2 (Safety):** ITS Safety Strategies
- **Under Objective 4 (ROW):** Eminent Domain procedures
- **Under Objective 6 (Bike/Ped):**
  - Bike Racks on Buses, at Shopping Centers and Apartments
  - Sidewalk “Matching Program”
- **Under Objective 8 (Coordination):**
  - Traffic Operations Subcommittee
  - TDM Strategies
  - Regional Transit Authority
- **Under Objective 9 (Transit):**
  - Bus Shelters
  - Transit Funding Partnerships
- **Under Objective 10 (Land Use):**
  - Promote Jobs-Housing Balance
  - Neighborhood Connectivity
- **Under New Objective, System Preservation**
  - Low-maintenance landscaping plans/materials
  - Public Private Partnerships
- **Under New Objective, Airport Access:**
  - Roadway LOS at Airports

Discussion was held regarding the distribution of bike lights and reflectors to improve bicycle safety. Mr. Matson announced there were funds available through the Florida Department of Transportation to provide these materials.

Chairman Young opined a synopsis of the Comprehensive Plan and the Evaluation and Appraisal Report would have been sufficient for the agenda packets instead of including the entire documents.

**Presentation of FY 2010/11 – FY 2014/15 Draft Tentative Work Program by Florida Department of Transportation – Action Required**

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Brian Freeman, MPO Planner, who explained the work program, which was FDOT’s project programming and financing schedule for transportation projects within the MPO area, must be developed with consideration of the MPO’s 2009 highway, enhancement, congestion management system, transit and aviation priorities.

Mr. Freeman reviewed the projects the FDOT intended to construct over the FY 2010/11 to FY 2014/15 period. A copy of this list (Attachment 4) is on file in the Commission Office.

The MPO’s priority projects were as follows:

Roadway	Segment Limits	Improvement	Phase(s) Funded
U.S. 1	S. of Oslo Road to Highlands Drive	Six Laning	Construction
U.S. 1	Highlands Drive to St. Lucie County Line	Six Laning	Construction (Partial Funding)
Oslo Road Interchange	At I-95	New Interchange	Preliminary Engineering
66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	SR 60 to 41 <sup>st</sup> Street	Four Laning	Construction (Partial funding through TRIP program)

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Mr. Wright, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the draft tentative work program.**

## **Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

Mr. Matson related MPO staff had made a minor amendment to the adopted FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). That amendment allocated funding to a necessary resurfacing project on I-95 in south Indian River County. Since the source of the funding was an Interstate Maintenance Contingency Fund set up for that purpose, the amendment was largely administrative in nature. According to MPO Resolution 99-02, adopted on July 14, 1999, MPO staff has the authority to make minor amendments to MPO plans and documents with the requirement that staff provide a status report to the MPO and advisory committees.

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

Mr. Matson reviewed the status report dated November 19, 2009 included in the agenda packet, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

## **Other Business**

Mr. Vogt announced there was an exceptional documentary on the local cable channels concerning the St. Johns River. Mr. Korker interjected that he worked on the documentary and the Indian River Historical Society was selling DVD's of the program.

## **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.