

**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, November 30, 2010, 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 the Indian River County website <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/CAC/2010>.

Present:

Chairman Juliana Young, BCC Appointee
Vice-Chairman Robert Johnson, BCC Appointee
Chuck Mechling, BCC Appointee
Walter Wright, BCC Appointee
Charles Vogt, City of Vero Beach Appointee
Deryl Seemayer, City of Sebastian Appointee
William Lundy Parden, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee
Clarence Korker, City of Fellsmere Appointee
Dave DeVirgilio, City of Sebastian Appointee
Freddie Woolfork, Minority Appointee
Herb Whittall, City of Vero Beach Appointee
John Warner, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee
Michael Durwin, School Board Appointee

Absent:

Cookie Geyer, BCC Appointee

Also present was:

Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director;
Brian Freeman, MPO Planner;
Maria Resto, Commissioner Assistant, District 2
Fatima Zayas, IRC Health Department

Call to Order

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the October 5, 2010 MPO CAC Meeting Minutes :

ON A MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Mr. Vogt, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the October 5, 2010 meeting minutes, as submitted.

Review of FDOT Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Year 2011/12 Through 2015/16-

Mr. Matson provided a background summary of the Tentative Five Year Work Program, as indicated in his memorandum dated November 19, 2010, included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office. He explained the responsibilities of the MPO and MPO advisory committees fall neatly into long range and short range tasks. One of the short range tasks is the approval of FDOT's five year budget. Mr. Matson pointed out the Five Year Work Program was the FDOT's schedule for expanding transportation funds within the MPO and serve as the basis for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Brian Freeman provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file at the Commission Office. He explained the Five Year Work Program was used by the FDOT as the project programming and financial schedule for the MPOs of the area. He added the total budget for the Five Year Work Program reflected a substantial increase from the previous year. He explained the main reason for the increase was the inclusion of the widening of I-95. Mr. Freeman briefly explained the cycle followed in preparing the Five Year Work Plan. He turned the committee members' attention to Attachment 2 (Status of Key Projects in Indian River County) of the memorandum dated November 19, 2010. Some of the projects highlighted included the following:

- **Priority 1A:** US1 from North of Highland Drive to South of Oslo Road- was fully funded for construction next year (advanced from fiscal year 2013 to 2012).
- **Priority 1B:** US1 from St. Lucie County line to South of Highland Drive, which was not funded in the adopted work program; however, was fully funded for construction in fiscal year 2015.
- **Priority 2:** 82nd Avenue from 26th Street to County Road 510- Was fully funded for right-of-way acquisition.

SIS Corridor Projects

- I-95/SR-9 from IR/St. Lucie County line to SR-60- FDOT was proceeding with the project, putting out the bid in near future.
- I-95/SR-9 at the Oslo Road Interchange- interchange has also been moved up, with the preliminary engineering (PE) study beginning in 2011.
- I-95 from SR-60 to north of CR-512- construction was scheduled to commence in FY2014/15.

Mr. Johnson asked for clarification regarding the number of years for the projects. Mr. Matson explained the projects included in Attachment 2, were the ones submitted by the MPO in September, 2010, the years included in the document were the tentative year for the project to be funded.

Mr. Freeman continued with an explanation of the SCOP projects, TRIP projects and enhancement projects included in the work program. Staff recommended that MPOCAC review the attached work program, consider the staff presentation, and recommend that the MPO approve the draft tentative work program.

Mr. Whittall asked whether the work program included work with the signal system in the County. Mr. Matson responded this was an ongoing project. He explained it included two components: 1) the construction of new signals and partnership with FDOT to connect them; 2) providing ongoing maintenance and operation of the existing system. FDOT participates in both of those activities at different percentages.

Discussion ensued regarding the Greenway Bike Trail Project and the benefits it will provide to the community.

ON A MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Mr. Seemayer, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the FDOT Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Year 2011/12 Through 2015/16, as presented.

Consideration of the Final Indian River County 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan- Summary Report

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated November 9, 2010, and gave a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which are on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson stated the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was updated every five years. The LRTP update process started with the development of a Land Use Vision Plan. The vision plan follows the urban service boundary area and incorporates an infill land use alternative. In addition, it includes the development of an industrial cluster around the airport and the CVS Distribution Center. Mr. Matson said that based on population projections from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research and information from the land-use model they developed a “do nothing alternative” (no improvement or construction of roadways). The “do nothing alternative” showed all areas at overcapacity or at a Level of Service F by 2035.

He added to avoid this type of roadway deficiencies a Needs Plan was created. The Needs Plan combines the strategic widening of key corridors with the construction of denser grid network. He continued with the review of the Financial Resources Analysis which illustrated the anticipated amount of funds coming into the county from the major funding sources. He highlighted on second local option gas tax and pointed out not imposing a second local option gas tax could create a 10 percent decrease in forecasted revenue.

Mr. Matson reviewed the Goals, Objectives, and Policies, and provided a brief summary of the public participation efforts conducted to obtain input for key components of the plan. He went over the Coast Feasible Plan which included roadway widening along key travel corridors exhibiting the greatest travel demand along with the construction of a denser grid network.

Mr. Matson briefly reviewed some of the core Cost Feasible Plan roadway projects, which included the following:

- I-95
- US 1
- C.R. 510
- Oslo Road
- 43rd Ave, 66th Ave, and 82nd Ave
- Roseland Rd
- Indian River Blvd
- 26th Street
- Aviation Blvd
- 25th Street SW
- Oslo Road Interchange

He added policy decisions were made not to widen several corridors which exhibited travel demand exceeding their adopted level of service, including SR A1A, US1 between CR 512 and Roseland and US1 south of Oslo.

Discussion ensued regarding the widening of Indian River Boulevard and the synchronization of traffic light system. A suggestion was made to widening Indian River Boulevard all the way to 17th street and not just to 20th street.

Victor DeMattia, Vero Isles, Vero Beach, related there was substantial traffic problem in Indian River Boulevard and explained the area had a high incidence of vehicular and pedestrian accidents. He was opposed to the widening of Indian River Boulevard to a six lane roadway and emphasized the need for an Aviation Boulevard extension or a connector between Barber Bridge and some other point to the west.

Mr. Matson responded staff researched various options for a connector to Barber Bridge but none of them provided a feasible solution.

ON A MOTION BY Mr. Mechling, SECONDED BY Mr. DeVirgilio, the members approved (12-1), the MPO's 2010 Priority Projects Report. Mr. Johnson opposed.

Status Report on Florida High Speed Rail Grant Application- No Action Required

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated November 4, 2010, and gave a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which are on file in the Commission Office. He pointed out the FEC Rail Corridor Amtrak project had not been funded.

Presentation by Indian River County Health Department on Walking School Bus Program- No Action Required

Mrs. Fatima Zayas, IRC Health Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file at the Commission Office. She explained the Walking School Bus was an organized effort to encourage children to walk to and from school in visible supervised groups. Mrs. Zayas added the IRC Health Department was working with two pilot projects at Dodgertown Elementary School and the Fellsmere Elementary School and was initiating a similar effort for the Gifford area.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees- No Action Required

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated November 19, 2010 included in the agenda packet and on file at the Commission Office.

2011 MPO Meeting Schedule

Mr. Matson reviewed the MPO and MPO Advisory Committees meeting scheduled for 2011. He said the January MPO CAC meeting was likely to be cancelled unless an emergency item was submitted for the committee to review.

Other Business

There were none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.