

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the First Floor Conference Room "A", County Administration Building, 1840 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman Peter O'Bryan; Sandra Bowden, Gary Wheeler, Wesley Davis and Joe Flescher, Commissioners, IRC; Vice Mayor Sabin Abell and Councilmember Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach; Council Member Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere; Vice Mayor David Becker, Town of Indian River Shores; Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian; Al Paternoster, City of Sebastian Richard Dunlop, Town of Orchid, Non-voting Ex-Officio; and Ann Reuter, Alternate IRC School Board Representative (arrived at 3:35 p.m.) .

Absent were members: Debbie MacKay, IRC School Board (excused) and Jim Wolfe, Florida Department of Transportation, Non-voting Ex-Officio (unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bob Keating, Community Development Director; James W. Davis, Director; and Chris Mora, Assistant Director, Public Works; and Phil Matson, Staff Director, MPO; Sharon Schalm, Staff Assistant III and Misty L. Pursel, Interim Staff Assistant IV. Others present were: Jeff Diggs, Captain Inspector, IRC Fire Rescue, Monte Falls, Public Works Director, City of Vero Beach; Karen Wood, Transportation Director; Council on Aging; Kate Ange, Renaissance Planning Group; Herb Whittall, Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; Ryan Morrell and Vic DeMattia, Interested Citizens.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present. He introduced and welcomed Al Paternaster and Dale Simchick, representatives for City of Sebastian.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler,  
SECONDED BY Mr Abell the members voted  
unanimously (11-0) to move Item No. 7 of the  
Agenda after Item No. 2.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 11, 2007**

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of April 11, 2007. There were none.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Becker, SECONDED BY Ms. Adams, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the minutes of April 11, 2007, as presented.**

2:07

## **CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTANT RANKINGS FOR GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANTS FOR THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY MPO**

Mr. Matson described the consultant selection process for obtaining General Planning Consultant (GPC) services. He advised after considering the consultants presentations, the selection committee ranked the consults and chose Kimley-Horn Associates as the top ranked Highway and Systems GPC and Stanley Consultants as the top ranked Transit, Intermodal and Special Studies GPC.

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**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Ms. Adams, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the Consultant Selection Committee's rankings; authorize staff to negotiate contracts with the top ranked consultant; authorize the MPO Chairman to execute the contracts with the top ranked consultants; and authorize the MPO Staff Director to issue Work orders up to the amount of \$10,000.**

Commissioner Flescher left at 2:11 p.m.

2:11

## **CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA**

Mr. Matson introduced consultant Kate Ange, Renaissance Planning Group, who gave a PowerPoint presentation in summarization of the Regional Transportation Planning and Coordination Processes – Treasure Coast Transportation Plan, a copy of both is on file in the Commission Office.

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A question and answer session ensued.

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**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the draft Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.**

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**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)/DISCUSSION OF THE MPO'S BUDGET FOR 2007/08**

Mr. Matson summarized the description, conditions and analysis of the FY 2007/2008 Unified Planning Work Program, and the MPO's annual budget outlined in a Memorandum dated April 30, 2007, a copy of both is on file in the Commission Office.

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**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED BY Mr. Abell, to approve the Unified Planning Work Program.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION** Mrs. Simchick inquired in an attempt to provide more services to the local community and the information, how was the bus system/route advertised. Mr. Matson advised this was an area of deficiency; however marketing was in the process.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** and the vote was unanimous (10-0) in favor of the Motion.

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**DISCUSSION OF AVIATION BOULEVARD EXTENSION (US 1-INDIAN RIVER BOULEVARD)**

Mr. Matson provided a summary of the Memorandum dated April 26, 2007 with descriptions, conditions and analysis regarding the concept of Aviation Boulevard Extension, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

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**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Mr. Daige, to initiate Phase II of the study and focus Phase II on collecting sufficient data to determine the cost feasibility of the project, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.**

**UNDER DISCUSSION** Chairman O'Bryan verified the consultant would be specifically directed to the latest route. Mr. Matson advised the initial vision was re-scoped, which contained some traffic studies and analysis to account for how many vehicles travel the route, to include environmental conditions.

Mr. Becker raised the question of what was the hurry in beginning Phase II without finding out what the hospital engineer's study showed. Mr. Matson pointed out Phase II was not hospital property and the study IRC consultants would obtain would better put away the right-of-way issue.

A dialog continued.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** and the vote was unanimous (9-1) in favor of the Motion. Mr. Becker voted in opposition.

3:13

**CONSIDERATION OF THE INITIAL COMPONENT OF THE DRAFT EVALUATION APPRAISAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT**

Mr. Matson explained the background and reasoning of the transportation element of the report, as provided in the Memorandum dated April 30, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He recommended review of the document and requested any comments be directed to staff.

Mrs. Reuter arrived at 3:35 p.m.

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**STATUS REPORT OF OTHER MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Mr. Matson reviewed the Memorandum dated April 30, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office regarding dates of advisory committee meetings. He noted the next MPO meeting scheduled on June 13, 2007 has been CANCELLED and the next mandatory meeting scheduled for July 11, 2007 would discuss the five-year highway construction budget.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

MPO: July 11, 2007; 10:00 a.m.; Conference Room "A"