

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, in the First Floor Conference Room "A", County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman Peter O'Bryan; Sandra Bowden, Gary Wheeler, and Wesley Davis, Commissioners, IRC; Council Member Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere (arrived at 10:15 a.m.); Councilmember Frannie Atchison, Alternate Member for the Town of Indian River Shores; Councilmember Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian; and Debbie MacKay, IRC School Board.

Absent were: Vice Mayor Sabin Abell, City of Vero Beach; Councilman Al Paternoster, City of Sebastian (both excused); Councilmember Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach; Vice Mayor David Becker, Town of Indian River Shores and Commissioner Joe Flescher (all unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Chris Mora, Assistant Director, Public Works; and Phil Matson, Staff Director, MPO. Others present were: Lois Busch, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Karen Deigl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association (formerly Council on Aging); Claudia Dewitt, Charles Wilson. Joe DeFronzo, and Fred Mensing, Interested Citizens; and Reta Smith, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order, at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2007 (10:02:09)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of May 9, 2007, as presented.

Appointment of Member to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) (10:03:07)

Mr. Matson stated there was a vacancy on the TDLCB for a Representative of the Senior Community, and recommended the MPO designate Toni Teresi in this capacity.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Councilmember Frannie Atchison, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve Toni Teresi as the Senior Community Representative to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board.

Review of Progress Reports and Reimbursement Invoices #2 and #3 for the 2007 TDLCB Planning Grant (10:04:30)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of July 3, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoices #2 and #3.

Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning FY 2007/2008 Planning Grant Agreement (10:05:36)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of July 22, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreement and authorize the resolution.

Consideration of Revisions to the Indian River County 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (10:09:55)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in his memorandum of June 28, 2007, which is in the backup on file in the Commission Office, and outlined the proposed revisions to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He related the new Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning regulations aimed to improved safety and security, reduce congestion, increase coordination, promote better land use, economic development and transportation planning consistency and protecting the environment.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Commissioner Bowden, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the proposed revisions to the Long Range Transportation Plan to incorporate the SAFETEA-LU changes.

Council Member Adams arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2007/08 Transportation Improvement Program (10:37:51)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated June 26, 2007 and other information contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. He explained the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was the five year highway budget for the Federal and State gas taxes. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the TIP, copies of which are on file in the Commission Office.

A discussion followed about the various planned future road projects for Indian River County.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Bowden, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the 2007/08 Transportation Improvement Program.

Commissioner Bowden asked for an update on the four-laning of Highway 60 to Yeehaw Junction, and Mr. Matson promised to put this item on the next agenda.

Consideration of Amendment to the LRTP to Remove Fleming Street, City of Sebastian

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated June 26, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. He stated IRC staff would be running models and looking at alternatives to Fleming Street, and be bringing it back to the MPO later this year.

Councilmember Simchick related the Sebastian City Council wanted the \$75,000 for right-of-way they were to contribute to Fleming Street to be reallocated in their district, perhaps towards the widening of Schumann Drive. She added Sebastian would also like to look into breaking through Laconia Street because of the development on County Road 510.

A discussion followed. (10:52:34)

ON MOTION BY Councilmember Simchick, SECONDED BY Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted unanimously (8-1) to initiate the process of amending the Long Range Transportation Plan to remove the Fleming Street extension.

Status Report of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated June 26, 2007, which is on file in the Commission Office.

Quarterly Status Report of MPO Staff Activities

Mr. Matson submitted the Quarterly Status Report to the members for their information, and this is on file in the Commission Office.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson submitted the Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees to the members for their information, and this is on file in the Commission Office. He advised the August 8, 2007, meeting of the MPO had been canceled and the next meeting would be held on September 12, 2007, in the new County Administration Building.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.