

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in the County Administration Building, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman Peter O'Bryan; Sandra Bowden (arrived at 10:04 a.m.), Gary Wheeler, Joe Flescher and Wesley Davis, Commissioners, IRC; Council Member Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere; Council Members Dale Simchick and Al Paternoster, City of Sebastian; Councilmember Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach; and Debbie MacKay, IRC School Board (arrived at 10:04 a.m.).

Absent were: Vice Mayor Sabin Abell, City of Vero Beach (excused); Vice Mayor David Becker, Town of Indian River Shores (unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Chris Mora, Assistant Director, Public Works; and Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Sharon Schalm, MPO Staff Assistant III; Karen D. Hamilton, MPO Planner; Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner. Others present were: Kate Ange, Renaissance Planning Group; Lois Busch, Sam Al-Turk and Randy Scott, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Eric Menger, Airport Director; Teresa Driskell, PBS&J; Marlene Brunot, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council; Karen Deigl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association (formerly Council on Aging); Joseph Paladin, Growth Awareness Committee, Ryan Morrell, CivaTerra, Inc., and Joe DeFronzo, Interested Citizens.

### **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 July 11, 2007** (02:11)

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of July 11, 2007, as presented.**

**Request for Authorization to Submit an Application for 49 USC Ch. 53, Section 5303 Transit Planning Funds for FY 2007/08**

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

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt the Resolution which authorized staff to submit the grant application and authorize the chairman to execute the necessary grant agreement, self-certifications and standard assurances required by the Section 5303 grant program. (03:02)**

Debbie MacKay, IRC School Board arrived at 10:04 a.m.

**Consideration of the Regional Priority List and Candidate TRIP Projects**

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of August 27, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. He introduced Kate Angie, Renaissance Planning Group, who discussed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy which is on file in the Commission Office.

Commissioner Sandra Bowden and Councilwoman Susan Adams arrived at 10:04 a.m.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, to approve the Regionally Ranked 2030 Needs Projects. (32:10)**

A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Flescher withdrew his Second. The Motion failed for lack of second.

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Councilmember Daige, to approve the Regionally Ranked 2030 Needs Projects, deleting Indian River Boulevard from the ranking. (40:10)**

A lengthy discussion followed.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** and the vote was 3-6 to approve the Motion. Commissioners Bowden and Flescher and Councilmember Daige voted in favor. Commissioners Wheeler, Davis and O'Bryan, Council Member Paternoster, Council Member Simchick, Councilwoman Adams, and Mrs. MacKay voted in opposition. The Motion failed.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted (6-3) to approve the Regionally Ranked 2030 Needs Projects. Commissioners Bowden and Flescher and Councilmember Daige voted in opposition. (46:38)**

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the proposed Indian River County candidate Transportation Regional Incentive Program projects for consideration by the RAC and the Treasure Coast Transportation Council (47:23)**

A lengthy discussion followed.

### **Consideration of Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Priority Projects Report**

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of September 5, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the 2007 Priority Projects Report. (01:13:12)**

### **Consideration of a Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Service to Barefoot Bay**

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of August 23, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, to approve the Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.**

A lengthy discussion followed.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** and the vote was unanimous 10-0 to approve the Motion. (01:16:23)

**Consideration of Scope of Services for the Design and Environmental Permitting Process (Central Greenways Plan Task 7) of the Airport Loop Trail**

Mr. Matson introduced Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner, who discussed the Scope of Services of the Central Indian River County Greenways Plan detailed in the Memorandum dated September 6, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, to approve the scope of services for the design and environmental permitting process of the Central Greenways Plan Task 7.**

A lengthy discussion followed.

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION** and the vote was unanimous 10-0 to approve the Motion. (01:23:28)

**Consideration of Scope of Services for the Development of the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan**

Miss Chatterjee reviewed the Scope of Services for the Development of the North Indian River County Greenway Master Plan detailed in the Memorandum dated September 6, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the scope of services for the development of the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan. (01:28:48)**

### **Review and Approval of Public Involvement Plan Evaluation**

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of September 5, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commission Davis, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the Public Involvement Plan. (01:31:08)**

### **Presentation by FDOT on SR 60 Widening Project, I-95 to Florida's Turnpike**

*No action required.* Ms. Teresa Driskell, Professional Engineer with PBSJ provided information in conjunction with the description and conditions indicated in Memorandum dated August 21, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

### **Discussion of Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) study entitled Analysis of Transportation Equity Report**

*No action required.* Mr. Matson discussed in detail the Memorandum dated August 23, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

### **Quarterly Status Report of MPO Staff Activities**

*No action required.* Mr. Matson referred to information contained in the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization Quarterly Status report from April 1, 2007 until June 30, 2007, a copy which is on file in the Commissioner Office.

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

*No action required.* Mr. Matson submitted the Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees to the members for their information, a copy which is on file in the Commission Office.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Karen Deigl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association presented SRA's new marketing campaign launched for the transit system.

### **Comments from the Public**

There was none.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.