

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 2007, in the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman Peter O'Bryan; Sandra Bowden, and Joe Flescher, Commissioners, IRC; Vice Mayor Cheryl Hampton, City of Fellsmere; Council Members Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian; Vice Mayor Sabin Abell, City of Vero Beach; Vice Mayor David Becker, Town of Indian River Shores and Debbie MacKay, IRC School Board

Absent were: Gary Wheeler and Wesley Davis, Commissioners, IRC; Councilmember Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach; Councilmember Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere; and Councilmember Al Paternoster (all excused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Jim Davis, Director, Public Works; Chris Mora, Assistant Director, Public Works; Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; and Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner. Others present were: Lois Busch, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Eric Menger, Airport Director; Karen Deigl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association (formerly Council on Aging); Joe Griffin, Sebastian Municipal Airport and Alex Kromhout, Interested Citizen.

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 September 12, 2007 (10:03)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Councilmember Simchick, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of September 12, 2007, with corrections.

Status Report of the 2007 Transit Development Plan Minor Update (10:10)

No action required. Mr. Phil Matson reviewed his memorandum of October 31st, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. A lengthy discussion followed.

Consideration of Amendment to 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan/Consideration of 2007/08 Congestion Management Program Annual Report (10:24)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of June 26, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

A lengthy discussion followed.

On MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Councilmember Simchick, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the 2030 LRTP draft amendments and approve the 2007 Congestion Management Process Analysis. (10:55)

Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment.

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of October 30, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the FDOT Roll-Forward Amendment for FY 2007/08 and the FDOT amendment to project 228583. (11:01)

Commissioner Flescher left the meeting at 11:04 am

Consultant Status Report Presentation on the Design and Environmental Permitting Phase of the Airport Loop Trail Project of the Central County Greenways Plan

No action required. Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of October 29, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. Mr. Matson introduced Jeff Olson, ALTA Planning and Design, and Steward Robertson, Kimley Horn and Associates who provided a presentation on the Central County Greenways Plan.

Consultant Presentation for the Development of the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan

No action required. Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of October 29, 2007, contained in the backup file in the Commission Office. Consultants Jeff Olson, ALTA Planning and Design, and Stewart Roberts, Kimley Horn and Associates, provided a presentation of the North Indian River County greenways Master Plan.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Quarterly Status Report of MPO Activities

No action required. Mr. Matson submitted the report for the first quarter of FY 2007/2008, which is on file at the Commission Office, and discussed the activities performed by the Indian River County MPO during the reporting period.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

No action required. Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum of October 30th, 2007, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business

Mr. Matson presented an invitation to the MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials which is going to take place on April 25-27, 2008 at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.