

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

Present were: Chairman Peter O'Bryan; Gary Wheeler, Wesley Davis Sandra Bowden, and Joe Flescher (arrived at 10:06 a.m.), Commissioners, IRC; Council Members Dale Simchick, and Al Paternoster, City of Sebastian; Vice Mayor Sabin Abell and Bill Fish, Alternate, City of Vero Beach; Vice Mayor David Becker, Town of Indian River Shores, Councilman Richard Dunlop, Non-voting, Town of Orchid; and Debbie MacKay (arrived at 10:06 a.m.), IRC School Board.

Absent were: Councilmember Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach; Councilwoman Susan Adams, and Vice Mayor Cheryl Hampton, City of Fellsmere (all unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Michael Zito, Assistant County Administrator; Jim Davis, Director, Public Works; Chris Mora, Assistant Director, Public Works; Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; and Misty L. Pursel, Commissioner Assistant, District 1.

Others present were: Claudia Devitt, VMS, Inc.; Gus Schmidt, Jim Wolfe, Arlene Tanis and Stacy Miller, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; Monte Falls, Public Works Director, City of Vero Beach,; Chuck Mechling, Pointe West; Greg Slaga, PBS&J; Kent Rice, Florida Turnpike; Joe Griffin, Sebastian Municipal Airport and Herb Whittall, MPO Citizens Advisory Committee.

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 November 9, 2007 (10:02)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of November 9, 2007, as presented.

Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #1 for 2006/07 TDLCB Planning Grant (10:03)

Mr. Phil Matson referred to his memorandum of November 15, 2007, with attachments, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Progress Report and Invoice #1.

Request to Approve Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation Report for FY 2006-07 (10:04)

Mr. Phil Matson outlined his memorandum of November 28, 2007, with attachments, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office.

Commissioner Flescher arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Mrs. MacKay arrived at 10:06 a.m.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Abell, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Community Transportation Coordinator annual evaluation report, retain the Senior Resource Association as the County's Community Transportation Coordinator, and direct staff to forward the evaluation report to the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Introductions from around the room were made at 10:10 a.m.

Review of FDOT Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2008/09 Through 2012/13 (10:13)

Mr. Phil Matson presented the information contained in his memorandum dated December 3, 2007, with attachments, contained in the backup on file in the Commission Office. Mr. Matson introduced Jim Wolff, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), who outlined the funding analysis of the tentative five-year work program.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chairman O'Bryan introduced Stacy Miller with FDOT, who referred to handouts made available in her presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. Ms. Miller provided a breakdown itemization of the program. (10:37)

A lengthy discussion followed.

ON MOTION by Vice Mayor Becker, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Citizen's Report Tentative Five Year Work Program and the Florida Turnpike Five Year Work Program. (10:57)

A discussion was held about Florida Turnpike projects.

Review of Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Proposed Scope of Services (11:07)

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

A lengthy discussion followed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the scope of services for the development of the Transit Development Plan and authorize staff to issue a work order. (11:18)

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

No action required. Mr. Matson referred to his memorandum dated November 28, 2007, which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business (11:20)

Chairman O'Bryan introduced Claudia Devitt, Community Relations Manager with VMS, Inc. She related VMS was the maintenance agency contracted by the FDOT to provide maintenance on US Highway 1, Highway AIA and State Road 60.

MPO and MPO Advisory Committees 2008 Meeting Schedule

No action required. Chairman O'Bryan referred to the MPO and MPO Advisory Committee 2008 Meeting Schedule, which is on file in the Commission Office.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.