

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in the County Administration Building, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman **Richard Gillmor**, Mayor, City of Sebastian; **Peter O'Bryan**, **Joe Flescher**, and **Wesley Davis** (arrived at 11:05 a.m.), Commissioners, IRC; **Debbie MacKay**, IRC School Board; **Sabin Abell**, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach; **Frannie Atchison**, Councilmember, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams**, Mayor, City of Fellsmere; **Don Wright**, Council Member, City of Sebastian; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid; and **Arlene Tanis**, FDOT District 4 Representative.

Absent was: **Gary Wheeler** and Vice Chairman **Bob Solari**, Commissioners, IRC; and Mayor **Kevin Sawnick**, City of Vero Beach Councilmember.

Also present were IRC staff: Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director; Bob Keating, Community Development Director, Chris Mora, Public Works Director; Brian Freeman, Senior Planner, MPO; Sharon Schalm, Staff Assistant III, MPO; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Others present: Al Minner, City Manager, City of Sebastian; Eric Menger, Director, Vero Beach Municipal Airport; and Monte Falls, Director, City of Vero Beach Public Works.

### Call to Order

Chairman Gillmor called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

### Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2010 MPO meeting

**ON MOTION by Councilwoman Adams, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010 as presented.**

Commissioner Davis arrived at 11:07 a.m.

## **Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees** – No Action Required

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director, reviewed his memorandum dated February 2, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He summarized the results of the recent series of Bicycle Safety events held in Fellsmere and pointed out the pictures of this event included in the agenda packet.

## **Consideration of Proposed MPO Priorities for Federal Stimulus Funding** – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson reported in the spring of 2009, the federal government allocated approximately \$30 Billion to state and local governments for transportation improvements in order to stimulate economic growth and create jobs. In Indian River County, a number of transportation projects were funded through the program. Those projects include the resurfacing of Barber Street (CR 512 – Schumann Drive), CR 507 (South Carolina Avenue to the Brevard County line), 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Oslo Road to SR 60 to Oslo), and Old Dixie Highway (12<sup>th</sup> Street to SR 60); the construction of a new transit facility on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; and landscaping on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SR 60 to Oslo Road. In addition, stimulus funds were used to operate new transit routes and purchase three new buses.

Recently, it was announced that the federal government was considering an additional allocation of stimulus funds for transportation improvements. Although the details of the new allocation have not been finalized it is anticipated that the program will be similar in size to the first stimulus program and will be subject to most or all of the existing federal restrictions and provisions.

Mr. Matson then gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the following list of staff recommended Stimulus Projects:

### **Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 Source: Unused TARP Funds**

- \$27.5 Billion for Transportation (**\$30 Billion**)
  - \$500 Million for Aviation (**\$3 Billion**)
  - \$8.4 Billion for Transit (**\$12 Billion**)
  - Last Year:
    - 55% Direct to State DOTs
    - State Share: \$1.4 B
  - 45% To MPOs
  - Indian River Share: \$5 Million
  - Transit: \$2.5 Million

### **Issues and Requirements:**

- Monies will Pass through FDOT
- Monies subject to all Federal Program Requirements
- Last Year:
  - 50% if the money to be obligated in 180 days from bill adoption

### **Obligated:**

- As Defined:
  - For Locals: FDOT approval of the Environmental Determination, Right of Way and FHWA Construction Contract Checklist (LAP Agreement)
  - For the State: Under Contract

### **More Requirements:**

- Federal Aid System (Most of the grid, some of the dirt roads; no local streets)
- Must be Construction
- Must have proven job creation benefit
- NEPA
- Uniform Act

### **Last Year's Allocations:**

- 55% Direct to State DOTs
- 40% to MPO's
- 5% to CMAQ (Air Quality) areas

### **Strategies:**

- Projects that can be obligated quickly
- Projects that don't need Complex Environmental Studies, ROW acquisition
- Substitution of funding is OK
- Maximize funding; implement LRTP projects; relieve CIE backlog

### **Methodology:**

- Review CIE maintenance budgets
- Meet with Public Works and Municipalities

- Rank eligible projects bases on:
  - Constructability
  - Rating

### Potential Stimulus Projects:

Rank	Category	Project	Cost	Status	Priority
1	Rehab/Resurface	South Easy Street (Wimbrough Drive to CR 512)	450,000	No design, permitting, or ROW needed	High
2	Rehab/Resurface	Laconia Street (Concha Drive to CR 512)	1,700,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	High
3	Mill and Resurface and add paved shoulders	CR 512 (Fellsmere Farms Lateral U Canal to I-95)	3,500,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	High
4	Mill and Resurface and add paved shoulders	Old Dixie Hwy (North Relief Canal to CR 510)	2,600,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	High
5	Mill and Resurface	Ocean Drive (Greytwig Road to Flamevine Lane)	450,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	High
6	Mill and Resurface	27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Oslo Road to SR 69)	1,800,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	Medium
7	Mill and Resurface	Schumann Drive (US Hwy 1 – Barber Street)	1,500,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	Medium
8	Mill and Resurface and add paved shoulders	CR 512 (SR 60 to Fellsmere Farms Lateral U Canal)	3,700,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	Medium
9	ITS/Signals	CR 512 @ Sebastian River Middle School	300,000	Needs Design	Medium
10	Bridge Project	13 <sup>th</sup> Street SW @ 58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	750,000	Needs design and minor permitting	Medium
<b>Total</b>			<b>16,750,000</b>		

### Potential Stimulus Enhancement Projects:

Rank	Category	Project	Cost	Status	Priority
1	Sidewalks	Roseland Rd (126 <sup>th</sup> St – CR 512)	1,300,000	Includes bridge at Collier Canal to connect sidewalks. Can be built in phases.	High
1	Landscaping	SR 60 (66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue – I-95)	300,000	May Conflict with Construction.	Medium
2	Landscaping	Indian River Blvd (SR 60 – 17 <sup>th</sup> Street)	100,000	No design, permitting or ROW needed	Medium
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,700,000</b>		

## **MPO Priorities:**

- Possibly Eligible:
- US 1 from north of Highland Drive to south of Oslo Road. Construction is funded in 2014/15.
- US 1 from St. Lucie County to north of Highland Drive. Total need is over \$25M. Most likely cannot be made construction ready due to ROW.

## **Recommendation:**

- MPO Staff Recommends that the MPO:
  - Approve the Proposed Prioritization
  - Authorize Chair to Sign JPA for funding as necessary
  - Authorize Chair to make minor amendments to the TIP and LRTP, as necessary

Commissioner Davis stated the first round of the stimulus we received had to be used on federal roads. He asked if the second round had to be used for the same.

Mr. Matson replied the second round of stimulus funds also needed to be used for federal roads. Discussion ensued regarding the recommended projects.

Mrs. MacKay inquired if census data was important in getting funds.

Ms. Arlene Tanis, FDOT District 4 Representative, explained the census data was critical in making sure each county received their fair share because the distribution was based on population, and if everyone was not counted we would be short changed.

Mayor Adams asked what the difference was between milling, resurfacing, and rehabilitating roads. Mr. Mora responded milling and resurfacing a road was where an inch or two of existing pavement is scraped off, asphalt emulsion is added and the road is repaved. He continued rehabilitation projects often involve the same process but are done in conjunction with other drainage issues, such as culverts, side road drainage, and swales.

Commissioner O'Bryan questioned a story in the newspaper a few months ago regarding school bus stops near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oslo Road and the children not having a safe route to school. He wondered if there were any plans for installing sidewalks in that area.

Mr. Matson replied we would have to have all the right-of-way in order to do the sidewalks and that had not yet happened.

Chairman Gillmor asked if projects were completed under budget, could additional smaller projects be able to be completed with the remaining funds. Mr. Matson replied in the affirmative, and he recommended having contingency projects on hand for the situation of over runs.

Discussion was held regarding the remaining projects.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Councilmember Abell, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the proposed prioritization; authorize the Chairman to sign the Joint Participation Agreement, for funding as necessary; and authorize the Chairman to make minor amendments to budget documents.**

#### **Quarterly Status Report of MPO Staff Activities** – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson reviewed his Quarterly Status Report for October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

#### **Other Business**

There was none.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Eric Menger, Airport Director, Vero Beach Municipal Airport, invited everyone to attend Aviation Day at the airport on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also invited those present to an event at the Paris Air hangar on Friday, February 19, 2010 called “USO Rocks America” supporting the Vero Heritage Center.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.