

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 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; **Bob Solari**, **Wesley Davis**, **Joe Flescher**, and **Gary Wheeler** Commissioners, IRC; **Frannie Atchison**, Councilmember, Town of Indian River Shores; **Kevin Sawnick**, Mayor, and **Sabin Abell**, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach; **Don Wright**, Council Member, City of Sebastian; **Susan Adams** (arrived at 10:34 a.m.), Mayor, City of Fellsmere; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid; and **Tykus Holloway**, FDOT District 4 Representative.

Absent were: **Peter O'Bryan**, Commissioner, IRC; and **Debbie MacKay**, IRC School Board, (both excused).

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

Others present: Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; and Chris Crawford, Interested Citizen.

### Call to Order

Chairman Gillmor called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

### Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2010 MPO meeting

**ON MOTION by Councilmember Abell, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of May 12, 2010 as presented.**

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

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director, reviewed his memorandum dated June 25, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mayor Adams arrived at 10:34 a.m.

**Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #3 for the 2009/10 Planning Grant** – *Action Required*

According to the memorandum dated June 28, 2010 in the agenda packet, it was required, as part of the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant contract between the Indian River MPO as the Designated Official Planning Agency and the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), that periodic progress reports and reimbursement invoices be submitted. To comply with the CTD's requirements, staff has prepared a progress report and invoice for the period of January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010. Staff was requesting approval of Invoice #3 and the quarterly progress report.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Solari, SECONDED BY Councilmember Atchison, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve Invoice #3 and the quarterly progress report as submitted.**

**Request for Authorization to Submit an Application for 49 USC CH. 53, Section 5303 Transit Planning Funds for FY 2010/11** – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson summarized the MPO's FY 2010/11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identified several transit related activities to be completed this year under Task 3.2, Transit Planning. As indicated in the UPWP, these tasks would be completed using federal Section 5303 transit planning funds. Staff recommends the MPO adopt the required resolution and authorize staff to submit a grant application for section 5303 funds (approximately \$58,000) and also authorize the Chairman to execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to adopt the required resolution and authorize staff to submit a grant application for the Section 5303 funds and also authorize the Chairman to execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.**

**Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program FY 2010/11 Planning Grant Application – Action Required**

Mr. Matson explained on January 1, 2000, the IRC MPO officially became the county's Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA). In its capacity as the DOPA, the MPO was responsible for executing grant agreements for administering the transportation disadvantaged program. The proposed FYU 2010/2011 grant agreement in the amount of \$19,875 was included in the agenda packet, and was on file in the Commission Office. Staff recommended the MPO authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the application.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the proposed FY 2010/11 grant application in the amount of \$19,875.**

**Consideration of FY 2010/11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Action Required**

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He gave the following highlights:

- The TIP was a staged multi-year intermodal program of transportation improvement projects within the metropolitan planning area; consistent with long-range plans; and federal and state-funded projects covering a five-year period.
- All projects in the TIP must first be in one of the larger plans, either the long-range transportation plan; transit development plan, done on a five year basis and updated every year; or the CMP (Congestion Mitigation Plan).
- FDOT does not want projects to come without being modeled or a cohesive planning thought process. It was a requirement that any project that gets in the budget first be identified in a plan.

Mr. Matson reviewed the Annual Project Prioritization noting that it begins the first week of September, 2010 where DOT was told which of the long-range plan items we would like to see in their five-year budget.

The Five-Year Summary of both federal, state and local transportation improvements in the county document was reviewed, and Mr. Matson related it

was one of the most important documents the MPO provides as a resource listing the budgets for all of the road projects.

The reason five-year budgets were done for highways was mainly because there was a long lead time in developing a highway and a road project, particularly with state and federally funded projects. Initially, a PD&E (Project Development & Environmental Phase) where environmental studies and permitting occurred; then the design, right-of-way acquisition; construction and finally, maintenance.

Mr. Matson then walked the members through an example of actions that occur from one TIP to another.

Costs and revenues for road projects were going up, from \$390 million in 2025, to \$600 million in 2030. The county was becoming more increasingly responsible for paying for the costs because the federal and state gas taxes have been frozen. TIP funding was at \$236 million in FY 2010/11 vs. \$161 million in FY 2009/10.

#### Continuing TIP Projects:

- SR 60 widening, 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (INC 2010)
- SR 60 widening, 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – I-95 (Reimbursement)
- US 1 widening, Oslo Road – Highland Drive (CST 2012)
- US 1 widening, Highland Drive – St. Lucie County (ROW 2010)
- I-95 widening, SR 60 – South County line (CST 2014)
- I-95 widening, SR 60 – North County line (PE 2013)
- I-95 resurfacing, BC-SLC\*
- Oslo Road Interchange (PD&E 2014)
- SR A1A resurfacing, SLC – Coquina (CST 2011)
- Schumann Drive @ Barber Street (CST 2011)
- 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SR 60 – 41<sup>st</sup> Street (CST 2011)

#### Additions/Deletions:

- I-95 widening, SLC – SR 60 (CST 2014)
- I-95 @ Oslo Road Interchange (PDE 2014)
- Indian River Drive sidewalk, Sebastian City Limit – Roseland Road
- CR 512 resurfacing (eastbound), Roseland Road – Easy Street (CST 2011)
- Indian River Boulevard resurfacing, 41<sup>st</sup> Street – 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (CST 2011)

- SR 510 bridge rehabilitation (CST 2014)
- SR 510 resurfacing, US 1 – ICWW (CST 2012)
- Trans-Florida Rail Trail (CST 2012)

Deferrals: None

Commissioner Davis asked what the timeframe was for the Indian River Drive sidewalk from Sebastian City Limit to Roseland Road. Mr. Matson responded the money was in this fiscal year, so it could happen as early as this year, but may be in 2011.

Councilmember Abell inquired about turn lanes at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian River Boulevard. Mr. Chris Mora, IRC Public Works Director, replied plans were for extending current turn lanes and adding some turn lanes. He offered to provide the plans for Councilmember Abell's review.

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Transportation Improvement Plan as presented by staff.**

**Review of the MPO 2010 State Certification Review Statement** – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson summarized as required by federal regulations, FDOT and the Indian River County MPO annually conducts a joint certification review of the MPO's transportation planning process to ensure that the MPO is adhering to all applicable laws and regulations. Recently, MPO and FDOT staff met to conduct the 2010 certification review. Subsequently, FDOT approved the MPO certification statement and checklist. To finalize the MPO certification process, the certification statement was approved administratively by MPO staff. Approval of minor MPO plans and documents are allowed pursuant to MPO resolution 99-02, adopted on July 14, 1999. That resolution allows such administrative approvals with the requirement that the MPO Staff Director provide a status report of any such action to the MPO at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Tykus Holloway, FDOT District 4 Representative, reiterated that Indian River County had been certified as following the FDOT guidelines accordingly, had been doing a great job, and was used as a model MPO.

## **Update on Indian River County Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects – No Action Required**

Mr. Matson explained with grant funding from the MPO, Indian River County and its municipalities have undertaken many bicycle/pedestrian improvement projects in recent years. In the last 10 years, the county has initiated 21 bicycle/pedestrian projects. Currently, there were  $\pm$  10.9 miles of active bicycle/pedestrian projects – funded by more than \$4,000,000 in grants. In 2009, the county was awarded its first Recreational Trails Program grant through the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails. That grant is for construction of a recreational trail as part of the Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor Greenway.

### Recent Enhancement Projects:

- North Indian River Drive Bikepath
- CR 512 Scenic Beautification
- Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor Greenway
- Old Dixie Highway Sidewalk Project
- Two Bridges Pedestrian Loop
- State Road A1A Landscape and Beautification Project
- Indian River Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement
- Vero Beach High School and Vero Beach Elementary School Sidewalk Project
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Enhancement
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bikepath
- 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Landscape Improvements
- Thompson Magnet Elementary School Sidewalk Project
- Fellsmere Elementary School Sidewalk Project

### Recent Completed Projects:

- Sidewalk added along 12<sup>th</sup> Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue (1-mile)
- Sidewalk added along 12<sup>th</sup> Street between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (.32-mile)
- Landscape and median enhancements added to 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Oslo Road

#### Other Facts:

- From 2000 to the present municipalities have contributed many sidewalks. These projects include: Royal Palm Place/Blvd., Pocahontas Park, Main Street, Barber Street, Collier Canal Bridges
- Developers have built the most new bike/ped facilities in the county.
- Between 1996 - 2006, 76 miles of bike lanes and 57 miles of sidewalk were constructed.
- FDOT has constructed sidewalks on one or both sides of the state road system (except Strategic Intermodal System)

#### Projects Underway:

- North Indian River Drive Bikepath
- Old Dixie Highway Sidewalk from 38<sup>th</sup> Lane to 65<sup>th</sup> Street
- Indian River Boulevard Sidewalk from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk from 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- South Sebastian Greenway Corridor
- Trans-Florida Central Railroad Corridor Greenway

#### **Other Business:**

Commissioner Solari asked who was responsible for the Royal Palm Point intersection. Mr. Matson responded it was FDOT. Commissioner Solari commended FDOT for the improvements and noted the flow of traffic was now much better.

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

There were none.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Gillmore adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.