

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 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** and **Eugene Wolff**, Council Members, City of Sebastian; **Bob Solari**, **Gary Wheeler**, **Wesley Davis**, **Peter O'Bryan**, and **Joe Flescher** (arrived at 10:11 a.m.), Commissioners, IRC; **Richard Jefferson**, Town Manager, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams**, Mayor, City of Fellsmere; **Jeff Pegler**, IRC School Board; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilmember, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid; and **Tykus Holloway**, FDOT District 4 Representative.

Absent were: **Craig Fletcher** and **Brian Heady**, Councilmembers, City of Vero Beach; and **Frannie Atchison**, Councilmember, Town of Indian River Shores, (all excused).

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

Others present: Jerry O'Reilly, Stacy Miller, Antonette Adams, and Lee Wetherell, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Lisa Frazier, Gregory Kyle and Ravi Wijesundera, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Claudia Devitt, Transfield Services; Karen Diegl, Senior Resource Center; Kel Labranche, and Linda Hillman, Interested Citizens; and James Henry Davey, Future Interested Citizen.

### Call to Order

Chairman Gillmor called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ON MOTION BY Mayor Adams, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of October 13, 2010 as presented.**

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

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director, reviewed his memorandum dated November 30, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

**Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #1 for the 2010/11 Planning Grant** – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson explained, it was required as part of the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant contract between the IRC 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 prepared a progress report and invoice for the period from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 and needed the MPO's approval for submission.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Solari, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the invoice and quarterly progress report as submitted.**

**Request to Approve Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation Report for FY 2009-2010** – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson summarized, on an annual basis, the County's Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) and the MPO must evaluate the performance of the county Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). Recently, the TDLCB completed its performance evaluation of the Senior Resource Association (SRA), the county's CTC, and recommended that the MPO retain the SRA as the county's CTC. Staff recommended the MPO approve the attached CTC annual evaluation report, retain the Senior Resource Association as the county's CTC, and direct staff to forward the report to the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Mayor Adams, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the Community Transportation Coordinator evaluation report, retain the Senior Resource Association as the County's Community Transportation Coordinator, and directed staff to forward the report to the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.**

Commissioner Flescher arrived at 10:11 a.m.

**Review of FDOT Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2011/12 through 2015/16 – Action Required**

Mr. Matson introduced Jerry O'Reilly, Director of Transportation Development – District 4, FDOT. He explained the FDOT recently completed preparation of their Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program. The work program, which is FDOT's project programming and financing schedule for transportation projects within the MPO area, must be developed with consideration of the MPO's 2010 highway, enhancement, congestion management system, transit and aviation priorities. Prior to FDOT transmitting the tentative work program to the state legislature for ultimate approval next spring, the MPO must approve the work program. Accordingly, staff recommended the MPO review the work program, consider the FDOT presentation, and approve the tentative work program.

Mr. O'Reilly gave a brief overview, stating the past few years had been tough years for transportation with revenues dwindling, and many projects have been deferred or delayed. He continued this year had been better because FDOT had continued to receive low bids, up to 40% of original estimates, and those savings have been put back into the work program which have allowed some projects to advance.

Mr. O'Reilly pointed out a project which had statewide significance was Amtrak service along the east coast of Florida. He detailed the efforts FDOT had made to provide this service and one of the biggest hurdles had been there were no matching funds to put in the work program. In the past couple of weeks the state had identified matching funds to put in the work program to have available. Two pots of money had been set aside; one to provide stations, \$100 million in 2014 in a grant-type situation; and \$18.1 million for track improvements.

Stacy Miller, District Program Management Engineer with FDOT, reviewed a Status of Key Projects Listing, which is included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office; the Citizen's Report, all the projects programmed for funding in the Five Year Tentative Work Program; and a map which showed the projects the FDOT would be constructing in the five year period.

Ms. Miller reviewed the status of priority projects as follows:

- 1a. **US 1, from Highlands Drive to Oslo Road**, six-laning project advanced to construction in FY 2012.

- 1b. **US 1, from the St. Lucie County Line to Highlands Drive**, six-laning project funded for construction in FY 2015.
2. **82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**, two-laning from 26<sup>th</sup> Street to CR 510, the right-of-way funding was acquired, but the cost for the construction would be approximately \$23 million and may take awhile to accumulate.

Other projects:

- **SR-60 from West of I-95 to West of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**, four lanes to six lanes.
- Indian River County Enhanced Signal System
- Indian River County Signal Maintenance and Operations

Ms. Miller pointed out the S.R. 60 widening project was under active construction and the administrative payback would start next fiscal year.

#### **Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Projects:**

##### **I-95 –**

- I-95 from Indian River/St. Lucie County Line to SR 60 (Underway)
- I-95 at Oslo Road Interchange (FY 11/12)
- I-95 from SR 60 to North of CR-512 (FY 14/15)
- I-95 from North of CR-512 to Brevard County Line (FY 14/15)

#### **Sidewalk Projects:**

- Indian River County Sidewalk/Pedestrian Box (FY 14/15)
- SR-5 from 37<sup>th</sup> Place to 45<sup>th</sup> Street (FY 12/13)

#### **Resurfacing Projects Through Small County Outreach Program:**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Oslo Road to 8<sup>th</sup> Street (2012)
- CR-512 Eastbound from Roseland Road to Easy Street (2012)
- Indian River Boulevard from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (2012)
- Old Dixie Highway from Indian River Farms Water Control District North Relief Canal to 71<sup>st</sup> Street (2013)
- Old Dixie Highway from 72<sup>st</sup> Street to CR-510 (2015)

**Transportation Regional Incentive Program (funds shared with Martin & St. Lucie Counties through Treasure Coast Transportation Council):**

- 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SR 60 to 41<sup>st</sup> Street (Add Lanes & Reconstruct – FY 2012/2013)
- Indian River County Treasure Coast Transportation Council (Rail Capacity Project – FY 2014)

Discussion was held regarding the previously discussed Amtrak service progress and funding sources.

Commissioner O'Bryan thanked FDOT for providing funds to District 4. Mr. Reilly responded part of the success in obtaining the improvements to District 4 had been due to the MPO staff having projects ready to go when money became available.

Commissioner Solari stated the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency were coming out with their Basin Management Action Plans addressing different total maximum daily load issues and he wondered if those things would impact FDOT and how they built roads.

Mr. O'Reilly responded Rick Renna, the FDOT State Drainage Engineer located in Tallahassee, had been deeply involved in those issues for the past several years and the FDOT would be greatly impacted on highway projects. They would be forced to have bigger ponds and more retention of water which may mean having to buy more right-of-way and increase costs. Commissioner Solari interjected the Board of County Commissioners were working on a solution to assist with that problem.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Solari, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the tentative work program as presented.**

**Consideration of the Final Indian River County 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan – Action Required**

Mr. Gregory Kyle, Kimley-Horn and Associates, gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He noted this was the final report and was now coming before the MPO for adoption.

Mr. Pegler left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The final list of Cost Feasible Plan Projects were as follows:

Roadway	Project Limits	Project Description
I-95	St. Lucie C.L. to Brevard C.L.	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
US 1	St. Lucie C.L. to Highland Drive	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
US 1	53 <sup>rd</sup> Street to CR 510	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
CR 510	CR 512 to Intracoastal Waterway	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
CR 512	Willow Street to I-95	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
Oslo Road	I-95 to 58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	St. Lucie C.L. to 16 <sup>th</sup> Street	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	41 <sup>st</sup> Street to Barber Street	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	26 <sup>th</sup> Street to Laconia Street	New 2-lane road
Roseland Road	CR 512 to US 1	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
Indian River Boulevard	20 <sup>th</sup> Street to 45 <sup>th</sup> Street	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
26 <sup>th</sup> Street	43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	St. Lucie C.L. to Oslo Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
4 <sup>th</sup> Street	66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to 98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	New 2-lane road
5 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	Old Dixie Hwy to 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	New 2-lane road
12 <sup>th</sup> Street	58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to 66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	New 2-lane road
25 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to 58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	New 2-lane road
53 <sup>rd</sup> Street	58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to 82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	New 2-lane road
58 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	25 <sup>th</sup> Street SW to Oslo Road	New 2-lane road
69 <sup>th</sup> Street	66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to Fellsmere N-S Road 1	New 2-lane road
74 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Oslo Road to 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	New 2-lane road
98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4 <sup>th</sup> Street to SR 60	New 2-lane road
Oslo Road Interchange *	I-95 at Oslo Road	New Interchange

\*This project is contingent upon FHWA permitting and approval; funding source needs to be identified.

Commissioner O'Bryan related he would be voting against this plan because he felt there were other ways to manage growth without adding more asphalt and roads.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted (8-1) to approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The vote was taken via roll call by the Recording Secretary. Commissioner O'Bryan was opposed.**

**Consideration of Amendments to the Adopted Indian River County Transportation Improvement Program – Action Required**

Mr. Matson announced with the recent series of amendments to the adopted FY 2010/11 – 2014/15 Transportation Improvement Program submitted by FDOT, approval was necessary from the MPO.

The amendments were listed as follows:

1. Advance the six-laning of I-95 (St. Lucie County Line to SR 60) from FY 2014/15 to FY 2010/11. The project, which included both Design and Construction, can begin as early as the spring of 2011. When complete, the project would remove the last remaining four-lane section of I-95 on the East Coast of Florida between Daytona Beach and Miami.
2. Change to the scope and description of the US 1 widening project in South Indian River County. The proposed amendment modified the project limits from “North of Highlands Drive to St. Lucie County” to “South of Highlands Drive to St. Lucie County.” The change was being made to reflect the actual right-of-way acquisition project limits.
3. The final TIP amendment was needed so that an FDOT-sponsored comprehensive safety program can begin in Indian River County Schools starting later this year. The program will include the purchase of safety equipment as well as in-class instruction.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program as presented.**

**Presentation by Indian River County Health Department on Walking School Buses – *No Action Required***

Mr. Matson stated the Health Department representative that was to present this program was not able to attend. He explained what a Walking School Bus was, a program designed to get students walking to school with supervision, showing how it had been effective with 83 children walking from Fellsmere Elementary School to the Boys and Girls Club in Fellsmere. The children travel with parental oversight and supervision to their destination each day, thereby eliminating transportation costs and providing additional recreational opportunity.

## **Status Report on Florida High Speed Rail Grant Application** – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson explained there were three applications submitted to the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) for Tampa to Orlando high speed rail; Miami to Orlando high speed rail; and Jacksonville to West Palm Florida East Coast Railroad/Amtrak service. Only two of the applications were successfully funded.

1. **The Tampa to Orlando project:** The Tampa-Orlando line will run 84 miles from downtown Tampa to Orlando International Airport. The cost to build this line is projected to be \$2.7 billion. The project will be built in the median of Interstate 4, where a 44-foot envelope has been preserved for this purpose. Project construction will likely occur in two phases. The first phase on the Tampa to Orlando segment is a proposed Early Works Project, which is expected to begin in early 2011.

FDOT's goal is to secure a design, build, operate, maintain and finance (DBOM/F) team in 2011. Construction of the main part of the project is slated for 2012, and system operation is expected to begin in 2015.

2. **The Miami to Orlando project:** FDOT has started the evaluation of the costs and environmental impacts of various alignments in the Miami-Orlando corridor, the first step toward moving forward with this project. This planning work is expected to take approximately 30 months. FDOT has allocated \$2 million to start this planning work in 2010. It also has submitted a grant application for an additional \$8 million from the FRA.

Both lines would pass through Indian River County.

### **Other Business:**

There was none.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Gillmore adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.