

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (MPOTAC) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008, in Conference Room "B1-501" in Building "B" of the County Administration Building, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: **Chairman Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Robert Keating**, IRC Community Development Director; **Rebecca Grohall**, Growth Management Director City of Sebastian; **Eric Menger**, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; **Joseph Griffin**, Sebastian Airport Director; **Deb Branwell**, Town Manager, Town of Orchid; **Karen Wood**, Senior Resource Association; **Tim McGarry**, Planning Director and **Monte Falls**, Public Works and Engineering Director, City of Vero Beach; **Lois Bush** and **Chon Wong**, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and **William Schauman**, Town of Indian River Shores.

Absent were: **James Davis**, IRC Public Works Director; **Chris Mora**, IRC Assistant Public Works Director; **Jason Brown**, IRC Office of Management and Budget Director; **Ruth Freeman-Wheeler**, IRC School Board; Sergeant **James Stewart**, IRC Sheriff's Department; **Wanda Parker-Garvin**, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDOEP); and **Jerry Converse**, Engineer, City of Sebastian.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Sutapa Chatterjee, MPO Planner; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3. Others Present: Lisa Frazier, Kimley-Horn & Associates; and Ryan Morrell, CivaTerra.

### Call to Order

Chairman Nunemaker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

### Approval of Minutes from the Joint April 25, 2008 MPOTAC & MPOCAC Meeting

**ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Falls, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2008 Joint Metropolitan Technical Advisory Committee and**

**Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting as presented.**

**Consideration of Fiscal Year 2008/09 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, referred to the memorandum dated June 18, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He summarized the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Year 2008/09 thru 2012/13 Tentative Work Program which was developed using the MPO's priorities for highway, enhancement, congestion management systems, aviation, transit, and turnpike projects.

Mr. Matson proceeded to show a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. Mr. Matson noted the MPO needed action from the MPOTAC today.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Falls, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2008/09 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.**

**Consideration of Draft Final North Indian River County Greenways Plan**

Mr. Matson reviewed the project of writing the Indian River County Greenways Plan began in August, 2007 and contracts were issued to Alta Planning and Design, Kimley-Horn & Associates, and CivaTerra. Mr. Matson introduced Lisa Frazier from Kimley-Horn & Associates and Ryan Morrell from CivaTerra.

Mrs. Frazier began the PowerPoint presentation of the Draft Final North Indian River County Greenways Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. She related the objectives of the plan has always been to design a conceptual master plan which would act as a guide for public officials and future partners in promoting an alternative network of greenways to on-road motorized vehicle travel. It was hopeful the number of people walking and biking would be increased in lieu of driving their cars.

Mr. Morrell continued with the PowerPoint detailing the information gathered from input from the steering committee, the public, staff and their analysis. He related based on that information, a prioritization process was developed where a matrix was implemented with the trails scored and prioritized the greenways projects. Goals, objectives and strategies for implementing all the

trails, specifically the top priorities, were then developed.

Mr. Morrell stressed the importance of having advocates for this plan to keep it in the public eye and keeping it in front of boards, public officials, and other opportunities to keep the plan alive.

Funding opportunities were discussed by Mrs. Frazier, some of which consisted of grants; piggy-backing on federal, state and private funding opportunities.

Mr. Keating commended Mrs. Frazier and Mr. Morrell for identifying where the trails would go and providing potential funding availability. He asked what agency would take the responsibility for constructing improvements and maintenance.

Mr. Nunemaker stated the City of Fellsmere was fully prepared to take care of both the construction and maintenance within their borders. He also thought what impact fees could be used from the County for county-wide connectivity should be investigated.

Mr. Keating stated there were recreation impact fees which could be used for the greenways improvements but not transportation impact fees.

Mr. Grohall reported Sebastian City Council was excited about this project and in addition to the greenways improvements they were interested in the blueways improvements providing connectivity through larger canals.

Discussion ensued regarding other methods to be used to promote greenway ecotourism.

**ON MOTION BY Ms. Grohall, SECONDED BY Mr. McGarry, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to recommend approval of the Draft North Indian River County Greenways Plan.**

### **Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees**

Mr. Matson explained the TAC met jointly with the CAC April 25, 2008 and endorsed the Unified Planning Work Program. The MPO followed up on the TAC and CAC's recommendation and approved the Unified Planning Work Program. He explained that was used as the MPO's planning budget for the next two fiscal

years.

Mr. Matson stated the MPO would be meeting on July 9, 2008, and the CAC on July 1, 2008. The next July 25, 2008 TAC meeting would be cancelled, with the next meeting scheduled for August 22, 2008.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Falls stated at the last meeting held on April 25, 2008, the TAC asked for information about the State Road 60 improvements, particularly about the Miracle Mile area. He stated at the August 22, 2008 TAC meeting, he would be providing a brief outline of what was being proposed for the Miracle Mile area where they may be able to reroute some traffic up to Royal Palm Boulevard and provide some safer access to the new Publix Shopping Center.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.