

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (MPOTAC) was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2009, in Conference Room "B1-501" in Building "B" of the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: **Chairman Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Robert Keating**, IRC Community Development Director; **Chris Mora**, IRC Public Works Director; **Jason Brown**, IRC Director of Management and Budget; **Eric Menger**, Airport Director, **Tim McGarry**, Planning Director, and **Monte Falls**, Public Works and Engineering Director, City of Vero Beach; **George Millar**, Transportation Director, IRC School Board; **James Stewart**, IRC Sheriff's Department; **Karen Wood**, Senior Resource Association; **Mark Shaw**, Town of Indian River Shores; **Gustavo Schmidt**, **Arlene Tanis**, **Antoinette Adams**, and **Stacy Miller**, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Absent were: **Rebecca Grohall**, Growth Management Director, City of Sebastian; **Joseph Griffin**, Sebastian Airport Director; **Deb Branwell**, Town Manager, Town of Orchid; **Karen Wood**, Senior Resource Association; **Chief William Schauman**, Town of Indian River Shores; and **Patrick Washington**, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDOEP), all excused. Please note there is a vacancy for Engineer, City of Sebastian.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Sharon Schalm, MPO Staff Assistant III; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Call to Order

Chairman Nunemaker called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2009 Joint MPOTAC, MPO Bicycle Advisory and MPO Citizens Advisory Committees meeting

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Menger, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to approve the minutes of the Joint November 3, 2009 Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle, Technical Advisory, and Citizens Advisory Committees as presented.

Consideration of Draft Revised Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan – No Action Required

Mr. Matson summarized the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) revisions involved updating the existing conditions section, analysis section, and goals, objectives, and policies section of each plan element. He continued staff had recently completed revisions to the Transportation Element of the plan. A draft of the revised Transportation Element that incorporated the EAR's findings and recommendations was included in the agenda packet and is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson gave the 13 Objectives and their status as follows:

Objective 1: The County acknowledges that there are no existing roadway capacity deficiencies within the County. Through 2020, the county traffic circulation system will continue to operate at or above the minimum service levels specified in Policy 1.1.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Revise Target Date.

Objective 2: Safety: By 2010, the number of intersections with a high relative crash rate (over 2.0 accidents per million entering vehicles) will be less than the five high relative crash rate intersections identified in 2001.

Objective Not Achieved (Anticipated).

Future Action: Revise indicator and target date.

Objective 3: Transportation System Review – The County will have a transportation system review and evaluation prepared on an annual basis.

Objective Not Achieved.

Future Action: Delete Objective.

Objective 4: Rights-of-Way – By 2015, the County will have protected the right-of way needed to maintain the grid network of roads in Indian River County, and in so doing the County will have acquired the right-of-way needed for all county collector and arterial roads and all mass transit corridors within the urban area where improvements are programmed (in the 2020 Long Range Plan).

Objective Not Achieved (Anticipated).

Future Action: Revise target date.

Objective 5: Traffic Control – Through 2020, all development projects approved by the County will provide for adequate traffic control.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Delete Objective.

Objective 6: Pedestrian/Bicycle System – During each five-year period between 2001 and 2030, a minimum of 20 miles of sidewalk facilities and 10 miles of bicycle facilities will be added to the functionally classified roadway system.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Revise target and target date.

Objective 7: Land Use Compatibility – The traffic circulation system will be compatible with the land use element and other elements of the comprehensive plan.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Revise target.

Objective 8: Coordination – The County will have a system which ensures that all transportation requirements, procedures, and improvements are coordinated with all applicable governmental entities responsible for transportation activities and with the Hutchinson Island Resource Management Plan.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Revise Target.

Objective 9: Adequate Transit Services – Between 2001/02 and 2006/07, the number of one-way, fixed route passenger trips will increase by an average of ten percent annually, from 167,782 to more than 270,000.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Revise indicator and date.

Objective 10: Land Use/Transportation – By 2010, the County's population density in the urbanized area will increase from 1.4 persons per acre to 1.7 persons per acre in order to make transit more feasible.

Objective Achieved

Future Action: Revise target and target date.

Objective 11: Transit Coordination – Through 2020, the County will have a coordinated transit system.

Objective Achieved.

Future Action: Delete Objective.

Objective 12: Adequate Intermodal Facilities – Through 2020, County aviation and intermodal facility demand will be met in a manner consistent with existing and future land use.

Objective Achieved.
Future Action: Revise target date.

Objective 13: Energy Efficiency – Between 2001 and 2030, Carbon Monoxide, Hydrocarbons, and Nitrous Oxide emissions will increase no more than 15 percent during each five-year period.

Objective Achieved.
Future Action: Revise indicator and target date.

New Policies:

- **Under Objective 2 (Safety):** ITS Safety Strategies
- **Under Objective 4 (ROW):** Eminent Domain procedures
- **Under Objective 6 (Bike/Ped):**
 - Bike Racks on Buses, at Shopping Centers and Apartments
 - Sidewalk “Matching Program”
- **Under Objective 8 (Coordination):**
 - Traffic Operations Subcommittee
 - TDM Strategies
 - Regional Transit Authority
- **Under Objective 9 (Transit):**
 - Bus Shelters
 - Transit Funding Partnerships
- **Under Objective 10 (Land Use):**
 - Promote Jobs-Housing Balance
 - Neighborhood Connectivity
- **Under New Objective, System Preservation**
 - Low-maintenance landscaping plans/materials
 - Public Private Partnerships
- **Under New Objective, Airport Access:**
 - Roadway LOS at Airports

Ms. Arlene Tanis, FDOT, inquired if Under Objective 13 concerning energy efficiency, was there any movement to use emission models that measured green house gas emissions. Mr. Matson responded there was a pending green house gas requirement to be in the Comprehensive Plan which would be closely monitored.

Presentation of FY 2010/11 – FY 2014/15 Draft Tentative Work Program by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Action Required

Mr. Matson introduced Ms. Stacy Miller, Director of Planning and Programming Engineer, and Ms. Antoinette Adams, District 4 Program Manager.

He explained the work program, which was FDOT's project programming and financing schedule for transportation projects within the MPO area, must be developed with consideration of the MPO's 2009 highway, enhancement, congestion management system, transit and aviation priorities.

Ms. Miller reviewed a map of the projects the FDOT intended to construct over the FY 2010/11 to FY 2014/15 period. A copy of this map is on file in the Commission Office.

The MPO's priority projects were as follows:

Roadway	Segment Limits	Improvement	Phase(s) Funded
U.S. 1	S. of Oslo Road to Highlands Drive	Six Laning	Construction
U.S. 1	Highlands Drive to St. Lucie County Line	Six Laning	Construction (Partial Funding)
Oslo Road Interchange	At I-95	New Interchange	Preliminary Engineering
66 th Avenue	SR 60 to 41 st Street	Four Laning	Construction (Partial funding through TRIP program)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Brown, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the draft tentative work program.

Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – No Action Required

Mr. Matson related MPO staff had made a minor amendment to the adopted FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). That amendment allocated funding to a necessary resurfacing project on I-95 in south Indian River County. Since the source of the funding was an Interstate Maintenance Contingency Fund set up for that purpose, the amendment was largely administrative in nature. According to MPO Resolution 99-02, adopted on July 14, 1999, MPO staff has the authority to make minor amendments to MPO plans and documents with the requirement that staff provide a status report to the MPO and advisory committees.

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

Mr. Matson reviewed the contents of his memorandum dated November 19, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business

Mr. Matson announced there would be no meeting held December 18, 2009, and the next MPOTAC meeting would be a joint meeting with the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee on January 5, 2010.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.