A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (MPOTAC) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010, in Conference Room “B1-501” in Building “B” of the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Note: Audio and Video of the meeting can be found at http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TAC/2010.htm

Present were members: Chairman Jason Nunemaker, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; Robert Keating, IRC Community Development Director; Chris Mora, IRC Public Works Director; Monte Falls, Public Works and Engineering Director, City of Vero Beach; Karen Wood, Senior Resource Association; Arlene Tanis and Lisa Dykstra, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Rebecca Grohall, Growth Management Director, City of Sebastian; Deb Branwell, Town Manager, Town of Orchid; Mark Shaw, Town of Indian River Shores; and Eric Menger, Airport Director.

Absent were: Jason Brown, IRC Director of Management and Budget; Tim McGarry, Planning Director, City of Vero Beach; George Millar, Transportation Director, IRC School Board; Joseph Griffin, Sebastian Airport Director; James Stewart, IRC Sheriff’s Department; and Patrick Washington, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Please note there is a vacancy for Engineer, City of Sebastian

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Brian Freeman MPO Senior Planner; Sharon Schalm, MPO Staff Assistant III and Misty L. Pursel, Commissioner Assistant, District 1. Others present: Gregory S. Kyle and Ravi Wijesundera, Kimley-Horn Associates.

Call to Order

Chairman Nunemaker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2010 MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

The following clarifications were made to the draft minutes: On Page 1, under the heading, Present were members: Michael Nixon was to be changed to Michael Love. Also, under the same heading, Don Dexter’s affiliation was to be corrected to reflect Public Works and Engineering, City of Vero Beach.

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Ms. Grohall, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2010 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee as amended. (00:06:10)
Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees - No Action Required

Mr. Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, reviewed his memorandum dated August 13, 2010, included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office. He reminded the committee the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Public Workshops were scheduled for Friday, August 27, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Consideration of the MPO’s 2010 Priority Projects Report – Action Required

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He summarized the MPO adopts a priority projects list as guidance for FDOT of MPO’s suggested improvements included on the next five year work program that comes out in December.

He further explained the MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan included an adopted cost feasible list of improvements for the phased implementation of roadways and other projects needed to maintain mobility standards that would be adopted in this county, over a 25-year period, through the year 2035.

Mr. Matson addressed conflicting information regarding the Long Range Plan in the agenda packet. He stated the FDOT was responsible for both short range and long range planning in Indian River County; the long range pertains to the roads known to be needed to be completed in a 25-year window to maintain adequate levels of service and the short range were those things adopted annually, as in the Priority Projects Report for a 5-year implementation window, using the current long range plan as the universe for potential projects placed in the annual report.

Mr. Matson outlined his memorandum dated August 10, 2009 [sic], and explained to implement the proposed project improvements therein, the MPO each year must rank and place improvements in an annual Priority Projects Report and submit the report to FDOT. FDOT then uses the MPO’s lists of unfunded priorities in developing the next five year work program.

Mr. Menger mentioned an administrative change to the 2010 Priority Projects Report, Page 14, Priority Aviation Projects for the Vero Beach Airport; Item 9, Extend Taxiway E – East of Runway 4 has been pushed back. The current project would be Rehabilitate Taxiway A/E.
ON MOTION BY Mr. Falls, SECONDED BY Mr. Menger, the members voted unanimously, (11-0) to approve the MPO’s 2010 Priority Projects Report as presented. (00:20:45)

Consideration of the 2010 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Minor Update – Action Required

ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Mora, the members voted unanimously, (11-0) to approve the 2010 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Minor Update as presented. (00:30:29)
Consideration of the Long Range Transportation Plan – Draft Cost Feasible Plan – Action Required

Mr. Matson explained the responsibilities of the Short Range and Long Range Transportation Plan process, which often moves forward in parallel. He advised preliminary modeling had been performed and draft needs were identified, with the schedule of adoption slated for December 31, 2010, as outlined in his memorandum dated August 17, 2010, included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson then turned the meeting over to Gregory S. Kyle, Kimley-Horn Associates. Mr. Kyle proceeded to provide a PowerPoint presentation, summarizing the Cost Feasible Plan Development Summary Report, copies of both are on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Kyle mentioned since the plan was last updated there was a new federal requirement of the Long Range Transportation Planning process called the Year of Expenditure Approach. He explained costs per projects were identified for the current or base year and the figures were not inflated out into the future to take into account factors of inflation for projects that may be built further out within the long range planning horizon.

He explained this created a tendency to underestimate the costs of some of the projects, making conversion of both the revenues anticipated coming into the County as well as the costs to implement the transportation improvements provided a more accurate depiction of the financial resources that would be available to advance transportation improvements within the County.

Mr. Kyle relayed several streams of revenue available to fund transportation improvements within the County were distributed by FDOT. He stated FDOT programs included funds targeted for the strategic intermodal system or Florida Interstate Highway System (FIHS) and to other arterial roadways that were a part of the State’s system, but were not part of the strategic intermodal system or FIHS.

He noted in the revenue streams from FDOT, all the funds programmed for the strategic intermodal system and FIHS were programmed within the 2021 to 2025 time frame, with those funds already specifically identified for the widening of Interstate 95 from the St. Lucie County Line to Brevard County Line.

Mr. Kyle said the impacts of inflation on the cost of the transportation improvements had already been noted, not leaving enough revenue forecast to fund all the adopted needs plan transportation improvement projects; hence the cost feasible plan would be fiscally restricted. Therefore, an implementation program was developed to prioritize projects into four time frames: Years 2016-2020, 2021-2025, 2026-2030, 2031-2035.
He explained two alternative Cost Feasible Plans (CFP) A and B were developed to assist in determining which adopted needs plan project should be included with the long range transportation plan, as well as assist in determining when the project should be included in the plan within which time frame.

- Alternative A included roadway widening along several key travel corridors which exhibit the greatest travel demand: the widening of Roseland Road from County Road 512 to US Highway 1; the extension of 69th Street across Interstate 95 and into Fellsmere; and several widening within the south county, including widening 27th Avenue to four lanes south of Oslo Road, down to St. Lucie County line and constructing 25th Street SW and 58th Avenue as a new 4-lane facilities.

- Alternative B differs from Alternative A in emphasizing new roadway construction aimed at creating a denser grid network. Some of the improvements included within this alternative include grid road improvements in Sebastian comprised of improvements to both Fleming Street and then the connection of an east/west perimeter road on the south side of the airport, in lieu of widening Roseland Road. Alternative B also included the extension of 69th Street across Interstate 95 into Fellsmere, with a series of grid improvements within the south county to replace some of the widening. This plan did not include the widening of 27th Avenue, 25th Street SW, or 58th Avenue corridor south of Oslo Road; however, as with Alternative A, included the Oslo Road interchange.

Mr. Kyle mentioned other components of the long range transportation plan included transit improvements and identification/allocation of funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Mora, SECONDED BY Mr. Keating, the members voted (10-1) to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan, Alternative A of the Draft Cost Feasible Plan as presented. Mr. Nunemaker voted in opposition. (01:08:17)**

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

Mr. Matson summarized his memorandum dated August 17, 2010 included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office.

**Other Business**

The next meeting of the MPO TAC was scheduled for Friday, October 1, 2010.

Mr. Falls provided an update on the status of Aviation Boulevard; specifically, progress with Indian River Farms Water Control District (IRFWCD) on the issues
involved with the location of the pedestrian walkway/multiuse path between 27th Avenue and US Highway 1. He advised IRFWCD was concerned the land occupied on the canal may be needed for future storm water requirements. Mr. Falls stated there was an opportunity to offer a compensatory parcel in the immediate area adjacent to the old Dodgertown golf course.

**Comments from the Public**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.