

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, in the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman **Peter O'Bryan**, **Sandra Bowden**, **Wesley Davis**, **Joe Flescher** and **Gary Wheeler**, Commissioners, IRC; **Dale Simchick**, Council Member, City of Sebastian; **David Becker**, Councilman, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams** (arrived at 10:09 a.m.), Councilwoman, City of Fellsmere; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid, and **Andrew Riddle**, FDOT District 4 Non-voting member.

Absent were **Al Paternoster**, Council Member, City of Sebastian; **Sabin Abell** and **Ken Daige**, Councilmembers, City of Vero Beach; and **Debbie MacKay**, IRC School Board (all excused).

Also present were IRC staff: **Bob Keating**, Community Development Director; **Jim Davis**, Director, and **Chris Mora**, Assistant Director, Public Works; **Phil Matson**, MPO Staff Director; **Sutapa Chatterjee**, Planner, MPO; and **Darcy Vasilas**, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Others present were: Al Minner, City Manager, City of Sebastian; Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; Karen Diegl, Senior Resource Association; Jim Granse, Interested Citizen; Claudia Dewitt, VMS, Inc.; Joseph DeFronzo, Erdman Anthony; Al Davis and Angela McCutchen; IRC School District; Ryan Morrell, CivaTerra; and Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Call to Order

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2008 (10:03:45)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Council Member Simchick, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008, as presented.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, reported at the June 27, 2008 MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the July 1, 2008 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) the members considered the two actions items being presented today, mainly the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the years 2008/09 thru 2012/13 and the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan. He continued both the MPOTAC and MPOCAC recommended the MPO approve the documents.

Mr. Maston noted the MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) met on June 26, 2008 and also considered the North County Greenways Plan. Like the TAC and CAC, the BAC recommended approval by the MPO of the documents.

Mr. Matson informed the members the August 13, 2008 MPO meeting would be cancelled with the next scheduled meeting set for September 10, 2008.

Councilwoman Adams arrived at 10:09 a.m.

Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #3 for the 2009 Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Planning Grant (10:04:47)

Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning FY 2008/2009 Planning Grant Agreement

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Mr. Matson reported the next three items being presented were consent in nature and would need action taken today. The first item was an invoice for expenses for the MPO to do the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program in IRC. The second item was for a planning grant for running the Transportation Board; he explained the MPO received approximately \$19,000 from the state each year to run the Board. The third item was a request for authorization to submit an application for Section 5303 Transit Planning Funds for FY 2008/09,

Chairman O'Bryan suggested making one motion to cover all three items.

(10:06:50)

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve Items #4, 5 and 6 as presented.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2008/09 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (10:07:18)

Mr. Matson explained the proposed TIP for FY 2008/09 – 2012/13 lists all state and federally funded transportation improvement projects programmed for Indian River County over the TIP's five-year period. He continued the TIP was based on the FDOT's FY 2008/09 – 2012/13 Tentative Work Program which was developed using the MPO's priorities for highway, enhancement, congestion management system, aviation, transit, and turnpike projects.

Mr. Matson reviewed the projects listed in the proposed TIP, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

(10:33:13)

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Wheeler, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Fiscal Year 2008/09 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Review of the Draft Final North Indian River County Greenways Plan (10:34:02)

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Mr. Ryan Morrell, CivaTerra, consultants hired along with Alta Planning & Design, to write the North Indian River County Greenways Master Plan.

Mr. Robertson began a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft Final North Indian River County Greenways Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He noted the objectives of the Greenways Plan was to provide a comprehensive but conceptual master plan that was flexible enough to allow a prioritized set of improvements but also to be modified in the future as opportunities arose.

Mr. Morrell continued with the PowerPoint presentation explaining the details of the Greenways Plan. He reported a ranking system was implemented for projects as well as goals and objectives.

Commissioners Bowden and Wheeler left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

(11:03:42)

ON MOTION BY Council Member Simchick, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Draft Final North Indian River County Greenways Plan as presented.

Commissioner Davis left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Discussion of Transportation Options to the Vero Outlet Mall/West SR 60 Corridor

Mr. Matson related there was not currently a fixed bus route going past the Vero Outlet Mall at this time. There was service approximately 10 years ago but it was not particularly popular so was discontinued. Development in the SR 60 corridor has increased substantially in the past few years with a very large concentration of retirees. Therefore, a shuttle bus route has been requested between the Indian River State College (IRSC) Mueller Campus, the Indian River Mall, SR 60, and the Vero Outlet Mall. From there the bus would continue south on I-95 and serve as an express route to the IRSC Main Campus in Ft. Pierce.

Mr. Matson reported a grant was submitted to FDOT as a regional grant request and it was being considered at this time with an answer coming within the next couple of weeks.

Status Report on Schumann Drive/Barber Street Intersection Project

Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director, distributed a memorandum dated March 14, 2008 to the Board of County Commissioners through County Administrator Joe Baird basically authorizing Amendment #4 to the County's contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of 66th Avenue and County Road 510.

Mr. Davis continued Amendment #4 added the Schumann Drive/Barber Street intersection for design which included survey, right-of-way maps and geotechnical soil information, the design, and permitting for the intersection. He added since March 2008 when the amendment was begun, the survey work had

been completed in the field and the engineer was drawing up the right-of-way maps at this time. Mr. Davis anticipated the design and permitting would wrap up in late 2009 and construction was hoped to begin in May 2010.

Funding sources for this project were discussed.

Consideration of Correspondence from Martin County MPO Chairman

Mr. Matson related correspondence dated May 20, 2008 from Martin County MPO Chairman, Mr. Michael DiTerlizzi, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office, was reviewed and requested any comments or questions from the members. Mr. Matson explained the letter was notifying both the St. Lucie MPO and Indian River County MPO policy boards of their intent to develop a scope of services for consulting services to update its Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Development of the scope would be coordinated with the St. Lucie and Indian River County MPO's and each of these other agencies would be discussed in the plan. There were no comments or questions from the members.

Other Business

Chairman O'Bryan pointed out the summary sheets enclosed in the agenda, and on file in the Commission Office, of the SR 60 improvements. Mr. Matson had provided a brief summary that was easily interpreted for review.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Next Meeting

Mr. Matson reminded members the August 13, 2008 meeting was cancelled and the next MPO meeting would be held September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.