

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

Present were: Chairman **Peter O'Bryan, Wesley Davis, Joe Flescher** and **Gary Wheeler**, Commissioners, IRC; **Ken Daige** and **Bill Fish (Alternate)**, Councilmembers, City of Vero Beach; **Sal Neglia (Alternate)**, Council Member, City of Sebastian; **David Becker**, Councilman, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams**, Councilwoman, City of Fellsmere; **Debbie MacKay**, IRC School Board; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid, and **Andrew Riddle**, FDOT District 4 Non-voting member.

Absent were **Sandra Bowden**, Commissioner, IRC; **Al Paternoster** and **Dale Simchick**, Council Members, City of Sebastian; and **Sabin Abell**, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach (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 and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Others present were: Jim Granse and Suzanne Franzke, Interested Citizens; Joseph DeFronzo, Erdman Anthony; Monte Falls, Public Works Director, City of Vero Beach; Tamara Christion, Federal Highway Commission and Alexander Bradley, Student.

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 July 9, 2008 (10:03:13)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Councilwoman Adams, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the minutes of July 9, 2008, as presented.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, reported the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on August 22, 2008 and was presented the items the MPO will be considering today, namely the IRC Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Evaluation Report and the Priority Projects Report. He continued the TAC unanimously approved the Priority Projects Report, and the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) subsequently approved the report on September 2, 2008.

Review of the MPO Certification Statement (10:04:42)

Mr. Matson related on an annual basis, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and IRC MPO conduct a joint certification review of the MPO's transportation planning process to ensure that the MPO is adhering to all applicable laws and regulations. The MPO and FDOT staff met to conduct the 2008 certification review. Subsequently, FDOT approved the MPO certification statement and checklist and finalized the MPO certification process.

Mr. Matson stated this was on the agenda for informational purposes only, and required no action to be taken by the committee. Chairman O'Bryan noted the MPO staff certainly deserved kudos for their work.

Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #4 for the 2008 Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Planning Grant (10:08:04)

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated August 28, 2008 and explained as part of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant, it is required the contract between the MPO in the capacity 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 has prepared a progress report and invoice for the period from April 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008 for \$378.78.

Consideration of the MPO's 2008 Priority Projects Report (10:08:11)

Mr. Matson gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He explained the report identifies new projects for inclusion in the fifth year of upcoming FDOT's Annual Work Program; lists the MPO's Annual Transportation Priorities for highways, congestion management

process projects, enhancement projects, transit projects, and aviation projects; and is submitted to FDOT each September.

Mr. Matson reviewed the 2008 Highway Priorities as follows:

SIS Highways – Serves an interstate or inter-regional function

- Oslo Road Interchange at Interstate 95

Regional Highways

- Connects major population/activity centers
- Funded through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program
- Regional Projects from Long Range Transportation Planning Prioritized and adopted by MPO Treasure Coast Transportation Council
- 50% funded with local funds
- \$1,925,000 allocated for 3 MPOs for FY 2009/2010
 - 66th Avenue, 4 laning from SR 60 to CR 510
 - CR 510, 4-laning from CR 512 to US 1

Other Highways – Non-SIS and Non-Regional

- US 1, 6-laning from Oslo Road to Highlands Drive
- US 1, 6-laning from the St. Lucie County Line to Highlands Drive
- 82nd Avenue, 2-laning from 26th Street to CR 510

Mr. Matson went over the 2008 Congestion Management Process priorities as follows:

- Reduce congestion in Sebastian (removal of Fleming Street from the Long Range Transportation Plan)
 - Schumann Drive and Barber Street intersection
 - One additional westbound departure lane on Barber Street
 - One additional northbound left-turn lane to create dual northbound left-turn lanes.
 - A dedicated right-turn lane on all approaches.
 - Extend northbound left turn lane on Schumann Drive at Barber Street (to 400 feet).
 - Include maintenance of traffic plan that provides adequate capacity.
 - FDOT investigating this as a priority.

- Cost – approximately \$3 million, will require multiple years of Congestion Management Program funding.

2008 Enhancement Prioritization

- Non-motorized Transportation to destinations – 15%
- Connecting to a network/system – 20%
- Quality of Life to residents and businesses – 15%
- Multiple Uses of trails – 10%
- Stakeholder Support – 20%
- Cost – 10%
- Readiness for Design and Construction – 10%

2008 Enhancement Priorities

1. Trans-Florida Railroad Corridor (Score 93)
 - Sebastian River to Blue Cypress Conservation
 - Parallel to CR 512
 - Publicly owned right-of-way
 - Paved surface trail
 - 12 miles, estimated cost \$4.8 million
 - From North County Park to 104th Avenue, 1 mile, \$0.5 million
2. South Sebastian Corridor (Score 83)
 - Barber Street to CR 512
 - Sebastian/IRC owned right-of-way
 - 4 miles, paved surface trail, estimated cost \$1.84 million
 - Barber Street to Kildare Drive, 1.75 miles, \$0.8 million
3. Airport Look Trail (Score 77.29)
 - Around Vero Beach Municipal Airport
 - Right-of-way owned by Florida East Coast Railroad, Indian River Farms Water Control District and the City of Vero Beach
 - 10-foot shared-use path, 6.6 miles
 - Aviation Boulevard from US 1 to 43rd Avenue, 1.5 miles, \$1 million

2008 Transit Priorities

- Transit Development Plan (5 years)

| Ranking | Project | Unit Cost | Funding Source |
|----------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Expand weekday hours of service (8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) | \$126,846/year | 75% State/Federal |
| 2 | Provide service between South Beach Park, Humiston Park and Sexton Plaza | \$89,262/year | 75% State/Federal |
| 3 | Provide service from Pocahontas Park to Sexton Plaza on 17 th Street | \$89,262/year | 75% State/Federal |
| 4 | Adopt 30-minute headways on Routes 1 and 2. | \$123,016/year | 75% State/Federal |
| 5 | Construct a facility for operations, administration, and secured vehicle storage. | \$4,000,000 | 100% Federal |

2008 Aviation Priorities

- 2 General Aviation Airports
- Joint Automated Capital Improvements Program

Vero Beach Municipal Airport Priority Projects

| Ranking | Project |
|---------|---|
| 1 | Airport Security Improvements – Phase 2 |
| 2 | Enhanced Taxiway Markings |
| 3 | Rehabilitate Taxiway F |
| 4 | Rehabilitate Taxiway B |
| 5 | Alternative Energy Project |
| 6 | Construct Operations Facility |
| 7 | Rehabilitate Runway 4/22 |
| 8 | Construct Taxiway B Extension |
| 9 | Access Road Improvements |
| 10 | Extend Taxiway E East of Runway 4 |

Sebastian Airport Priority Projects

| Ranking | Project |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Construct Access Road |
| 2 | Planning/Engineering for construction and/or rehabilitation of Taxiways, Taxilanes, and Apron F. |
| 3 | Stormwater Master Plan Update – East Basins. |
| 4 | Construct Commercial “Lease” Hanger |
| 5 | Acquire Loader/Excavator and other maintenance equipment. |
| 6 | Airport Layout Plan – Update (completion in Fall 2008) |
| 7 | Construct Corporate Hangars (2009) |

Councilmember Daige asked if the hours of operation for the public transit could be increased, including weekends. Mr. Matson responded it would be changed by next month to a 12-hour workday, including at least Saturday.

Chairman O’Bryan briefly went through the priority list presented and asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Wheeler opined 82nd Avenue should be 2-laned from 26th Street to CR 510.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler,
SECONDED BY Councilmember Daige, the
members voted unanimously (10-0) to leave 82nd
Avenue on the Priority Plan for now, but will be
reviewed at a later date to look at alternative routes.**

Discussion was held regarding enhancement prioritization and IRC Greenways ratings.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Daige, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to change the 2008 Priority Transit Project hours of operation for public transportation to 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and include Saturday operation. (10:41:41)

Chairman O'Bryan asked for a motion to send a recommendation on to the BCC.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flesher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2008 Priority Projects Report as amended. (10:42:24)

Consideration of the Draft Evaluation Appraisal Report of the County's Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element

Mr. Matson reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He reported Florida State law requires local planning be a continuous and ongoing process. As part of this process, each local government in the state must periodically assess the success or failure of its comprehensive plan, address changing conditions, and update its plan to reflect changes in state policy on planning and growth management. In Florida, those activities are undertaken as part of the local government's evaluation and appraisal report process. As part of its Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), each local government must also identify major unresolved issues in its jurisdiction. Based on its EAR assessment, a local government must then update and revise its comprehensive plan to ensure that the plan continues to provide sufficient guidance for the local government to make appropriate land development decisions.

Mr. Matson briefly presented the 13 objectives rated in the Transportation element and discussion was held regarding school traffic, landscaping of medians, bicycle lanes, gas tax, and sidewalks.

Chairman O'Bryan noted there was a new policy added for a formal traffic operations subcommittee. Commissioner Davis offered to serve on this committee.

Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director, passed around pictures of CR 512 Phase 3 Final Construction, copies of which are on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Jim Granse, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about 26th Street between 43rd and 58th Avenues. Mr. Davis explained the current situation as having a lot of right-of-way restrictions and the Indian River Farms Water Management District canal easement which does not provide a lot of room for improvements. Commissioner Wheeler agreed 26th Street needed to be widened. He thought the matter should be brought before the BCC on a future agenda.

Commissioner Wheeler left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Councilman Becker left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Bob Keating, IRC Community Development Director, announced the Planning and Zoning Commission was having a workshop on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to review the information being brought forward today.

Quarterly Status Report of MPO Activities

There were no comments or changes.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Suzanne Franzke stated she enjoyed the meeting and thanked those present who provided a well run, energetic and informational meeting.

Next Meeting

The next MPO meeting will be held October 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B1-501.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.