

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 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**, and **Joe Flescher** Commissioners, IRC; **Ken Daige** and **Sabin Abell**, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach; **David Becker**, Councilman, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams**, Councilwoman, City of Fellsmere; **Debbie MacKay**, IRC School Board; **Al Paternoster** and **Dale Simchick**, Council Members, City of Sebastian, **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid, and **Andrew Riddle**, and **Min-Tang Li**, FDOT District 4 Non-voting members.

Absent were **Gary Wheeler** and **Sandra Bowden**, Commissioners, IRC (both 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, MPO Planner, Sharon Shalm, MPO Staff Assistant and Misty L. Horton, Commissioner Assistant, District 1.

Others present were: Rob Gregg, Center for Urban Transportation Research; Jim Granse, Joseph DeFronzo, and Erdman Anthony, Interested Citizens; Patsy Hernaan, Indian River County School District; Karen Deigle, Senior Resource Association; Michael Colucci, Corradino Group; Karen deGuzman, URS Corp.; and Claudia Dewitt, VMS, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then asked those present to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2008 (10:04:05)

ON MOTION by Council Member Paternoster, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the minutes of September 10, 2008, as presented.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, reported the status of MPO Advisory Committees as indicated in his memorandum dated September 25, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson pointed out the Safe Walk to School Study for Thompson Elementary School was not a time sensitive study, with a required state deadline and requested Agenda Item No. 7 be deferred to the next MPO meeting, providing additional time to react to recent events in the Oslo Corridor.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Councilwoman Adams, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve deferring the review of the draft report and presentation of Safe Walk to School Study for Thompson Elementary School with a review of the scope of services towards prevention measures regarding the recent student fatality on Oslo Road to the next meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization on November 12, 2008. (10:05:30)

Review of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Final Report and Presentation

Mr. Matson related the information contained in his memorandum dated September 26, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Rob Gregg, Center for Urban Transportation Research, who briefly highlighted a PowerPoint of the Transit Development Plan, Consideration for MPO Endorsement, A Strategic Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Discussions ensued regarding the GoLine On-Board Survey and possible minor amendments to improve service routes to include door-to-door medical shuttles in Barefoot Bay, fixed routes in Fellsmere and west of Interstate 95 to the Vero Beach Outlet Malls.

The Committee also discussed possible corporate partnership investments regarding bus routing.

ON MOTION BY Councilwoman Adams, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, to amend the Transit Development Plan by moving up the Fellsmere improvements from Fiscal Year 2016 to 2013. (11:11:00)

UNDER DISCUSSION Ms. Diegl responded to Mr. Abell's inquiry about multi-lingual bus drivers for Fellsmere with affirmation there are multi-lingual bus drivers and new maps were expected to come out in Spanish as well.

Mr. Matson affirmed Mr. Paternoster's inquiry regarding contributions from Sebastian assisting with the Fellsmere improvements, in turn would amplify any state and federal matches. He further confirmed the possible availability of Community Development Block Grant monies.

Chairman O'Bryan requested this matter being brought back to this committee at later dates for minor amendments as to the fixed routes of Fellsmere and Outlet Mall improvement situations changes.

Mr. Abell stated he was pleased to see budgeting for shelters and would like to be involved in any contribution for design features. He mentioned interest from the American Cancer Society and the possibility of grant monies.

SUPERCEDING THE PREVIOUS MOTION: A SUBSEQUENT MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to adopt the Transit Development Plan to include the amendment to move up the Fellsmere improvements from Fiscal Year 2016 to 2013. (11:26:28)

Request to Adopt a new MPO Federal Highway Planning Fund (PL) Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated October 1, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He mentioned FDOT would like to amend the agreement to incorporate new audit provisions applying to expenditures in excess of \$500,000 per year.

ON MOTION BY Councilwomen Adams, SECONDED BY Council Member Simchick, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Metropolitan Planning Organization Federal Highway Planning Fund. (11:27:58)

Consideration of CR 609/82nd Avenue Planning and Conceptual Engineering (PACE) Study Consultant Presentation

Mr. Matson briefly summarized his memorandum dated September 25, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He introduced Mike Colucci, Carradino Corp., a consultant for FDOT, who presented a PowerPoint providing potential alignment of St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin Counties via one new emerging corridor, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding feasibility of the proposed routes with respect to an evacuation route, regional highways and the alignments of the other regions considering anticipated growth patterns.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED BY Council Member Simchick, for planning purposes only, to continue evaluating Section F, 90th Avenue and Segment H, 82nd Avenue of the Planning and Conceptual Engineering Study. (12:26:41)

UNDER DISCUSSION Mrs. MacKay opined decisions made should be data driven and support of the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION and the vote was (7-3). Vice Mayor Abell, Commissioner Davis and Councilmember Daige in opposition.

Chairman O'Bryan voiced he would like to have staff bring back as an agenda item the information Councilmember Adams had regarding the proposed MPO action and any information the City of Fellsmere has with relation to same for discussion.

Consideration of the Draft Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2035 Cost Feasible Plan (12:32:52)

Mr. Matson briefly summarized his memorandum dated September 19, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

No action required.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Next Meeting

The next MPO meeting will be held November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B1-501.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.