

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, in the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Building B, Room B1-501, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were: Chairman **Peter O'Bryan, Joe Flescher, Wesley Davis** (arrived at 10:05 a.m.) and **Gary Wheeler**, Commissioners, IRC; Vice Chairman **Debbie MacKay** (arrived at 10:07 a.m.), IRC School Board; **Sabin Abell**, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach; **Frannie Atchison**, Councilmember, Town of Indian River Shores; **Susan Adams**, Mayor, City of Fellsmere; **Don Wright** and **Richard Gillmor** (arrived at 10:08 a.m.), Council Members, City of Sebastian; **Richard Dunlop**, Councilman, Non-voting member, Town of Orchid; and **Jeremy Mulling**, Non-voting member, FDOT, District 4.

Absent was: **Bob Solari**, Commissioner, IRC; and **Mayor Kevin Sawnick**, City of Vero Beach Councilmember (both excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director; Brian Freeman, MPO Planner; Bob Keating, Community Development Director, Chris Mora, Public Works Director; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Others present were: Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; Jerry O'Reilly, Stacy Miller, and Antoinette Adams, FDOT; Karen Diegl, Senior Resource Association; and Steve Smith, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present. The members all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2009 MPO meeting

**ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher,
SECONDED by Councilmember Atchison, the
members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the
minutes of November 4, 2009 as presented.**

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees – No Action Required

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director, reviewed his memorandum dated December 1, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #1 for the 2009/10 Planning Grant – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson related as part of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant contract between the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) 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 had prepared a progress report and invoice for the period from July 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009. This report and invoice are on file in the Commission Office.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler,
SECONDED BY Councilmember Atchison, the
members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve
Invoice #1 for the 2009/10 Planning Grant as
submitted.**

Commissioner Davis arrived at 10:05 a.m., Mrs. MacKay arrived at 10:07 a.m., and Mayor Gillmor arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Request to Approve Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation Report for FY 2008-09 – *Action Required*

Mr. Matson explained on an annual basis, the county's Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) and the MPO must evaluate the performance of the county Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). Recently, the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board completed its performance evaluation of the Senior Resource Association (SRA), the county's CTC, and recommended that the MPO retain the SRA as the county's CTC. Staff recommended the MPO approve the CTC annual evaluation report, retain the Senior Resource Association as the county's CTC, and direct staff to forward the report to the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Commissioner Flescher, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Community Transportation Coordinator's annual evaluation report, and retain the Senior Resource Association as the county's Community Transportation Coordinator.

Ms. Karen Diegl, Executive Director, Senior Resource Association, thanked the MPO for their confidence.

Request to Enter Into A Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement (SJPA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Barefoot Bay Service – Action Required

Mr. Matson recapped for the past several years, the MPO had applied for and received state mass transit capital and operating assistance under the FDOT Corridor Grant program. In 2007, the IRC MPO was approved for an FDOT Corridor Grant in the amount of \$672,856 over a four-year period. These funds must be used by June 30, 2011. Corridor development funds may be used for improving transit operations, such as realigning routes or increasing coverage areas. In this case, the funds have been used to provide service between IRC and Barefoot Bay in southern Brevard County.

For Fiscal Year 2009/10, \$149,760 was allocated to the MPO. Although the Joint Participating Agreement was approved in 2007, the MPO now must enter into a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement (SJPA) with FDOT in order to receive the funds for FY 2009/10. In addition, endorsement of the attached SJPA will enable FDOT to allocate money on an annual basis through 2011 without the need for future agreements.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Commissioner Davis, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the Public Transportation Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement and adopt the resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

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

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety and measures that could be implemented to improve the statistics.

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

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Jerry O’Reilly, Director of Transportation Development, and Ms. Stacy Miller, Director of Planning and Programming Engineer, FDOT. Mr. O’Reilly 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 Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY Mayor Gillmor, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the 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.

Quarterly Status Report of MPO Staff Activities – *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson reviewed the Quarterly Status Report for July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Other Business

Mayor Adams inquired about the status of asking the IRC School District for a sidewalk study for Fellsmere Elementary School concerning the Safe Walks to School Program. Mr. Matson responded there had been some discussion of doing the next sidewalk study at Oslo Middle School, but he offered to contact Susan Olson, School Board Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, and again request a sidewalk study be conducted for Fellsmere Elementary School.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.