

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, conducted and hosted in County Administration Building “B”, Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida with the option for Zoom.

**Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at
<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/CAC/2022.htm>**

CAC Members Present:

Chair Juliana Young, BCC Appointee
Erica Ogilvie, BCC Appointee
Joan Edwards, City of Vero Beach Appointee
Nancy Auwaerter, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee
Clarence Korke, City of Fellsmere Appointee
Bruce Hoffman, City of Sebastian Appointee
Deryl Seemayer, City of Sebastian Appointee
William Lundy Parden, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee
Francine McElhenny, BCC Appointee
Freddie Woolfork, Minority Appointee
Michael Marsh, IRC School Board Appointee, (alternate)

CAC Members Absent:

Vice Chairman Chuck Mechling, BCC Appointee
Mike Grim, BCC Appointee
Herb Whittall, City of Vero Beach Appointee

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Jim Mann, MPO Senior Planner
Jon Howard, MPO Senior Planner
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Amber Cerda, (alternate), City of Sebastian

Call to Order

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

It was noted an in-person quorum was present.

Election of Officers.

Action Required

ON MOTION by Mr. Hoffman, SECONDED by Mr. Seemayer, the members voted (9-0) to re-elect Juliana Young as Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee for 2022.

ON MOTION by Mr. Hoffman, SECONDED by Mr. Seemayer, the members voted (9-0) to re-elect Chuck Mechling as Vice Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee for 2022.

Ms. Ogilvie entered @ 2:03 PM

Mr. Woolfork entered @ 2:04 PM

Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2021 Meeting.

Action Required

Chair Young asked if there were any additions or corrections to the CAC Meeting minutes of December 7, 2021. There were none.

ON MOTION by Ms. Auwaerter and SECONDED by Mr. Marsh, the members voted (11-0) to approve the October 19, 2021 Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Adoption of MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Jim Mann who conducted the presentation on the MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Mann started his presentation by stating that FDOT has changed their phrase from Vision Zero to Target Zero. The deadline for approval is February 27, 2022.

Ms. Edwards asked if these figures represent railroad deaths, Mr. Mann stated he would look into suicide factors at railroads and see if there is any data available.

Mr. Woolfork asked if it was possible to see what other areas are doing and adopt those practices, if they are working to lower the numbers.

Mr. Mann referred to the map showing the “Sun Belt” states, noting they are higher with fatalities due to their walkable year round weather.

ON MOTION by Mr. Hoffman and SECONDED by Mr. Woolfork, the members voted (11-0) to recommend approval of the MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets, a Vision of Target Zero, as presented.

Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments.

Action Requested

Mr. Freeman introduced this item stating there are just minor adjustments requested by FDOT. The amendment reflects the funding two local non-profit organizations received for transportation assistance through the Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2021 (CRRSAA). The two agencies were the Senior Resource Association and the ARC.

Chair Young asked if this would be a one-time deal and Mr. Freeman responded yes.

Chair Young opened the floor for additional comments from the board.

There being no further comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Marsh and SECONDED by Ms. Ogilvie, the members voted (11-0) to recommend approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments, as presented.

Discussion of the Draft FY 2022/23 – 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman, MPO Staff Director, gave a brief overview explaining the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and provided a short power point presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Freeman explained the UPWP is required by state and federal regulations and covers a two-year period. All planning activities are organized into tasks. Federal funding is received through grants as well as state and local sources.

The new UPWP will consolidate tasks, going from twelve to seven, which simplifies the

UPWP's organization. Mr. Freeman highlighted the planned activities in each of the seven tasks.

Mr. Freeman asked if there were any questions. Mr. Marsh wanted to comment as far as public outreach, United Against Poverty will be hosting an event in March if we would like to set up a table there, as it would be an opportunity to promote upcoming MPO events. Mr. Freeman asked Mr. Marsh to send us the information and we will see what we can do. Chair Young thought it would be a good resource to inform the community of the transportation services available.

Chair Young asked when this is presented again if the changes could be highlighted so it is easier to know what has changed. Also, if you could show how Indian River fits in compared to St. Lucie and Martin County that would be helpful.

Chair Young opened the floor for additional comments from the board.

This item is for informational purposes only, no action is required.

Update on Census Urban Areas.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman provided information on what urban areas are and the role the MPO plays in this process as the transportation planning agency for the Sebastian-Vero Beach urbanized area. The Census Bureau has not yet released the 2020 boundary and population data for urban areas, it has provided information on changes to its methodology for designating urban areas for 2020.

Chair Young asked if changing these boundaries would impact who gets more funding. Mr. Freeman replied, yes, it definitely plays a role in the disbursement of funding.

Ms. Cerda departed @ 2:42 PM

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated January 24, 2022, which is included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office. He also noted the next meeting dates for the MPO and its advisory committees.

Chair Young asked if a final design has been decided yet on the Sebastian Inlet Bridge replacement project. Mr. Freeman stated the exact alignment of the bridge hasn't been determined yet. The basic layout will be a two-lane bridge, with eight-foot paved shoulders for bike lanes, and twelve-foot barrier separated multi-use paths on each side of the bridge. During

the construction of the new bridge, two-way traffic will be maintained.

Chair Young asked what the status was on the repairs of the 17th Street Bridge. Mr. Freeman stated there is a new contractor who is scheduled to start mobilization within the next week.

Chair Young also inquired as to the 43rd Street/SR 60 project completion date and if there will be any penalties assessed for the length of time this project has taken. Mr. Freeman stated he would check with the Public Works Department. In addition, a while back it was discussed that once the improvements on 43rd were completed, there would be some improvements on Aviation and 26th, is that still going to happen. Mr. Freeman replied that it would happen once the 43rd project is completed.

Ms. Auwaerter asked if there is any news on the resurfacing project on A1A. Mr. Freeman stated he would look into that and get an update. Ms. Edwards added there is a pothole south of Riomar, north of the 17th Street Bridge on A1A has not been fixed yet.

Other Business.

There was none.

Comments from the Public.

Mr. Marsh mentioned on February 14th, a non-profit he works with called “Team Success” will be going out to the Indian River County School District’s main transportation hub and deliver food around 7:45 am. There will be over 150 members of the transportation staff that will be fed and shown appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Any employees with 20 years or more of service will also be recognized.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.