METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A joint meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Advisory Committee (MPOBAC) was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, in the County Administration Building “B”, Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/MPO/2016.htm

MPO members present were: Chairman Bob McPartlan, Council Member, City of Sebastian; IRC Commissioners: Commissioner Wesley Davis, District 1; Commissioner Joseph Flescher, District 2; Commissioner Tim Zorc, District 3; Commissioner Peter O’Bryan, District 4; Commissioner Bob Solar, District 5; Pilar Turner, Council Member, City of Vero Beach; Shawn Frost, IRC School Board; Andrea Coy, Council Member, City of Sebastian; Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere; Dick Haverland, Council Member, Town of Indian River Shores; Randy Old (alternate), Council Member, City of Vero Beach; and Yanique Kelly, and Lisa Dykstra, FDOT (non-voting advisors).

Absent was: Jay Kramer, Mayor, City of Vero Beach; Hal Ofstie, Town of Orchid.

MPOBAC members present were: Chairman Terry Goff, City of Vero Beach Representative; Vice Chairman George Sharpe, Town of Indian River Shores Representative; Christy Northfield, IRC Representative; Chief Keith Touchberry, City of Fellsmere Representative; and Philip Young, Town of Orchid Representative.

MPOBAC members absent were: Chris McCarthy, City of Sebastian Representative

IRC staff present were: Dylan Reingold, IRC Attorney; Stan Boling, IRC Community Development Department Director; Chris Mora, IRC Public Works; Kimberly Graham, IRC Traffic Engineer; Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director; Brian Freeman, MPO Senior Planner; and Sharon Schalm, MPO Staff Assistant/Recording Secretary.

Also present were: Billy Hattaway, Secretary FDOT District 1; Alexander Barr, Dan Hidren, FDOT; Julianne Price, IR Dept. of Health; Amy Banov, Bike Walk Indian River County, Inc.; Sharon LaPoint, Michael Bernard, Jack Courtemanche, Bridget Hyslop, Blair Condon, Tad Diesel, Dave Hunger, Herbert Boehme, Don Mahoney, David Ederer, Vero Cycling; Marcia Anderson, IRCSD Transportation; Freddie Woolfork, Herb Whittall, CAC members; and Richard Bialosky, Kelechi Nwosu, Ken Daige, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order

Chairman McPartlan (MPO) and Chairman Goff (BAC) called the meeting to order at
10:05 AM at which time it was determined a quorum was present for the MPO and BAC.

BAC Annual Election of Officers
Action Required

Chairman Goff asked for nominations for 2016 BAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

ON MOTION by Terry Goff, SECONDED by Chief Touchberry, the members voted (5-0) to elect George Sharpe as Chairman of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) for 2016.

ON MOTION by George Sharpe, SECONDED by Christy Northfield, the members voted (5-0) to elect Phil Young as Vice Chairman of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) for 2016.

Approval of Minutes of the MPO Meeting of February 10, 2016
Action Required

Chairman McPartlan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPO minutes of February 10, 2016. There were none.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted (12–0) to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of February 10, 2016 as presented.

Approval of Minutes of the BAC Meeting of October 27, 2015
Action Required

Chairman Goff asked if there were any additions or corrections to the BAC minutes of October 27, 2015. There were none.

ON MOTION BY Terry Goff, SECONDED by Phil Young, the members voted (5–0) to approve the minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee of October 27, 2015 as presented.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees
No Action Required

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum, dated February 29, 2016, included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office.
Review of Progress Report & Reimbursement Invoice #2 for the 2015/16 Planning Grant
Action Required

Mr. Matson referred to his memorandum dated March 1, 2016, a copy of which is included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted (12–0) to approve the Progress Report & Reimbursement Invoice #2 for the 2015/16 Planning Grant as presented.

Discussion of All Aboard Florida Passenger Rail Initiative
No Action Required

Mr. Matson referred to his memorandum dated February 29, 2016 included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office. He introduced County Attorney Dylan Reingold who gave a brief update on All Aboard Florida, noting that the 90% plans have not yet been received.

Presentation by Billy Hattaway, FDOT District One Secretary
No Action Required

Mr. Matson gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is in the MPO office, concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety in Indian River County. He noted that the MPO, through a Safe Routes to School grant, had trained all 3rd through 5th grade students in IRCO elementary schools, in bike safety, beginning in 2011. Mr. Matson also spoke about complete streets and road design.

Commissioner Solari spoke about the Bike Rehab Program initiative that is supplying bicycles to those less fortunate who are not able to afford a bicycle. Commissioner Davis noted that the County Surplus sale usually has an abundance of bicycles that might be obtained for the program.

Mr. Matson introduced Ms. Sharon LaPointe, Board member of the Bike Walk Indian River County, Inc., and a League Certified Instructor (LCI) for the League of American Bicyclists. She spoke about Vero Cycling, bike safety, and introduced Tad Diesel who oversees the new rider classes. He spoke about the Adorno family and the Kevin Adorno memorial ride and thanked those who had participated.

(Vice-Chairman Solari presided over the meeting when Chairman Partlan departed at 11:18 AM)

Mr. Matson introduced Amy Banov, Bike Walk Indian River County, Inc. who introduced special guest speaker, FDOT District 1 Secretary Hattaway. Secretary Hattaway gave a Power
Point presentation, a copy of which is on file in the MPO office.

Secretary Hattaway addressed the issue of bicycle and pedestrian safety and noted that there needs to be a comprehensive approach. He stated that there is a need to change the way we design and engineer our roads, and at the same time, we have to improve our education efforts, and clarify our traffic laws. Secretary Hattaway spoke about creating Roundabouts as part of the solution and presented several examples.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Davis requested that the 92nd Court access gate be opened at the Sebastian High School to create a safer route for students to walk home. School Board Member Shawn Frost noted that he would look into it.

**Comments from the Public**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.