

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (MPOTAC) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008, in Conference Room "B1-501" in Building B of the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: Chairman Robert Keating, IRC Community Development Director; James Davis, IRC Public Works Director; Chris Mora IRC Assistant Public Works Director; Jason Brown (arrived at 10:26 a.m.), IRC Office of Management and Budget Director; Sergeant James Stewart, IRC Sheriff's Department; Karen Wood, Community Transportation Coordinator, Senior Resource Association; Monte Falls, Public Works and Engineering Director, City of Vero Beach; Tim McGarry, Planning Director, City of Vero Beach; Eric Menger, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; Rebecca Grohall, Growth Management Director City of Sebastian; Joseph Griffin, Sebastian Airport Director; Jason Nunemaker, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; Chong Wong (Alternate), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and Lieutenant Robert Stabe, Alternate, Town of Indian River Shores.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; and Maria Resto, Commissioner Assistant, District 2. Others Present: Gregory S. Kyle, Kimley- Horn and Associates, Inc.

Absent were: Wanda Parker-Garvin, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDOEP); Dave Fischer, Engineer, City of Sebastian; and Ruth Freeman- Wheeler, IRC School Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Keating called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Annual Election of Officers

**ON MOTION by Mr. Davis, SECONDED by Mr. Monte,
the members voted unanimously (14-0) to elect Mr.
Nunemaker as Chairman of the MPO Technical
Advisory Committee for 2008.**

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Davis, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to elect Mr. Mora as Vice-Chairman of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee for 2008.

Approval of Minutes (10:16)

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Monte, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007 as presented.

Appointment of Member to the Treasure Coast Transportation Council Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, referred to the memorandum dated February 13, 2008, a copy of which is on file at the Commission Office. He related the creation of a Regional Advisory Committee was one of the strategies contained in the Treasure Coast Transportation Plan.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Menger, SECONDED BY Mr. Keating, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to elect Mr. Monte to the Regional Advisory Committee.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Davis, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to elect Mr. Mora as an alternate to the Regional Advisory Committee.

Consideration of Aviation Boulevard Extension (US 1- Indian River Boulevard) (10:19)

Mr. Matson reviewed the information contained in a memorandum dated February 11, 2008. He explained a study was performed by Kimley-Horn and Associates to determine whether the proposed extension of Aviation Boulevard between US 1 and Indian River Blvd was feasible and to identify a preferred alignment for the new road. Mr. Matson noted Phase I study identified several alternative alignments but none of them were cost feasible.

Mr. Matson turned the presentation to Gregory Kyle, AICP, Kimley-Horn and Associates. Mr. Kyle summarized the findings of Phase I study and explained the objective of the Phase II study was to evaluate the alternatives proposed by a group of local citizens. He related the alternative alignments and typical section developed in the "citizen's report" were evaluated based on the design requirements for the facility. Mr. Kyle explained three alternative alignments were identified with design speeds of 40 mph, 35 mph, and 30 mph, respectively. He noted all three alternatives would have community impacts and explained alternative 1 and 3 were deemed to be unsafe to accommodate the speed of vehicles entering the curve immediately to the west of IR Blvd. Mr. Kyle concluded that based on the results a feasible alignment did not exist for the Aviation Blvd. Extension.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Nunemaker, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to consider the staff-consultant presentation and recommend that the MPO direct staff to coordinate with local stakeholders on a future roadway alignment. (10:34)

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson explained the CAC met on December 7, 2007 and unanimously approved the 2008/09 – 2012/13 FDOT Five Year Tentative Work Program. He added that on December 12, 2007 the MPO met to discuss the work program as well and after considering the comments from FDOT and the recommendations from CAC and TAC the program was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.