

**JOINT MEETING OF
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPOTAC) AND THE
MPO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPOCAC)**

A joint meeting of the MPOCAC and the MPOTAC was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2008, in the County Administration Building "B", Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

MPOCAC members present were Chairman **Juliana Young**, IRC Appointee; **Clarence Korker**, City of Fellsmere Appointee; **Charles Vogt**, City of Vero Beach Appointee; **Donald Wright** and **Deryl Seemayer**, City of Sebastian Appointees; **John Warner**, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; **Michael Durwin**, School Board Appointee; **Herb Whittall**, City of Vero Beach Appointee; **Roger Sherwood**, **Richard Woodard** and **Robert Johnson**, IRC Appointees; **Freddie Woolfork**, Minority Appointee; and **William Lundy Parden**, Transportation Disadvantaged Appointee.

Absent was **Walter Wright**, IRC Appointee, (excused).

MPOTAC members present were: Chairman **Robert Keating**, Indian River County (IRC) Community Development Director; **James Davis**, IRC Public Works Director; **Chris Mora**, IRC Assistant Public Works Director; **Jason Brown**, IRC Office of Management and Budget Director; **Monte Falls**, Public Works and Engineering Director and **Tim McGarry**, Planning Director, City of Vero Beach; **Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Karen Wood**, Senior Resource Association; **Ruth Wheeler**, IRC School District; and **Dr. Min-Tang Li**, Alternate for Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 4.

Absent were **Sergeant James Stewart**, IRC Sheriff's Department; **Deb Branwell**, Town Manager, Town of Orchid; **Rebecca Grohall**, Growth Management Director, City of Sebastian; **Joseph Griffin**, Airport Director, Sebastian Municipal Airport; **Eric Menger**, Airport Director, City of Vero Beach; **Jerry Converse**, City Engineer, City of Sebastian; **Wanda Parker-Garvin**, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; **Lois Bush**, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 4; and **William Schauman**, Public Safety Director, Town of Indian River Shores (all excused).

Also present were IRC Staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director, and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3. Others Present: Karen Diegl, Director, Senior Resource Center; Jim Granse, Interested Citizen; Stewart

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Robertson, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Mike Ciscar and Mike Colucci, Corradino Group; Mark Weber and Rob Gregg, Stanley Consulting Group.

Call to Order

MPOTAC Chairman Nunemaker called the joint meeting to order, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of the MPOTAC Meeting of March 28, 2008

Chairman Nunemaker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPOTAC minutes of March 28, 2008. Mr. Whittall, a MPOCAC member, stated he was listed under others in attendance as an interested citizen. He was actually in attendance because he would be missing the MPOCAC meeting on April 1, 2008 and one of the topics being discussed was covered at both meetings. Mr. Whittall requested he be identified as a MPOCAC member. Mr. McGarry stated he was not listed at all, and he was absent from the meeting.

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Falls, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee of March 28, 2008 as amended.

Approval of Minutes of the MPOCAC Meeting of April 1, 2008

MPOCAC Chairman Young asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPOCAC minutes of April 1, 2008. There were none.

ON MOTION by Mr. Whittall, SECONDED by Mr. Sherwood, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee of April 1, 2008 as presented.

MPOTAC Chairman Nunemaker announced staff had asked to move ***Item #5, Consideration of CR 609/82nd Avenue Planning and Conceptual Engineering (PACE) Study*** up on the agenda because the consultants had another presentation to do elsewhere later in the day.

Mr. Brown arrived at 10:10 a.m.

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

Mr. Mike Ciscar, Consulting Team Project Manager, The Corradino Group, explained the project background for the Preliminary and Conceptual Engineering (PACE) Study, and proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Stewart Robertson, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., announced he was a sub-consultant to the Corradino Group on the CR 609 PACE Study and described the right-of-way (ROW) study he had conducted. He continued they wanted to look at ways the corridor could be managed for future consideration of a roadway which included the potential ROW and processes needing to be set up to be able to have the ROW in place to include the facility.

Mr. Robertson reviewed the slide in the PowerPoint presentation which showed estimated ROW costs for various widths. Mr. Keating felt the presentation was overly optimistic with its ROW projections.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the various alignments shown and Dr. Li stated the consultant was hoping to get a preference from those present for the alignments presented. MPOTAC Chairman Nunemaker felt it was premature to ask for the TAC and CAC members to represent their collective municipalities with an opinion. Chairman Nunemaker asked for the PowerPoint presentation to be provided to each of the municipalities.

No Action Required.

Consideration of the 2008/09 – 2009/10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Matson reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He explained the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was the MPO "Planning Budget" which was completed and adopted for a two-year period. Mr. Matson related 95% of the funds received were federal funds and they had to be used for highway planning only. The transit planning funds could be used on some design work and has a little more flexibility.

Mr. Matson announced the activities slated for next year were:

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- Greenways
- Bike/Ped Plan Update
- Corridor Studies
- Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Development
- Regional Traffic Forecast (with Brevard County)
- Planning Assistance for Transit Infrastructure
- Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Appraisal Report (EAR) and EAR-based amendments

Mr. Matson reviewed the UPWP process going forward:

- A draft is prepared, submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Recommendation needed from MPOCAC and TAC today
- MPO will take action on May 14, 2008
- Transmit recommendation to FDOT/FHWA/FTA for final approval
- The UPWP goes into effect July 1, 2008

Mr. Matson asked for a vote from each MPO subcommittee:

MPOCAC:

ON MOTION BY Mr. Johnson, SECONDED BY Mr. Whittall, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the Unified Planning Work Program as presented with changes identified by Mr. Matson.

MPOTAC:

ON MOTION BY Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Falls, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the Unified Planning Work Program as presented with amendments by Mr. Matson.

Mr. Falls, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Li, and Mr. Woolfork left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Review of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update – Draft Technical Memoranda and Consideration of Consultant Presentation

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Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Rob Gregg and Mr. Mark Weber from Stanley Consultants. Mr. Gregg gave a brief overview along with a PowerPoint presentation of the Transit Development Plan (TDP). A copy of the PowerPoint is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Wright inquired about the population figures shown in the report. Mr. Gregg explained the sources used for the information the analysis methods. He added relative density versus absolute numbers were done under FDOT review and the figures in this report were piggybacked on FDOT analysis.

Mr. Gregg asked to poll those present on the following topics regarding public transportation, scoring each with a number between 1 and 5, with 1 being the best:

- Image
- Awareness
- Quality
- Safety
- Frequency
- Span of Service
- Value

He related those were the same questions asked of random people at the Indian River Mall the previous day.

No action required.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson reported the MPOCAC and TAC met jointly April 1, 2008 because of the North County Greenways Plan and provided comments. Both committees recommended approval of the Pedestrian Access Study at Thompson Elementary School.

Mr. Matson continued MPO met on April 9, 2008 and approved both the North County Greenways Plan and Pedestrian Access Study at Thompson Elementary School documents.

No action required.

Other Business

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There was none.

Comments From the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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