

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, November 21, 2008, in Conference Room "A1-A11" in Building "A" of the County Administration Building, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: **Chairman Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Robert Keating**, IRC Community Development Director; **James Davis**, IRC Public Works Director; **Chris Mora**, IRC Assistant Public Works Director; **Ruth Bommarito**, IRC Budget Analyst; **Eric Menger**, Airport Director, **Tim McGarry**, Planning Director, and **Monte Falls**, Public Works and Engineering Director, City of Vero Beach; **Joseph Griffin**, Sebastian Airport Director; **Karen Wood**, Senior Resource Association; **Deb Branwell**, Town Manager, Town of Orchid; **Al Davis**, IRC School Board Transportation; **Andrew Riddle**, **Gustavo Schmidt**, **Antonette Adams**, **Carolyn Geck**, **Stacy Miller** and **Michael DeRosa**, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 4; and **Sergeant Bill Ransom**, Town of Indian River Shores.

Absent were: **George Millar**, Transportation Director, IRC School Board; **Sergeant James Stewart**, IRC Sheriff's Department; **Jason Brown**, IRC Office of Management and Budget Director; **Rebecca Grohall**, Growth Management Director, City of Sebastian; **Lois Bush**, FDOT; **Wanda Parker-Garvin**, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDOEP); and **Jerry Converse**, Engineer, City of Sebastian.

Also present was IRC staff: Phil Matson, MPO Staff Director; Brian Freeman, MPO Planner; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3. Others Present: James Granse, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order

Chairman Nunemaker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the October 31, 2008 MPOTAC meeting

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED by Mr. Menger, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2008 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee as presented.

Mr. Phil Matson, IRC MPO Staff Director, reported IRC staff had recently taken over the visual recording of public meetings and providing footage for the local cable television station, Channel 27. He continued a promotion for GoLine was recorded for showing on Channel 27 explaining the public transportation system. It emphasized the new donation program being put in place on all the buses.

Ms. Karen Wood, Senior Resource Association, showed the new lockboxes being installed in the buses for the contributions.

Presentation of FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14 Draft Tentative Work Program by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Action Required

Mr. Jim Davis arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Mr. Matson explained every year at this time the FDOT reads the IRC Priorities Project Report which was approved by the MPOTAC in September, 2008, included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office, as they consider the Five Year Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Matson related the Five Year Tentative Work Program was FDOT's project programming and financing schedule for transportation projects within the MPO area, and must be developed with consideration of the MPO's 2008 highway, enhancement, congestion management system, transit and aviation priorities.

He introduced Ms. Stacy Miller, FDOT District Management Engineer. Ms. Miller presented the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2009/10 – FY 2013/14. A copy of this document is on file in the Commission Office. Three other items distributed to the members were a map of all the intended construction projects over the draft tentative work period; a Citizen's Plan which was the entire draft tentative work program for IRC; and a status of key projects listing. All of these documents are also on file in the Commission Office.

Ms. Miller reported the FDOT was legislatively mandated to preserve the state highway system and that priority came before capacity improvements. She stated whatever funding was left over after providing for preservation and safety would then go to capacity improvements.

Ms. Miller related their funding came from the federal government and state gas tax revenues. She explained since November, 2006, the FDOT has been receiving less revenue, totaling \$6.5 billion, in the State Transportation

Trust Fund which was basically gas tax revenue. In District 4 alone, \$205 million had been lost. Other areas where funds were lost were as follows:

- \$18 million in public transit area
- Impacts to the strategic intermodal system and the TRIP program
- Sales tax and documentary stamps

Mr. Mora arrived at 10:18 a.m.

Ms. Miller reviewed the Status of Key Projects. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the various funding sources. Ms. Miller pointed out more budgetary cuts were being done today and changes would be made to the documents for the MPO meeting scheduled for December 10, 2008.

Mr. Matson inquired if the funding for a bus scheduled to run between St. Lucie County and Vero Beach would remain on the list. Ms. Miller replied it was still on the list at his time to begin in July, 2009.

Chairman Nunemaker and Mr. Davis left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Mora then continued the meeting.

ON MOTION by Mr. Keating, SECONDED BY Mr. Griffin, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to recommend the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorse the Draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2009/10 through 2013/14 with amendments that may come forth at the December 10, 2008 Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting.

MPO and MPO Advisory Committees 2009 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Matson pointed out the 2009 meeting schedule contained in the agenda packet, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum dated November 4, 2008 in the agenda packet reviewing the status report of the other MPO advisory committees.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.