

**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 AM on Friday, January 25, 2019, 2018 in Conference Room B1-501, Building B, of the County Administration Complex, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

***Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at***  
**<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TAC/2018.htm>**

**MPOTAC** members present were **Chairman Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; : **Monte Falls**, City of Vero Beach Public Works Director; **Jason Jeffries**, City of Vero Beach Planning Department; **Chris Stephenson** (alternate), Senior Resource Association; **Scott Baker**, City of Sebastian Airport Director; **Paul Carlisle**, City of Sebastian Engineering; **Ruth Bommarito** (alternate), IRC Budget; **Rich Szyrka**, IRC Public Works Director; **Stan Boling**, IRC Community Development Director; and **Yanique Kelly**, FDOT (non-voting advisor).

**MPOTAC** members absent were: **Noah Powers**, Town of Orchid Town Manager; **Eric Menger**, City of Vero Beach Airport Director; **Lisa Frazier**, City of Sebastian Community Development Director; **Karen Deigl**, Senior Resource Association; **Jennifer Idlette**, IRC School Board Transportation Director; **Sgt. Christian Mathisen**, IRC Sheriff's Office; **Sgt. Kip Benham**, Town of Indian River Shores; **Kristin Daniels**, IRC Budget; **Veronica Figueroa**, IRC Traffic Engineering.

Also present were IRC Staff: **Phil Matson**, MPO Staff Director; **Brian Freeman**, MPO Senior Planner, **Jim Mann**, MPO Senior Planner, **Sharon Schalm**, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary.

Others present included **John Podczerwinsky**, FDOT.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Nunemaker called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM at which time it was noted that a quorum was present.

**Annual Election of Officers**

**ON MOTION by Mr. Boling, SECONDED by Mr. Szyrka, the members voted (9-0) to re-elect Jason Nunemaker as Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee for 2019.**

**ON MOTION by Mr. Szyrka, SECONDED by Mr. Boling, the members voted (9-0) to re-elect Monte Falls as Vice Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee for 2019.**

**Approval of Minutes of the MPOTAC Meeting of November 30, 2018**

MPOTAC Chairman Nunemaker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPOTAC minutes of November 30, 2018. There were none.

**ON MOTION by Mr. Baker, SECONDED by Mr. Falls, the members voted (9-0) to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee of November 30, 2018.**

**Adoption of MPO Safety Performance Targets**

*Action Required*

Mr. Freeman, MPO Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the MPO office. He explained that FDOT required Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to implement performance and outcome-based planning practices. Mr. Freeman explained that, according to that legislation, States and MPOs are to invest resources in projects to achieve individual targets in strategic areas that collectively will make progress toward national goals. He further explained that Performance targets for one strategic area, Safety, must be adopted by the MPO Board on an annual basis and according to FDOT, this year's deadline for adoption is February 27, 2019.

Mr. Matson noted that the MPO had two options with respect to adoption of Safety Targets: Adopt FDOT safety targets; or develop its own targets. He explained that adopting the state's aspirational targets demonstrated consistency with the majority of MPO's (including those in our area) and with FDOT and MPO Safety Plans.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Szyrka, SECONDED BY Mr. Boling, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend approval of adopting the State's Safety Performance Targets, as presented**

**Aviation Boulevard Extension Update**

*No Action Required*

Mr. Matson gave a power point presentation, a copy of which is located in the MPO office. He noted that 37<sup>th</sup> Street was a vital corridor as it is the primary point of access to the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. He explained that 37<sup>th</sup> Street was approaching capacity and when vested trips are considered, together with existing traffic volumes, 37<sup>th</sup> Street was at

approximately 90% of its adopted level of service. He noted that the widening of 37<sup>th</sup> Street presents a number of challenges, including cost and disruption of hospital and emergency traffic.

Mr. Matson noted that there are three alternatives. He explained that one alternative which had been considered by staff was to develop a new 2-lane roadway connecting the intersection of Aviation Boulevard/US 1 to 37<sup>th</sup> Street at Hugh McCrystal Drive near the west entrance to the hospital, and another new, 2-lane road extending from 37<sup>th</sup> Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

Mr. Matson noted that County and MPO staff met with the Indian River County Hospital District on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and discussed the three alternatives. He explained that, at that time, the District approved the concept and agreed to work with County staff in preparing a draft right-of-way agreement between the District and the County.

#### **Status Report of Other MPO Advisory Committees**

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum, dated January 15, 2019, included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office.

#### **Other Business**

There was none.

#### **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.