

**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 24, 2020 in the County Administration Building "B", Room B1-501, 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/2020.htm>***

**MPOTAC** members present were Chairman **Noah Powers**, Town of Orchid, Manager; Vice-Chairman **Jason Jeffries**, City of Vero Beach, Planning Department; **Eric Menger**, City of Vero Beach, Airport Director; **Chris Stephenson** (alternate), Senior Resource Association; **Nicolas Rojas** (alternate), Planner, City of Fellsmere; **Scott Baker**, City of Sebastian, Airport Director; **Kristin Daniels**, IRC Budget Department; **Ken Griffin**, City of Sebastian, Engineering; **Lt. Mark Buffington** (alternate), IRC Sheriff's Office, Traffic Unit; **Rich Szyrka**, IRC Public Works Director; **Roland DeBlois**, Interim IRC Community Development Director; **Matthew Mitts**, City of Vero Beach, Public Works Director; **Jon Teske**, IRC School Board; and **Mira Skoroden**, FDOT (non-voting advisor).

**MPOTAC** members absent were **Mark Mathes**, City of Fellsmere, City Manager; **Lisa Frazier**, City of Sebastian (**Excused**); **Janie Hollingsworth**, IRC Traffic Engineering; **Undersheriff Jim Harpring**, IRC Sheriff's Office; **Karen Deigl**, Senior Resource Association; **Lt. Al Iovino**, Town of Indian River Shores (**Excused**).

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

Others present included **Christine Fasiska**, **Dan Hiden**, **Gregg Jett**, and **Victoria Williams**, FDOT.

**Call to Order**

MPOTAC Chairman Powers called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at which time it was noted that a quorum was present.

## **Annual Election of Officers**

### *Action Required*

**ON MOTION by Mr. DeBlois, SECONDED by Mr. Mitts, the members voted (12-0) to re-elect Noah Powers as Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee for 2020.**

**ON MOTION by Mr. Mitts, SECONDED by Mr. Menger, the members voted (12-0) to re-elect Jason Jeffries as Vice Chairman for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee for 2020.**

## **Approval of Minutes of the MPOTAC Meeting of November 22, 2019**

MPOTAC Chairman Powers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPOTAC Meeting minutes of November 22, 2019. There were none.

**ON MOTION by Mr. Griffin SECONDED by Mr. Menger, the members voted (12-0) to approve the November 22, 2019 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented.**

## **Consideration of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Schedule Public Involvement Plan and Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Performance Measures.**

### *No Action Required*

Mr. Matson acknowledged the presence of Mr. William Roll, from Kimley-Horn, via teleconference, and stated Mr. Roll will be available for any questions.

Mr. Matson gave a brief overview of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Involvement Plan and Goals, Objectives, and Policies and referred to his memorandum dated January 9, 2020, included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Under federal law, the Indian River County MPO must adopt its 2045 LRTP Update by December of 2020. One of the first tasks in the development of the LRTP is the creation of a Public Involvement Plan for the project. The plan, which must meet a number of requirements contained in the national transportation bill (the FAST Act), identifies the major public involvement techniques to be used during the development of the Long Range Plan. This is an informational item; no action is required.

*Mr. Jeffries entered @ 10:22 AM*

Mr. Matson further expounded there is a project specific website. As the documents are adopted, they are uploaded on the website.

Mr. Mitts asked if there was a schedule for approval. Mr. Matson stated there is a proposed schedule of meetings and Mr. Matson will see that he receives a copy.

Mr. Menger requested an amendment for a name change on page 11, the airport should read as "Vero Beach Regional Airport". Mr. Roll acknowledged the request.

### **Adoption of MPO Safety Performance Targets**

#### *Action Required*

Mr. Matson introduced Mr. Jim Mann who will provide a presentation on Safety Performance Targets. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office.

The "Fixing America's Surface Transportation" (FAST) Act requires MPOs to implement performance and outcome-based planning practices. Performance targets for one strategic area, Safety, must be adopted by the MPO Board on an annual basis. According to FDOT, this year's deadline for adoption is February 27, 2020. As in the past, the MPO will have the option of adopting the State's performance target or developing its own.

Ms. Mira Skoroden, FDOT Representative, interjected the majority of MPO's in the state are adopting the National Traffic Safety Vision standard of zero deaths. MPO's are not required to follow this standard, but each MPO must develop their own performance target if they decide not to follow the state's standard.

Chairman Powers asked if there were actual statistics showing the incidents yearly, instead of the rolling five-year statistics. Mr. Matson replied that staff will forward the appropriate links from the FDOT State Safety Office website to the committee members.

MPO staff recommends adopting the State's Safety Performance Targets as identified on Attachment 2 in the agenda packet.

**ON MOTION by Mr. Mitts SECONDED by Mr. DeBlois, the members voted (13-0) to approve the MPO Safety Performance Targets as presented.**

### **MPO Staff Change**

An announcement was made noting the departure of Mr. Matson who will be leaving the MPO to accept the position of Community Development Director effective January 31,

2020. Mr. Matson thanked everyone for their support over the years and due to this support, the MPO has accomplished many enhancements within the community. Chairman Powers congratulated Mr. Matson on his new endeavor and on behalf of the TAC, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Matson for his hard work and professionalism

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

*No Action Required*

Mr. Matson reviewed his memorandum, dated January 10, 2020, included in the agenda packet and on file in the MPO Office. He also noted the next meeting dates for the MPO and its advisory committees.

### **Other Business**

#### **Census Complete Count**

Mr. Matson informed the committee that Commissioner Adams is chairing the Census Complete Count Committee. Officials from all over the county and staff are on this Committee. Mr. Matson emphasized how important it is to participate. The information obtained plays a significant role in funding opportunities, such as community block grants, housing grants, etc. which help enhance the community. In support of the 2020 Census Indian River Shores has placed a billboard on A1A that reads "Be Counted".

If anyone would like additional information or handouts please contact Mr. Matson.

#### **Speak Up Vero Beach**

Vice Chairman Jeffries commented the City of Vero Beach is still working on the Three Corners Project. The Three Corners property is the location of the former power plant site and sewer plant. Vice Chairman Jeffries encouraged the members to participate and spread the word. The City will host charrettes in January for further public comments and discussions.

#### **Vero Beach Regional Airport**

Mr. Menger stated April 25 and 26 the Vero Beach Air Show will take place. The Blue Angels will participate again this year.

Mr. Jon Teske thanked Mr. Menger for your coordination in providing the special needs students with the experience of the Air Show. In the past, Mr. Teske continued, the Thursday before the show, these children have been able to meet the pilots and even observe some of the practices.

Mr. Menger replied they are in the process of putting it together again for this year.

**Comments from the Public**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.