

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 22, 2020, conducted through Zoom, and hosted in County Administration Building "B", Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida for those unable to attend virtually.

Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at
<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TAC/2020.htm>

TAC members present: Chairman **Noah Powers**, Town of Orchid, Manager; **Phil Matson**, IRC Community Development Director; **James Ennis**, (alternate), IRC Public Works Director; **Ruth Bommarito**, (alternate), IRC Budget Department; **Mark Mathes**, City of Fellsmere, City Manager; **Scott Baker**, City of Sebastian, Airport Director; **Ken Griffin**, City of Sebastian, Engineering; **Matthew Mitts**, City of Vero Beach, Public Works Director; **Jon Teske**, IRC School Board; **Lt. Mark Buffington**, (alternate) IRC Sheriff's Office; **Lisa Frazier**, City of Sebastian, Community Development; and **Michael Hicks**, FDOT (non-voting advisor).

Also present were IRC Staff: **Brian Freeman**, MPO Staff Director; **Jim Mann**, MPO Senior Planner; **Patti Johnson**, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary. Others present included **Kim Moirano**, IRC BCC; **John Podczerwinsky**, **Christine Fasiska**, **Caryn Gardner-Young**, and **Siaosi Fine**, FDOT; **Jim Vitter**, Local Engineer; **Peyton McLeod**, Patel, Greene & Associates; **Eric Penfield**, RS&H; and **Gus Schmidt**, Tylin International.

TAC members absent: Vice-Chairman **Jason Jeffries**, City of Vero Beach, Planning Department; **Karen Deigl**, Senior Resource Association (SRA); **Lt. Al Iovino**, Indian River Shores; **Eric Menger**, City of Vero Beach, Airport Director;.

Call to Order

Chairman Powers called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members.

The MPO Recording Secretary performed a roll call of the committee members with those present responding. The following members or alternates were present: Noah, Powers, Phil Matson, Ruth Bommarito, Mark Mathes, Ken Griffin, Matthew Mitts, Jon Teske, and Mark Buffington

At this time a quorum was not present, Chairman Powers stated the order of the agenda

would be modified, moving up the non-action items first.

FDOT Presentation on the I-95 Master Plan.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman introduced the Master Plan for I-95, which travels through the counties of the Treasure Coast. There have been several presentations over the past year and this is the final one and includes a summary of recommendations. Mr. Freeman introduced Ms. Christine Fasiska of FDOT District Four who provided the presentation. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Ms. Fasiska stated at this time they will share the final step in the I-95 Multimodal Master Plan and present the summary results that were collected during this process. This study has gone on for several years and is a collaboration of FDOT and the Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin MPO's. Ms. Fasiska introduced Mr. Eric Penfield of RS&H, the consultant on the project, who summarized the short-term and long-term needs, identified along the I-95 corridor. Mr. Penfield also presented the proposed projects that were identified in the Master Plan and the recommendations for potential timing and funding for those projects.

Mr. Mark Mathes mentioned a concern at the Fellsmere Road interchange, where the westbound through-lane transitions into a left-turn lane onto I-95. This catches many by surprise and forces them to quickly change lanes. Mr. Penfield stated they are aware of the issue there and it will be turned over to Traffic Ops to come up with a short-term fix instead of putting this into the Master Plan, which would take considerably longer.

This is an informational item only and does not require an approval or motion.

During the I-95 presentation, James Ennis and Scott Baker joined the meeting.

Mr. Matson informed Chairman Powers that a quorum is now present and we will continue with the agenda order.

Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2020 Meeting.

Action Required

MPOTAC Chairman Powers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the TAC Meeting minutes of April 24, 2020. There were none.

ON MOTION by Mr. Matson and SECONDED by Mr. Ennis, the members voted (10-0) to approve the April 24, 2020 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Consideration of the Final FY 2020/21 - FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Action Required

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Jim Mann, who presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Mann explained the TIP is a culmination of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the MPO Priorities and the FDOT Tentative Work Program. This is a five-year program and generally consists of projects/phases carried forward from the previous TIP, plus new projects/phases generally added to the fifth year.

Mr. Freeman added this is the implementation of the priorities that were adopted last year by the MPO. The next item on the agenda is the 2020 Priority Projects Report. This is a culmination of the prioritization performed last year, and we need a motion for recommendation of approval to the MPO.

Mr. Matson clarified this is identical to what the TAC approved in the Tentative Work Program in December, with some minor changes. FDOT is making progress with our top priorities, namely CR 510 and that will include CR 512 all the way to US #1, fixes around A1A, and other modal improvements to the rail trail. This is probably the largest funded TIP we have ever had, approximately \$30 million.

Chairman Powers opened the floor for comments from the board. There being no comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Matson and SECONDED by Mr. Ennis the members voted (10-0) to recommend approval of the Final FY 2020/21 – FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Consideration of the MPO's 2020 Priority Projects Report

Action Required

Mr. Freeman gave a brief summary of the Priority Projects Report and included a power point presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. The presentation covered highway priorities, congestion management, transportation alternatives, transit projects and airport projects from Vero Beach and Sebastian.

Mr. Freeman also asked if there are any comments that needed to be updated on the priorities projects list to let us know and we can incorporate them into the final report.

Chairman Powers expressed concerns regarding the congestion on CR 510 going to the mainland. Mr. Freeman stated the US 1 project, which starts at the CR 510 intersection, should help the traffic flow and does include turn lane improvements. This project is on our priority projects list. Mr. Matson added there is talk of a stimulus plan, which would help fund these projects.

Chairman Powers opened the floor for comments from the board. There being no comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Ennis and SECONDED by Mr. Mathes the members voted (10-0) to recommend approval of the MPO's 2020 Priority Projects Report.

Chairman Powers asked if there were any additional comments concerning FDOT presentation on the I-95 Master Plan. There being none, Chairman Powers thanked FDOT for their presentation and attendance.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated May 14, 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

Mr. Matson shared concerns on the Wabasso Causeway. Ms. Fasiska added the design office has looked at several bridges and she will check and see if this one was covered in their report. If not, she will share this information with the design office.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.