

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, June 3, 2022, conducted and hosted in County Administration Building “B”, Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Note: Audio and video recordings of the meeting can be found at
<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TAC/2022.htm>

TAC Members in Attendance:

Vice Chairman, Phil Matson, IRC Community Development
Ruth Bommarito, IRC Budget Department
Rich Szyrka, IRC Public Works
Dan Hiden, IRC Traffic Engineering
Matthew Mitts, City of Vero Beach
Jeff Sabo, City of Sebastian Airport
Karen Miller, City of Sebastian Engineering
Capt. Al Iovino, Indian River Shores
Chief Keith Touchberry, City of Fellsmere
Sgt. Linda Nolan, (alternate), IRC Sheriff’s Office
Jennifer Idlette, IRC School Board
Chris Stephenson, (alternate), Senior Resource Association
Marsha Taylor & Tony Norat, FDOT (non-voting advisor)

TAC Members Absent:

Chairman, Jason Jeffries, City of Vero Beach
Erik Ferguson, IRC Traffic Engineering
William Howard, City of Vero Beach Airport
Cherry Stowe, Town of Orchid

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
John Stoll, IRC Chief Planner
Jim Mann, MPO Senior Planner
Jon Howard, MPO Senior Planner
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Sgt. Doug MacKenzie, IRC Sheriff’s Office
Jim Cannon, St. Johns River Water Management District

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Matson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. It was noted that an in-person quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of the April 5, 2022 Meeting.

Action Required

Vice Chairman Matson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the TAC-CAC Joint Meeting minutes of April 5, 2022. There were none.

ON MOTION by Capt. Iovino and SECONDED by Mr. Szyrka, the members voted (9-0) to approve the April 5, 2022 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee-Citizens Advisory Committee, (TAC-CAC), meeting minutes, as presented.

Mr. Jeff Sabo entered @ 10:10 AM

Ms. Taylor and Mr. Norat from FDOT entered @ 10:12 AM

Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 – 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Action Required

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Jim Mann who conducted this presentation. Mr. Mann explained the steps involved in this process and highlighted the various categories. Mr. Mann noted that last year's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had a budget of over \$300 million dollars, but this year's amount has surpassed that and is over \$400 million dollars. A contributing factor in this amount is that FDOT was able to release funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) allowing projects to move into the construction phase. The major projects that are ready for construction include, the Oslo Road Interchange (\$72 million), the Oslo Road Widening (\$51 million), CR 510 (\$30 million), and A1A (Sebastian Inlet Bridge (\$78 million). A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Vice Chairman Matson opened the floor for additional comments from the board.

Capt. Iovino stated regarding the area of A1A, near the 7-11, a crosswalk alone may not be enough to handle the increase in pedestrian/bicycle traffic there and would like to have a traffic signal considered in this project. Mr. Mann replied FDOT project engineers are aware of this and will be looking into the possibility of adding a signal there.

Mr. Mitts inquired as to what triggers road projects becoming available for resurfacing funds. Mr. Freeman added there are different programs and different types of funding. Vice

Chairman Matson added that only counties can apply for SCOP funds. Deterioration factors play a part in making roads eligible for resurfacing and are prioritized then. Mr. Freeman stated the MPO would check on the eligibility requirements for some of these programs and there maybe some that FDOT has that could assist. Mr. Mitts commented they rely on funds obtained by gas taxes and they would appreciate any help they could receive.

Vice Chairman Matson would like to thank FDOT for their support working with us on roads like CR 510; they are doing a great job in reaching the community.

There being no further comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Mitts and SECONDED by Capt. Iovino, the members voted (10-0) to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/23 – 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.

Consideration of the 2022 Priority Projects Report.

Action Required

Ms. Karen Miller entered @ 10:15 AM

Mr. Freeman conducted the presentation on the 2022 Priority Projects Report, which included a power point presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. For 2022, the MPO's priority projects list is essentially unchanged from the previous year.

Vice Chairman Matson opened the floor for additional comments from the board.

There being no further comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Mitts and SECONDED by Vice Chairman Matson, the members voted (10-0) to approve the 2022 Priority Projects Report, as presented.

Review of General Planning Consultants (GPC) Proposed Scope of Services.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman presented the item noting that in 2004 the MPO began using General Planning Consultants (GPCs) to improve the efficiency of the consultant selection process and that the GPCs were divided into a Highway Systems GPC, an Intermodal Inspection and Special Studies GPC. Mr. Freeman noted the Scope of Services for General Planning Consultant services describes a wide range of planning activities that a GPC may be expected to perform.

Vice Chairman Matson opened the floor for additional comments from the board.

There being no further comments, the item was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Szpyrka and SECONDED by Chief Touchberry, the members voted (11-0) to approve the General Planning Consultants (GPC) Proposed Scope of Services, as presented.

MPO Scheduling Report from FDOT.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman introduced this item, prepared by Mr. Larry Wallace, FDOT's Bicycle/Pedestrian/Complete Street Coordinator, on upcoming projects and scheduled activities for the quarter. This scheduling report will provide information on key milestone dates for upcoming and current FDOT projects and the project manager is responsible for those projects.

This is an informational only item and no action is required.

Mr. Dan Hiden entered @ 10:20 AM

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated May 20, 2022, 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. Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association, (SRA), commented he was in a meeting on yesterday with Martin County MPO. Staff told him they attended one of the land use visioning workshops last week and were very impressed with the amount of residents that turned out for the workshop, commenting they wished they could get that much public involvement for their public meetings. Vice Chairman Matson stated Indian River has very engaged citizens.

Comments from the Public

Chief Touchberry wanted to inform the TAC that Corrigan Brothers are in their 180 day due diligence period regarding the roadways on the east side of I-95.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.