

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, December 6, 2024, 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
https://indianriver.gov/government/boards_and_committees/mpo_technical_advisory_committee/agendas_minutes.php

TAC Members in Attendance:

Chairman, Jason Jeffries, City of Vero Beach
Chris Balter, IRC Planning & Development Services Director
Richard Reichenbach, IRC Public Works (alternate)
Dan Hale, (alternate), IRC Traffic Engineering
Elise Kriss, IRC Budget Department (alternate)
Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association (alternate)
Deputy Chief Mark Shaw, Indian River Shores
Karen Miller, City of Sebastian Engineering
Lee Plourde, City of Sebastian (alternate)
Alix Bernard, City of Sebastian Planning
Noah Powers, City of Fellsmere Representative
Jennifer Idlette, IRC School Board

TAC Members Absent:

Matthew Mitts, City of Vero Beach (excused)
Cherry Stowe, Town of Orchid (excused)
William Howard, City of Vero Beach Airport
Sgt. Roderick Smith, IRC Sheriff's Office

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Nancy Bunt, Assistant County Administrator
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary
Mark Vietze, MPO GIS Planner
Jim Mann, MPO Sr. Planner
Cecilia Caba, IRC Budget Department

Others in Attendance:

FDOT: Cesar Martinez, Victoria Peters, James Brown, Jessica Rubio, Shandra Haynes & Mark Madgar
TCPALM: Larry Reisman
Kimley-Horn & Associates: William Roll (attended via TEAMS)

Call to Order

Chairman Jeffries called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. It was noted there a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of the September 27, 2024 Meeting.

Action Required

Chair Jeffries asked if there were any additions or corrections to the TAC Meeting minutes of September 27, 2024. There were none.

ON MOTION by Ms. Bernard and SECONDED by Mr. Plourde, the members voted (11-0) to approve the September 27, 2024 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Presentation on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman provided an overview of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Schedule. According to State and Federal Law, all MPO's must adopt an update to their Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every 5 years. LRTP's form the basis of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), FDOT's Five-Year budget for transportation projects in the Metropolitan Area. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. William Roll from Kimley-Horn & Associates, who conducted this presentation. Mr. Roll explained the steps involved in putting the LRTP together, including performance measures, resources, and goals and objectives. The cost feasible portion is one of the most important parts as it identifies the phases of projects (planning, design, and construction) and matches that to the anticipated funding.

Mr. Freeman remarked that we are in the early stages of developing the 2050 LRTP. In the Spring we will come back with goals, objectives and performance measures, the 2050 population and how the transportation network will perform in 2050, what the needs are going to be so we will be able to address the growth in population that is expected to occur. Once the revenue standpoint is finalized, we will work on the cost feasible/affordable plan over the Summer. All of this will occur over the next 12 months, and when we come back next year at this time it will be with the final plan.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any additional comments.

This is an informational item; therefore, no action is required.

Review of FDOT Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2029/30.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman opened this item by stating the items presented in this Work Program will ultimately become part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will be presented next year. Ms. Victoria Peters, Planning Manager from FDOT, conducted the presentation. Before starting the presentation Ms. Peters introduced FDOT's staff that accompanied her here, Ms. Jessica Rubio, Mr. Cesar Martinez, Mr. James Brown, Ms. Shandra Haynes, and Mr. Mark Madgar. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Ms. Peters started the presentation explaining the general work program cycle, highlighting the timeframe noting what steps occur during the calendar year. The following priority projects were mentioned: 45th Street, CR-510 from 58th Avenue to CR-512, CR-510 from 58th Avenue to east of US 1, 82nd Avenue from 26th St. to 69th Street, 82nd Avenue from 69th Street to CR-510, US 1 Intersection at Aviation Blvd., Aviation Blvd. from 43rd Avenue to US 1, and US 1 from 53rd Street to CR-510.

Mr. Freeman expressed thanks to FDOT for advancing so many of the priority projects on the schedule.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any additional comments.

Interim City Manager Powers stated that there wasn't much regarding Fellsmere and wanted it noted that there will be a surf park and at least 1,000 homes within the next 4-5 years there and the County needs to prepare for the influx. Mr. Freeman noted this is the right time to bring this up as the process is just beginning. Chair Jeffries remarked that future, larger growth, is dealt with through the LRTP.

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

ON MOTION by Deputy Chief Shaw and SECONDED by Mr. Balter, the members voted (12-0) to approve FDOT Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2029/30, as presented.

Consideration of an Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2024/25 - 2025/26.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated this is an administrative process; in which when the previous year UPWP closes out, and monies that weren't used are placed back into the work program by preparing this amendment.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any comments from the board.

There being none, the item was open for a motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Balter and SECONDED by Ms. Bernard, the members voted (12-0) to approve an Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2024/25 - 2025/26, as presented.

Review of Potential Transportation Alternatives Projects.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated the Transportation Alternatives Program helps fund a significant number of sidewalks, shared use paths, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossing improvement projects. Some of these projects may be constructed as part of a larger roadway project or as stand-alone projects.

Mr. Freeman added that in the agenda packet, there is a list of highlighted projects that could be programmed through TAP in the next several years. These projects will be incorporated into the MPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) which will be approved by the MPO in early 2025. Mr. Freeman stated comments are always welcomed.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any additional comments.

This is an informational item; therefore, no action is required.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated November 21 2024, 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

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.