

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 30, 2025, conducted and hosted in County Administration, First Floor Conference Room, 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
Vice Chair, Alix Bernard, City of Sebastian,
Ryan Sweeney, IRC Assistant Planning & Development Services Director
Dan Hale, IRC Traffic Engineering, (alternate)
Cecilia Caba, IRC Budget Department, (alternate)
Danessa Chambers, City of Vero Beach (alternate)
Joe Storey, Senior Resource Association, (alternate)
Cherry Stowe, Town of Orchid
Tad Stone, Chief, Indian River Shores
Karen Miller, City of Sebastian
Jeff Sabo, City of Sebastian Airport
Robert Loring, City of Fellsmere Representative (alternate)
William Howard, City of Vero Beach Airport

TAC Members Absent:

Sgt. Roderick Smith, IRC Sheriff's Office (unexcused)
Jennifer Idlette, IRC School Board (excused)
Joseph DeFronzo, IRC Public Works (excused)

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary
Mark Vietze, MPO Senior Planner
Addie Javed, IRC Public Works Director
Lee Plourde, City of Sebastian, (alternate)

Others in Attendance:

FDOT: Marsha Taylor-Long, Binod Basnet
City of Sebastian: Jim Mann
City of Vero Beach Airport: Lee-Anna Otis

Call to Order

Vice Chair Bernard called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. It was noted a quorum was present.

Chair Jeffries entered after the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2025 Meeting.

Action Required

Chair Jeffries asked if there were any additions or corrections to the TAC Meeting minutes of March 28, 2025. There were none.

ON MOTION by Mr. Sweeney and SECONDED by Chief Stone, the members voted (12-0) to approve March 28, 2025 Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Mr. Sabo entered @ 10:05AM.

Consideration of the FY 2026 - FY 20230 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Action Required

Mr. Freeman opened this item stating this is one of the two core functions of the MPO. The first core function is to do a long-range transportation plan (LRTP). This is a 25-year plan and is updated every five years. The 2050 plan will kick off later this year and must be adopted by December of 2025. The other core function is the implementation of that long range plan, which is through the five-year work program, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Mark Vietze, MPO Senior Planner who conducted this presentation. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office.

During the presentation Mr. Vietze explained the processes involved and went into details on the MPO's Priority Projects, resurfacing and maintenance projects, and sidewalk/trail projects. Highway A1A was highlighted which includes the Sebastian Inlet Bridge Replacement and resurfacing.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any questions or comments.

There were none and the floor was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Bernard and SECONDED by Mr. Sweeney, the members voted (13-0) to approve the FY 2026 - FY 2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as presented.

Consideration of the 2025 List of Priority Projects.

Action Required

Mr. Javed entered @ 10:22AM but did not participate in any voting.

Mr. Freeman introduced this item, which included a power point presentation. A copy of which is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Freeman explained the annual prioritization cycle and the time frame involved with each step. Mr. Freeman went over the highway projects which include: 45th Street, CR 510 (two parts), 82nd Avenue (two parts), US 1 and Aviation Blvd., Aviation Blvd. widening, and US 1 (53rd Street to CR 510). The priority regional highways projects as well as CMP, Transit, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects were also covered.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any questions or comments.

There were none and the floor was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Bernard and SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (13-0) to approve the 2025 List of Priority Projects, as presented.

Consideration of Amendments to the FY 2025 - FY 2029 Transportation Program (TIP).

Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated FDOT has requested the following amendments to the FY 2025 - FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program. The first amendment adds Section 5307 funds for transit operating assistance. The other two amendments provide increased funding for the replacement of the SR A1A bridge over the Sebastian Inlet and the associated resurfacing of SR A1A. It is necessary to increase the funding of these two projects as the unit prices have increased.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any questions or comments.

There were none and the floor was open for motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Storey and SECONDED by Mr. Sweeney, the members voted (13-0) to approve Amendments to the FY 2025 - FY 2029 Transportation Program, as presented.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated May 22, 2025, 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

Vice Chair Bernard introduced Mr. Jim Mann to the group as the City of Sebastian's new Principal Planner, further stating that he will be her alternate for this committee.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.