

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 5, 2025, 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:

Chair, Jason Jeffries, City of Vero Beach
Ryan Sweeney, IRC Planning & Development Services Assistant Director, (alternate)
Dan Hale, IRC Traffic Engineering, (alternate)
Kailey Fairchild, IRC Budget Department, (alternate)
Danessa Chambers, City of Vero Beach, (alternate)
Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association, (alternate)
Cherry Stowe, Town of Orchid
Jeff Sabo, City of Sebastian Airport
Karen Miller, City of Sebastian
Alix Bernard, City of Sebastian Planning
Chief Tad Stone, Indian River Shores
Sgt. Roderick Smith, IRC Sheriff's Office
Robert Loring, City of Fellsmere Representative
Jennifer Idlette, IRC School Board

TAC Members Absent:

William Howard, City of Vero Beach Airport
David Schryver, Acting IRC Public Works Director

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Mark Vietze, MPO Senior Planner
Jarrod McCarthy, MPO Senior Planner
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III & Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance:

City of Sebastian: Jim Mann
FDOT: Tony Norat

Call to Order

Chair Jeffries called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. It was noted a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes - TAC-CAC-BPAC Meeting of October 28, 2025.

Action Required

Chair Jeffries asked if there were any additions or corrections to the TAC-CAC-BPAC combined meeting of October 28, 2025. There were none.

ON MOTION by Chief Stone and SECONDED by Ms. Chambers, the members voted (14-0) to approve TAC-CAC-BPAC combined meeting minutes of October 28, 2025, as presented.

Consideration of the Final 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Action Required

Mr. Freeman opened this item by saying this is one of two primary functions of any MPO. One function is to prepare a long range transportation plan which is cost feasible or cost affordable. The second function is to prioritize and program projects from that plan so they can be implemented and that is done through the list of priority projects and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). We have conducted eight different workshops in relation to this plan over the course of the year.

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. William Roll, from Kimley-Horn & Associates, who conducted the presentation. A copy of this power point presentation is on file in the MPO office. At the end of the presentation Mr. Roll asked if there were any questions.

Chair Jeffries asked for clarity on two projects: Aviation Expansion and 17th Street SW. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Roll were able to provide answers.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any additional comments.

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

ON MOTION by Mr. Sweeney and SECONDED by Vice Chair Bernard, the members voted (14-0) to approve the Final 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, as presented.

Consideration of the 2025 Public Participation Plan Update

Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated one thing that must be updated every five years is the Public Participation Plan. This lays out the MPO's procedures for conducting meetings and public workshops (for the safety action plan, long range plan, etc.) that we have completed this year; also, for our different products such as the plans themselves, and communications like the MPO Overview newsletter. There haven't been many changes to this version of the update, but we will do another one in about two years.

Chair Jeffries opened the floor for any additional comments.

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

ON MOTION by Mr. Sweeney and SECONDED by Mr. Loring, the members voted (14-0) to approve the 2025 Public Participation Plan Update, as presented.

Presentation on Crash/Safety Data.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated in February that all MPO's in Florida are required to adopt safety targets for the year. There are five performance measures that we have supported, which includes the State's initiative for Vision Zero (having the goal of no traffic, serious injuries, or fatalities). This is a preliminary analysis of the safety data for the last five years. Mr. Vietze (MPO Senior Planner) has put together a presentation. A copy of this power point presentation is in the MPO office.

Mr. Vietze remarked the data in this presentation is from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024. A lot of this data is included in the methodology for the development of the safety targets as we strive for vision zero. An interesting point is the intersection of SR 60 and 58th Avenue. While this intersection had the most crashes in the County, none of the crashes had serious injuries or fatalities.

Mr. Freeman mentioned at the next meeting you will receive a more refined product, with a series of maps and report with a narrative, which will also coincide with the review of the annual safety targets.

This is an informational item; no action is required.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated January 15, 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.

Mr. Freeman introduced Mr. Jarrod McCarthy, the MPO's newest Senior Planner.

Other Business

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.