



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Alternate – Tracey Zudans
Brian Barefoot – IRC School Board
Alternate – Jacqueline Rosario

Gerald "Jerry" Renick – City of Fellsmere
Alternate – Jessica Salgado
Bob Auwaerter – Town of Indian River Shores
Alternate – Brian Foley
Bob McPartlan – City of Sebastian
Alternate – Kelly Dixon

Non-voting Ex-Officio-Member
Mary Jane Benedetto – Town of Orchid

FDOT District 4 Representative

Ed Dodd - Chairman

AGENDA

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will meet at 10:00 AM on Wednesday February 8, 2023 in Conference Room B1-501, County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Election of Officers
Action Required
- 4) Approval of Minutes
December 14, 2022
Action Required
- 5) Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees
No Action Required
- 6) Adoption of MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets
Action Required
- 7) Consideration of the 2023 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Presentation
No Action Required
- 8) Consideration of the Draft 2023 List of Priority Projects
Action Required

9) Consideration of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
Action Required

10) Update on Bicycle Safety Education Program in Public Schools
No Action Required

11) Other Business
a. Census Update

12) Comments from the Public

13) Adjournment

Next Meeting: MPO – April 12, 2023, 10:00 AM.

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in County Administration Building "B", Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach.

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

MPO Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Susan Adams, District 1
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher, District 2
Commissioner Joe Earman, District 3
Commissioner Deryl Loar, District 4
Commissioner Laura Moss, District 5
Bob Auwaerter, Councilmember, Town of Indian River Shores
Linda Moore, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach
Tracey Zudans, Councilmember, City of Vero Beach
Ed Dodd, Councilmember, City of Sebastian, **Chairman (Departed 10:05am)**
Kelly Dixon, Councilmember, City of Sebastian **(Effective 10:05 am)**
Bob McPartlan, City of Sebastian
Gerald "Jerry" Renick, Councilmember, City of Fellsmere
Brian Barefoot, IRC School Board

Others Absent:

Rey Neville, Vice Mayor, City of Vero Beach
Mary Jane Benedetto, Town of Orchid (non-voting member)

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Freeman, MPO Staff Director
Phil Matson, Community Development Director
Andy Sobczak, Asst. Community Development Director
Rich Szpyrka, IRC Public Works
Jason Brown, County Administrator
Jon Howard, MPO Senior Planner
Mark Vietze, MPO/GIS Planner
Patti Johnson, MPO Staff Assistant III/Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Jacqueline Rosario, IRC School Board Alternate
Monte Falls, City of Vero Beach

FDOT D4: Gerry O'Reilly, Maria Jaimes, Tony Norat, Jessica Rubio, James Brown, Kris Kehres, John Krane, Steve Braun, and James Hughes

WGI/FDOT: Bill Evans

Benesch Engineering: Jill Quigley and Ian Debnam

S&ME: Kelly Farabee

Senior Resource Association (SRA): Karen Diegl, Chris Stephenson, Clarissa Powers, Luis Garcia, Sarquita Smith, and Rosemary Millar

Bike Walk Indian River County: Dave Hunter, Liz Doup, Ernesto Valderama, Danny Jayes, Robert & Amy Banov, Lorene & David Cerchie

Vero Cycling: Elizabeth Jolly, Rosemary Sanford, Mr. Cunningham, and John Zuzack

Indian River Shores: Nancy Auwaerter

Residents: Honey Minuse, Edith Bradshaw, Suzon Franzke, Barry Baker, Gene Waddell, Greg Speck, Tom Davis

St. Johns Improvement District (SJID): John Frederick Lang

Call to Order

Chairman Dodd called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. It was noted that there was a quorum present. Chairman Dodd informed the board he has a scheduling conflict and will have to leave. Chairman Dodd recognized the Sebastian Alternate – Ms. Kelly Dixon, who will represent Sebastian upon his departure. A Chair Pro Tem will need to be appointed. Commissioner Moss nominated Mr. Bob McPartlan, seconded by Mr. Auwaerter. There being no other nominations the motion was made.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Moss, and SECONDED by Mr. Auwaerter, the members voted (12-0) to elect Bob McPartlan as Chair Pro Tem for this meeting.

Chair Dodd departed the meeting @ 10:05 AM

Ms. Kelly Dixon, Sebastian Alternate, was activated @ 10:05AM

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan noted there were new faces in the room due to the recent elections and recommended everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes of the MPO Meeting September 14, 2022.

Action Required

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the MPO meeting minutes of September 14, 2022. There were none.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, and SECONDED by Mr. Auwaerter, the members voted (12-0) to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization September 14, 2022 meeting, as presented.

Recognition of Transportation Disadvantaged/Florida Public Transportation Association Awards.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman highlighted there has been a lot of recognition within the public transportation community on the state level as well as the local level. Mr. Freeman showed the various awards presented to the Senior Resource Association at the annual FPTA meeting which was held in August.

Mr. Freeman introduced Ms. Karen Deigl, SRA CEO, who then in turn introduced Chris Stephenson, Transportation Director. Mr. Stephenson recognized some of the staff that contributes to the success of GoLine. Ms. Rosemary Millar has been with SRA over 26 years and has driven over a million miles and provided over 43,000 Community Coach trips in the county. Luis Garcia was recently been promoted to Fleet Manager from Head Mechanic, he and his crew are responsible for making sure the vehicles are ready to go each and every day, usually starting at 4 am. Sharquita Smith was recognized as Scheduler of the Year for the entire State of Florida. Ms. Smith was recently been promoted to Call Center Supervisor. Clarissa Powers is the GoLine Supervisor, and GoLine was recognized as the System of the Year for the entire State of Florida.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan added the SRA has also been handling the Transportation Disadvantaged for Martin County since 2018 and they have won awards for their work done there as well.

Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated December 6, 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.

Review of FDOT Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2027/28.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman provided an overview of the process and introduced FDOT staff (District

Secretary Gerry O'Reilly, Jessica Rubio, and Sabrina Aubrey) who will conduct the presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. O'Reilly started the presentation and covered the general work program and safety program performance including crash data. Several new resurfacing projects were included in this presentation. The following projects were highlighted:

- Oslo Road Interchange at I-95
- CR 510 from CR 512 to 58th Avenue and from 58th Avenue to US 1
- Oslo Road from I-95 to 58th Avenue
- US 1 from 53rd Street to CR 510
- 82nd Avenue from 69th Street to CR 510
- US 1 at Aviation Boulevard
- 82nd Avenue from 26th Street to 69th Street
- Indian River Blvd. (SR 60) at Merrill Barber Bridge
- Rail Trail from Grant Avenue to State Park

Other projects included in this discussion were the Sebastian Inlet Bridge Replacement, SR A1A from Sand Dollar Lane to S. of Sebastian Inlet Bridge and the 17th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Replacement.

Mr. O'Reilly asked if there were any questions. Ms. Linda Moore stated regarding resurfacing projects in the downtown area, the City of Vero Beach would like to revisit the Twin Pairs project. Mr. Freeman stated FDOT reached out to the City about 12 months ago and there wasn't much of an interest at that time of modifying the number of lanes, but narrowing the lanes to accommodate some bike lanes in each direction. Ms. Moore remarked that the new City Council would like to revisit lane closures and downtown street-side parking. Ms. Zudans asked if there was an opportunity for a potential delay; what is the cost of that and what would be the time-frame for that. Mr. O'Reilly stated the road needs to be resurfaced and is a danger to your citizens; this is a balancing act that FDOT needs to do. Mr. O'Reilly went into detail describing the steps that would be involved such as: a comprehensive traffic study, where the traffic would go, and how it would be handled and that FDOT would have to agree to those items. If FDOT agrees, a lane reduction would have to be approved. For a lane reduction, public meetings would have to be held, next a resolution would have to be passed stating you approve, and not change your mind. If this is something they would like to pursue, a meeting with the City and FDOT needs to happen very soon. The City would also need to fund a study showing what the requirements would be. FDOT has worked with municipalities in this type of situation, the thing is it would need to take place at an accelerated rate.

Mr. Rennick stated they appreciate the funding that has been received for the Rail Trail extension and it is their opinion the funding received may not be enough. If additional funding is not available, this project may have to be phased into two fiscal years. FDOT replied they would be happy to discuss this with you further.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan expressed his gratitude to Mr. O'Reilly and his staff for their openness to ideas, working with us and would like to know when the Public Meeting for the Sebastian Inlet Bridge will be conducted. Mr. O'Reilly replied the virtual component was last night and the in-person session will be tomorrow night.

Mr. Matson also thanked Mr. O'Reilly and FDOT for their support and assistance with funding big ticket projects.

Mr. O'Reilly introduced Mr. Kris Kehres who is the local counterpart and if anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to him.

Ms. Suzon Franzke asked for consideration with the 82nd Avenue project starting at the south end so it would cause less of an effect on the residents. Mr. O'Reilly commented when you build a road, it is important to know which direction the drainage would flow, and he is not familiar with this particular project. Mr. O'Reilly would take this request to the engineering staff and see what can be done stating FDOT would look at the details and get back to you directly. Mr. Jim Hughes, FDOT, added he would get with Ms. Kris McCurty who is the Project Manager and look into this request.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan opened the floor for a motion, with there being no further comments.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, and SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted (12-0) to approve FDOT Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2027/28, as presented.

Consideration of 2022 Consultant Rankings for Selection of General Planning Consultant.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman related that in June, the MPO staff began the consultant selection process for obtaining General Planning Consultant (GPC) services for the Indian River County MPO. Subsequently, staff developed and advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for General Planning Consultant services. The RFQ included both highway and transit planning tasks. Eight consultant firms responded to the RFQ. Four of the firms have been recommended for selection of the General Planning Consultants contracts which include: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Marlin Engineering, SM&E, Inc., and Alfred Benesch and Company. Two of these were previous general planning consulting firms for the MPO and the other two are new.

In your agenda packet is a draft of what the contract will be for these firms. MPO staff is recommending the MPO Board approve the use of the four firms that were selected and ask the Chairman to execute these contracts. For smaller jobs that are under \$20,000 that may come up, staff would like to authorize the MPO Staff Director to issue a work order for those

types of matters.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan opened the floor for comments from the board.

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

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Adams, and SECONDED by Commissioner Earman, the members voted (12-0) to approve the 2022 Consultant Rankings for Selection of General Planning Consultant and giving the MPO Staff Director discretion to authorize jobs under \$20,000 without additional board approval, as presented.

Presentation on the US 1 at Aviation Blvd. Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study.

No Action Required

Mr. Freeman stated this is a project that is on the MPO's Priority Projects List. It is to improve the intersection at US 1 and Aviation Blvd. This area is around the Vero Beach Airport and the Florida East Coast Railroad. Mr. Jim Hughes from FDOT and Mr. Bill Evans from WGI Inc. are here to conduct the presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

After the presentation the floor was opened for comments and concerns. Some of the concerns raised were:

- In terms of needs, there should be a bullet point regarding the importance of the movement of emergency vehicles at that intersection
- What kind of impact would an overpass have in regards to the Airport, if there is a conflict what is the possibility of moving the proposed overpass or tunnel to a different intersection
- Would this overpass be for vehicles only or include bike lanes
- How would this timeline sync with Brightline

Mr. Matson stated this could be moved up on the Priority Projects List in June and then there would be an idea of how accelerating this project at the expense of other projects could impact others. Mr. Matson would like to have this revisited in June.

Mr. Monte Falls would like to thank FDOT for their efforts in working with the city staff and property owners as the TAC asked. Mr. Falls would like the alternatives presented to the TAC for their review.

Review of MPO Annual Certification Statement.

Action Required

Mr. Freeman explained the process and reviewed the findings from FDOT of the MPO Annual Certification. As it has in the past, FDOT identified a number of noteworthy practices undertaken by the MPO and found no deficiencies in this evaluation. The MPO scored 100% on this certification.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan opened the floor for comments from the board.

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

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Flescher, and SECONDED by Commissioner Adams, the members voted (12-0) to approve the MPO Annual Certification Statement, as presented.

Other Business

Presentation on Bicycle Safety and Indian River County Road Rehabilitation and Construction.

Mr. Bob Auwaerter conducted this presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office.

Mr. Auwaerter would like to make a motion that all future county road projects include bike lanes, where possible.

Ms. Jacqueline Rosario would like to see rumble strips added to projects.

Mr. Rich Szpyrka commented that any new construction they are going into design we want to install seven-foot bike lanes. The projects that have been in the works for years, it is not cost feasible to go back and acquire more right-of-way to install the seven-foot bike lanes. In the past five-foot bike lanes were the rule and these roads are being built accordingly.

Commissioner Adams stated she has concerns at this point of putting a mandate or even a default standard without understanding the on-going implications and costs of what that might be. Commissioner Adams continued, she doesn't disagree with where you're going, we are all committed to that type of safety, but in order to make a recommendation to the commission or to move forward with what you're suggesting we need a lot more information, so we aren't signing ourselves up for failure before we even get started. These conversations need to take place in Bike/Ped meetings and then move that concept and recommendations forward.

Commissioner Earman agrees with Commissioner Adams as not every road is the same and should be handled independently, and gave examples of such roads.

Mr. Brian Barefoot remarked a default standard, “put in where possible”, could be added, this would leave the flexibility and not an absolute. Mr. Auwaerter would modify that in his motion.

After much discussion from the audience it was determined that safety is a concern and modifications are made with input from all parties. These concerns should be addressed in the bike plan updates and further discussion from all municipalities are needed.

Mr. Freeman stated in the near future the Scope of Services for the Bike/Ped Master Plan Update will be brought to the MPO. Commissioner Adams asked what is the time frame and if these policy initiatives could be incorporated. Mr. Freeman stated the Master Plan will look at the types of facilities that could be built and identify where different facilities could go. Mr. Freeman also mentioned the expansion of the Rail Trail.

Mr. Auwaerter stated he was willing to withdraw his motion as long as the policy items Commissioner Adams stated does get on the agenda for full vetting on the bicycle plan and he receives a consensus from the board.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan stated there needs to be more education on roadway safety as situations have changed over the years and everyone should have a refresher. There is a consensus on the master plan and we can bring up your item as recommended.

Commissioner Flescher departed @ 11:55am

2023 MPO and MPO Advisory Committees Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Freeman commented the 2023 meeting schedule is very similar to the 2022 with one exception. To accommodate FDOT’s Work Program schedule, the meetings in October have been moved around a bit and are not on their usual schedule. Meeting invites and calendar notifications will be sent out for all of the meetings.

Chair Pro Tem McPartlan inquired as to whether or not the MPO class is still occurs stating how helpful and informative it is to new members. Mr. Freeman replied yes it does, and new member orientation booklets have been mailed out and if any new members would like to meet and discuss the MPO, please feel free to contact him.

Comments from the Public.

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its regular meeting of February 8, 2023.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

At its January 24, 2023 meeting, the BPAC considered presentation on the “Bike Rodeo” safety program in public schools and the upcoming update to the MPO’s Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. The BPAC also voted to change the date of its next meeting to March 28, 2023.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

At its January 27, 2023 meeting, TAC recommended approval of the MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets, the Draft 2023 List of Priority Projects, and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. The TAC also considered the following presentations on the US 1 at Aviation Blvd Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study and the 2023 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

At its February 7, 2023 meeting, the CAC will consider the MPO Performance Measure Safety Targets, the Draft 2023 List of Priority Projects, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments, and a presentation on the 2023 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update. At the February 8 MPO meeting, staff will provide an update on the February 7 CAC meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

The MPO and its advisory committees will next meet as follows:

TDLCB Meeting: February 25, 2023 – 10:00 am

BPAC Meeting: March 28, 2023 – 2:00 pm

TAC Meeting: March 31, 2023 – 10:00 am

CAC Meeting: April 4, 2023 – 2:00 pm

MPO Meeting: April 12, 2023 – 10:00 am

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

FROM: Jim Mann, MPA
Senior Planner

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **Adoption of MPO Safety Performance Targets**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

DESCRIPTION & CONDITIONS

The “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation” (FAST) Act requires MPOs to implement performance and outcome-based planning practices. Performance targets for one strategic area, Safety, must be adopted by the MPO Board on an annual basis. According to FDOT, the annual deadline for adoption is February 27, 2023. As in the past, the MPO has the option of adopting the State’s performance target or developing its own.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) shares the national traffic safety vision, "Toward Zero Deaths," and in 2012 formally adopted its own version of the national vision, “Driving Down Fatalities”. The Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), updated in March 2021, specifically embraces “Target Zero” and identifies potential strategies to achieve zero traffic deaths. Since 2017, FDOT has adopted a target of zero for all five safety performance measures to reflect its goal of zero deaths and injuries. Likewise, the MPO has also adopted the same target as the FDOT’s Safety Targets every year to comply with the Federal requirements.

According to statute, the MPO must select Safety Targets for each of the adopted Performance Measures. Like last year, those measures include:

1. Average Annual Fatalities;
2. Average Annual Serious Injuries;

3. Average Annual Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled;
4. Average Annual Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled; and
5. Average Annual Pedestrian and Bicycle Serious Injuries.

ANALYSIS

For 2023, FDOT has collected the necessary safety data for each of the adopted performance measures (Attachment 1). In smaller counties like Indian River, the relatively small number of fatalities and serious injuries could potentially allow a single major incident to bias crash numbers and crash rates. To account for the year-to-year volatility in data, FDOT reports crash statistics in five-year rolling averages (the most recent data covers the years 2017-2021). As shown on the attached table, the number of average annual fatalities decreased by 1.5% in the last 5-year period (2017-2021), and the average fatality annual rate decreased by 1.8% over the same period. Regarding average annual serious injuries, a significant decrease occurred in both the number (10.5% decrease) and rate per vehicle miles travelled (10.9% decrease). Unfortunately, the annual average of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries increased by 4.5%.

Target Options

The MPO has two options with respect to adoption of Safety Targets: adopt FDOT safety targets; or develop its own targets. With respect to each of the 5 Performance Measurement Categories, FDOT has reaffirmed its support of the “Target Zero” initiative and has again adopted an aspirational target of zero crashes, fatalities, and injuries. The selection of zero as a target is consistent with the Governor’s Policy and a broad national “Target Zero” movement which has set out to eliminate all unnecessary highway injuries and fatalities. The vast majority of MPOs across Florida have also chosen to adopt state targets, and have been commended by FDOT for following its lead in this regard.

Alternatively, the MPO can adopt a target based on actual safety trendlines. While perhaps a more realistic approach, it is difficult for small MPOs to achieve consistency from year to year since the number of crashes, particularly those with fatalities, are very small.

Adopting the state’s aspirational targets demonstrates consistency with the majority of MPO’s (including those in our area) and with FDOT and MPO Safety Plans. Therefore, as it has in previous years, staff is recommending adoption of the State’s performance target. It should be noted that, for the MPO, there is no financial incentive to meet or exceed performance targets nor financial penalty for failure to meet performance targets.

At its January 27 meeting, the TAC recommended adoption of the Target Zero performance measures for 2023. The CAC is scheduled to consider the performance safety targets at its February 7 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the MPO adopt the State's Safety Performance Targets of zero for all five safety performance measures.

ATTACHMENT

1. Indian River County Safety Data (provided by FDOT)

Indian River County Safety Statistics

Period	Average Annual Fatalities		Average Annual Serious Injuries		Average Annual Fatality Rates/per 100 million VMT		Average Annual Serious Injury Rates/per 100 million VMT		Average Annual Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries	
	Average	% Change	Average	% Change	Average	% Change	Average	% Change	Average	% Change
2010-14	19.8		119.0		1.312		7.885		15.2	
2011-15	19.4	-2.0	115.8	-2.7	1.262	-3.7	7.568	-4.0	17.0	11.8
2012-16	20.6	6.2	127.2	9.8	1.322	4.7	8.194	8.3	17.6	8.2
2013-17	24.4	18.4	129.0	1.4	1.538	16.3	8.150	-0.5	20.0	13.6
2014-18	26.6	9.0	130.4	1.1	1.611	4.7	7.951	-2.4	19.2	-4.0
2015-19	27.2	2.3	122.4	-6.1	1.593	-1.1	7.190	-9.6	20.0	1.0
2016-20	26.8	-1.5	123.4	0.7	1.561	-2.0	7.221	0.3	17.6	-12
Preliminary 2017-21	26.4	-1.5	110.4	-10.5	1.554	-1.8	6.512	-10.9	18.4	4.5

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **2023 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update Presentation**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, & ANALYSIS

According to state and federal regulations, the Indian River County MPO must prepare and adopt a Major Update of its Transit Development Plan (TDP) by September 30, 2023. Adoption of a TDP is required in order to receive grant funding under the Public Transportation Block Grant (PTBG) program. That program provides approximately \$600,000 annually in operating assistance.

The TDP major update is being prepared by the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). To date, CUTR has undertaken several preliminary TDP development activities. Those activities include drafting a public outreach plan, analyzing demographic trends within the community, and conducting a peer trend analysis of the county's fixed route (GoLine) and demand response (Community Coach) transit systems.

One essential component of the TDP major update is public outreach. As one of the first TDP activities, the consultants drafted a public outreach plan for the project. That outreach plan calls for surveying transit users and operators, conducting public workshops throughout the county, and reaching out to non-users at public locations. In the next months, the consultant team will survey GoLine passengers, with a goal of collecting over 1,000 responses. At this time, the consultants are also conducting a demographic assessment of the county and a peer trend analysis of the GoLine and Community Coach systems. A peer trend analysis is an efficiency review of those services in comparison to other similar systems.

Later this year, the consultants will develop Goals and Objectives, evaluate service alternatives,

and prepare a ten-year implementation program with a financial plan. At the February 8 MPO meeting, the consultant will provide a presentation on the TDP activities conducted thus far and the future steps ahead.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the MPO consider the presentation at the February 8, 2023 meeting and provide comments to staff.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

FROM: Jim Mann, MPA
Senior Planner

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Draft List of Priority Projects (LOPP)**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS & ANALYSIS

Each year the MPO is required to submit its List of Project Priorities (LOPP) for consideration of funding for what will become the new fifth year of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Work Program. Priority projects must be selected from the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Projects already in the Work Program remain on the list to guide in programming funds until the final phase is fully funded.

FDOT has a new submittal process for the LOPP which requires that the MPO submit the Draft LOPP by March 1 of each year. New projects on the LOPP will require Scoping Forms that must be completed and submitted with the draft LOPP by the same date. The final Priority Projects Report will be presented at the June Advisory Committee meetings and MPO Board meeting before adoption.

At its January 27 meeting, the TAC recommended approval of the Draft List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for 2023. The CAC is scheduled to consider the Draft LOPP at its February 7 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the MPO approve the proposed Draft List of Priority Projects.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft List of Priority Projects (LOPP)



DRAFT LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS March 1, 2023

**Table A-1
Priority Highway Projects, SIS Highways**

Project Rank		Roadway	Location		Length (miles)	Improvement Type	Jurisdiction	FDOT FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Five Year Work Program		Funding Source Requested
2023	2022		From	To				FM #	Programmed Phases	
1	1	Oslo Road Interchange at Interstate 95	-	-	n/a	Add interchange	Federal	4130482 4130485	ROW, CST	State/Federal

**Table A-2
Priority Highway Projects, Other Highways**

Project Rank		Roadway	Location		Length (miles)	Improvement Type	Jurisdiction	FDOT FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Five Year Work Program		Funding Source Requested
2023	2022		From	To				FM #	Programmed Phases	
1	1	CR 510	58 th Avenue	CR 512	5.5	Widen to 4 lanes	County	4056063 4056064 4056067	ROW, CST	State/Federal
2	2	CR 510	US 1	58 th Avenue	.6	Widen to 4 lanes	County	4416921	PD&E, PE	State/Federal
3	3	Oslo Road	I-95	58 th Avenue	3.0	Widen to 4 lane divided highway	County	4315211	ROW, CST	State/Federal
4	4	US 1	53 rd Street	CR 510	4.8	Widen to 6 lane divided highway	State	4317243 4317241	PE, ROW Underway	State/Federal
5	5	82 nd Avenue	69 th Street	CR 510	2.0	New 2 lanes	County	2308793	PE Underway	State/Federal
6	6	US 1	Intersection at Aviation Boulevard		n/a	Intersection	State	4416931	PD&E, PE	State/Federal
7	7	82 nd Avenue	26 th Street	69 th Street	3.0	New 2 lanes	County	2308793	ROW	State/Federal
8	-	45 th Street	58 th Avenue	43 rd Avenue	1.0	Retrofit/Complete Streets	County	-	-	State/Federal

**Table A-3
Priority Regional Highways**

Project Rank		Roadway	Location		Length (miles)	Improvement Type	Jurisdiction	FDOT FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Five Year Work Program		Funding Source Requested
2023	2022		From	To				FM #	Programmed Phases	
1	1	66th Avenue	69 th Street	CR 510	2.0	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes	County	4363792	CST	State only (TRIPS)

**Table A-4
CMP Priority Projects**

Corridor	Strategy
Indian River Blvd (SR 60)	Intersection improvements at Merrill Barber Bridge (SR 60), including adding turn lanes and replacing traffic signals

**Table A-5
Priority Transportation Alternatives Projects**

- 1. Trans-Florida Central Railroad Trail** – extension of the Trans-Florida Central Railroad Trail as a paved trail from St. Sebastian River State Park to Broadway Street in the City of Fellsmere (multiple phases).
- 2. 43rd Avenue Sidewalk from 45th Street to 49th Street** – construction of additional sidewalk on both east and west sides of 43rd Avenue to fill in gaps identified.

**Table A-6
Priority Transit Projects**

Ranking	Project	Funding Source
1	Expand Weekday Operating Hours (6 am – 8 pm)	Federal/State
2	Expand Saturday Operating Hours (8am – 6pm)	Federal/State
3	Construct North County Hub	Federal/State
4	Initiate Sunday Operating Hours (8am – 3pm)	Federal/State
5	Construct Shelters and Benches	Federal

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

FROM: Jim Mann, MPA
Senior Planner

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS & ANALYSIS

FDOT has requested that the MPO approve three amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adopted by the Indian River County MPO for FY 2022/23 – 2026/27. Two of the three amendments provide Federal funding for a Statewide Initiative to install rumble strips on the shoulders of high-speed state roadways (50 mph and above). There are roughly 209 miles of rumble strips in Palm Beach and Broward Counties (452226-1) and 84 miles of rumble strips in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties (452227-1). The third amendment is to start phase 1 of the Electric Vehicle Charging Program along I-95(444259-2).

For all, an amendment is required because new projects have been added to the work program and needs to be reflected in the TIP. At its January 27 meeting, the TAC recommended approval of the TIP amendments. The CAC is scheduled to consider the TIP amendments at its February 7 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the MPO approve the TIP amendments.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed TIP amendments for Section B – Traffic Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Projects

4522261

SWRS - System Rumble Strips

Non-SIS



Work Summary:		SAFETY PROJECT		From:			
				To:			
Lead Agency:		Managed by FDOT					
		LRTP #: Table 2-1					
Phase	Fund Source	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
PE	ACSS	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
Total		75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000

Prior Cost < 2022/23:0

Future Cost > 2026/27:0

Total Project Cost:75,000

Project Description:Statewide Rumble Strip Initiative Project for Southern District.

4522271

SWRS - System Rumble Strips

Non-SIS

No Map
Available

Work Summary: SAFETY PROJECT

From:

To:

Lead Agency: Managed by FDOT

LRTP #: Table 2-1

Phase	Fund Source	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
PE	ACSS	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Total		25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000

Prior Cost < 2022/23: 0

Future Cost > 2026/27: 0

Total Project Cost: 25,000

Project Description: Statewide Rumble Strip Initiative Project for Northern District.

4442592

I-95 (SR-9) Electric Vehicle Charging Program – Phase 1

Non-SIS

No Map
Available

Work Summary: MISCELLANEOUS
CONSTRUCTION

From:

To:

Lead Agency: Managed by FDOT

Phase	Fund Source	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
CAP	GFEV	900,000	1,700,000	0	0	0	2,600,000
Total		900,000	1,700,000	0	0	0	2,600,000

Prior Cost < 2022/23: 0

Future Cost > 2026/27: 0

Total Project Cost: 2,600,000

Project Description: I-95 (SR-9) Electric Vehicle Charging Program - Phase 1
I-95 exit 156 - Fellsmere Indian River

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: Brian Freeman, AICP
MPO Staff Director

DATE: January 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **Update on Bicycle Safety Education Program in Public Schools**

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

In 2011, the MPO initiated its “Bike Rodeo” safety education program with funding from the Safe Routes to Schools program. Over the years, the MPO has taught bicycle safety and provided bicycle helmets to thousands of elementary school students in Indian River County.

After a two-year hiatus during the Covid19 pandemic, the MPO resumed the “Bike Rodeo” program with assistance from volunteers from Bike-Walk Indian River County (BWIRC). At the February 8 MPO meeting, staff will provide an update on the bicycle safety education program in public schools.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item; no action is required.