

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, March 27, 2026, conducted and hosted in County Administration Building “B”, Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. A video of the meeting is available on the [CivicPlus public portal](#), along with the meeting agenda and backup material.

TAC Members in Attendance: Chair, **Jason Jeffries** (City of Vero Beach); **Ryan Sweeney** (IRC Assistant Planning & Development Services Director); **Dan Hale** (IRC Traffic Engineering Alternate); **Kailey Fairchild** (IRC Budget Department Alternate); **Joe Storey** (Senior Resource Association Alternate); **Jeff Sabo** (City of Sebastian Airport); **Lee Plourde** (City of Sebastian Alternate); **Cherry Stowe** (Town of Orchid); **Chief Tad Stone** (Indian River Shores PD); **Karen Miller** (City of Sebastian Engineering); **Maura Stokes** (City of Fellsmere).

TAC Members Absent: Vice Chair, **Alix Bernard** (City of Sebastian Planning); **Sgt. Roderick Smith** (IRC Sheriff Department); **William Howard** (Vero Beach Airport); **Matthew Mitts** (City of Vero Beach); **Jennifer Idlette** (IRC School Board).

Staff in Attendance: Brian Freeman (MPO Staff Director); Mark Vietze and Jarrod McCarthy (MPO Senior Planners); Patti Johnson (MPO Staff Assistant III and Recording Secretary).

Others in Attendance: Tony Norat (FDOT/D4); James Brown (FDOT-FTP); William McCaslin (VLEPOA); Mel Scott (AtkinsRealis).

1. Call to Order

Chair Jeffries called the meeting to order at 10:02am, it was noted there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes - Action Required

Approval of January 23, 2026, meeting minutes

ON MOTION by Chief Stone and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sabo, the members voted (10-0) to approve TAC meeting minutes of January 23, 2026, as presented.

Ms. Stowe entered @ 10:03 am

3. **FY 2026/27-FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Action Required**

Mr. Freeman presented this item which included a power point presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file in the MPO office. This presentation provided an overview of the proposed FY 2026/27-FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Freeman provided an explanation of the tasks included in the UPWP, highlighted projects that were completed during the current UPWP, and listed the anticipated projects in the new UPWP. Mr. Freeman also covered how the UPWP is funded.

There being no further questions or comments, Chair Jeffries called for a motion.

ON MOTION by Mr. Sweeney and SECONDED by Ms. Miller, the members voted (11-0) to approve the FY 2026/27 - FY 2027/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), as presented.

4. **2026 Title VI Program Update - Action Required**

Mr. Freeman explained what the Title VI program is and that for the MPO to continue receiving federal transportation planning funds, this plan needs to be approved by the MPO. This item is on the MPO agenda for April 8th.

There being no further questions or comments, Chair Jeffries called for a motion.

ON MOTION by Ms. Stokes and SECONDED by Mr. Sweeney, the members voted (11-0) to approve the 2026 Title VI Program Update, as presented.

5. **Summary Sheet on Roadway Improvement Projects - No Action Required**

Mr. Freeman stated that at the February 2nd Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting they requested staff provide a summary sheet identifying the status of major road projects within the county. This is an informal product and may be fluid.

After the presentation, comments were received, noting a legend should be added to explain the terminology as well as showing the date it was last updated.

This was an informational item, and therefore no action is required.

6. **Presentation on Transportation Technology and Data - No Action Required**

Staff conducted a presentation which included:

Florida Traffic Counts - This shows the traffic counts on roadways for the entire State of Florida

Interactive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Provides a prioritized list of all transportation projects in the Indian River Planning area funded from federal and state sources over the next five years.

Indian River County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - This allows you to click on a particular project and get detailed information on it.

Indian River County GIS Map Gallery - Provides maps to explore trails, FEMA Flood Zones (not for use to lower flood insurance, just informational), and to look up the status of development projects in the County.

Florida Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center - Which helps local agencies increase the quality and safety of their surface transportation system.

A copy of these links will be emailed to all Board members for their use.

7. Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees - No Action Required

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated March 16, 2026, 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

8. Other Business

There was none.

9. Public Comments

There was none.

10. Comments from the Public

There was none.

11. Adjournment - 10:48 am