

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE and PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 31, 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.

BPAC Members in Attendance: Chair, **Hal Lambert** (City of Vero Beach); Vice Chair **Solana Morris** (BCC Appointee); **Danette Dieffenbach** (Indian River Shores); **Maura Stokes** (City of Fellsmere); **Chris McCarthy** (City of Sebastian)

BPAC Members Absent: **Robert Baus** (Town of Orchid)

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: Michael Melendez, FDOT; David Jones & Jeff Maltese, Vero Cycling.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 2:02pm, it was noted there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes - Action Required

Approval of January 27, 2026, meeting minutes

ON MOTION by Ms. Stokes and SECONDED by Mr. McCarthy, the members voted (4-0) to approve BPAC meeting minutes of January 27, 2026, as presented.

Ms. Morris entered @ 2:03pm

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.

Chair Lambert asked if a letter could be sent to FDOT addressing concerns regarding the A1A improvements: Install 7' bike lanes and no AVT's"

ON MOTION by Ms. Stokes and SECONDED by Vice Chair Morris, the members voted (5-0) to send a letter to FDOT regarding improvements on A1A, installing 7' bike lanes and no AVT's.

Mr. Freeman stated the MPO will send a letter to FDOT stating these concerns and a copy will be sent out to BPAC members.

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

ON MOTION by Ms. Dieffenbach and SECONDED by Ms. Stokes, the members voted (5-0) 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 Lambert called for a motion.

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Morris and SECONDED by Mr. McCarthy, the members voted (5-0) 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.

Ms. Stokes asked if a temporary pathway could be installed along SR 512, from Willow to I-95,

Mr. Maltese wanted to recognize Mr. Mark Vietze for his assistance in getting the overgrowth cleared up on SR 510. It has helped the bicycle riders navigate this stretch of roadway.

Mr. Freeman added the main delay in these roadway projects is to obtain funding.

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.

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

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated March 20, 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. Comments from the Public

There was none.

10. Adjournment - 2:57pm