

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 8, 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.

MPO Members in Attendance: Vice Chair, **Aaron Vos**, City of Vero Beach; **Commissioner Susan Adams**, District 1; **Commissioner Joseph Flescher**, District 2; **Commissioner Joe Earman**, District 3; **Commissioner Deryl Loar**, District 4; **Commissioner Laura Moss**, District 5; **Ed Dodd**, City of Sebastian; **Bob Auwaerter**, Indian River Shores; **Linda Moore**, City of Vero Beach; **Ben Baker**, City of Fellsmere; **David Dyer**, IRC School Board; **Tony Norat**, FDOT (non-voting advisor).

MPO Members Absent: Chair, **Bob McPartlan**, City of Sebastian; **Daniel McEvoy**, Town of Orchid (non-voting).

Staff in Attendance: **Brian Freeman**, MPO Staff Director; **Mark Vietze**, MPO Senior Planner; **Jarrold McCarthy**, MPO Senior Planner; **Patti Johnson**, MPO Staff Assistant III and Recording Secretary.

Public in Attendance: **Honey Minuse**, (Vero Beach Resident); **Wiley Page**, (AtkinsRealis); **Kris Kehres**, (FDOT); **Brynn Cerri**, (Ranger Construction); **Ervin Cartwright & Bill Rigby**, (Wabasso Residents).

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Vos called the meeting to order at 10:00am, it was noted there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes - *Action Required*

Approval of February 11, 2026, meeting minutes

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher and SECONDED by Ms. Moore, the members voted (11-0) to approve MPO meeting minutes of February 11, 2026, as presented.

3. Status Report of MPO Advisory Committees - *No Action Required*

Mr. Freeman reviewed his memorandum, dated March 31, 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.

4. 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.

Mr. Auwaerter expressed concerns with the growth rate occurring in Brevard County and trickling down here, he would like to see more communication between Indian River and Brevard as far as planning goes. Mr. Freeman replied there is communication between the two counties, we don't have the formal structure since we are in different FDOT districts. Mr. Freeman is more than happy to speak with his counterparts in Brevard.

Commissioner Adams suggested talking with the other FDOT districts and see how they handle regional communication as far as planning with neighboring counties within different districts.

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

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

5. 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, Vice Chair Vos called for a motion.

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

Following the vote, Mr. Bill Rigby, Wabasso resident, spoke about issues affecting the Wabasso community.

6. Review of Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation Report for FY 2024/25 - Action Required

Mr. Freeman explained this is an annual task performed by the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board. This year the CTC committee met and awarded the Senior Resource Association with outstanding marks.

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

ON MOTION by Commissioner Loar and SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the members voted (11-0) to approve the FY 2024/25 Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation, as presented.

7. 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.

8. Other Business

Mr. Dyer mentioned that parents of school children have brought up concerns with crossing the intersection of CR 510 and CR 512. Commissioner Moss requested an update on the CR 510 project at a future meeting.

Mr. Ervin Cartwright of Wabasso spoke about the need for the CR 510 widening and concerns about the closing of the 87th Street railroad crossing several years ago.

Mr. Rigby spoke regarding his concerns about the Title VI program approved earlier on the agenda and requested a revote. Vice Chair Vos indicated that, under Robert's Rules of Order, anyone who voted in the majority could call the item back for reconsideration. No one requested to call the item back.

9. Comments from the Public

There were no additional public comments.

10. Adjournment - 10:55am