



The MPO Overview

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2040 Long Range Plan Workshops Scheduled

Those of you fortunate enough to have attended one of the MPO's May 2015 Workshops were treated to a ringside seat for the best show in town. A diverse set of candidates slugged it out and the attacks got downright personal. Only these candidates were not discussing Health Care or Homeland Security. Rather, they were weighing in on local transportation choices.



Join the Debate !

In an effort to engage the public in a thought provoking—and fun—format, the MPO conducted a "candidate forum" among advocates for a particular transportation philosophy. The "candidates" ranged from "Highway Harry" - a pavement friendly, leadfooted car enthusiast to "Cycle Susie", a woman who doesn't own a car and doesn't want to own one. The purpose of the vote was not to elect a single candidate but to gauge audience attitudes toward our transportation choices and investments. (To see the debate in its entirety, check out the MPO's 2040 Website at <http://www.irmpo.com/LRTP/presentations.htm>)

"It became clear through this exercise that there was common ground—lots of it— and it was all important in forging our transportation plan" said Greg Kyle, Project Manager with Kimley-Horn and Associates. He cited the fact that road widening projects not only relieve congestion, but might also be the cyclist and pedestrian's best chance to get bike lanes and sidewalks put in on a road that is missing those features.

Using feedback from the debate, the MPO developed a cost feasible set of future transportation projects. The MPO will air these projects at a final round of public workshops. Please attend one of these conveniently located workshops and weigh in on the proposed future plan. And don't be surprised to see some familiar faces while there!

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Gifford Workshop

Gifford Youth
Activity Center
4875 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL
32967-6327

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Central/South County Workshop

County Admin Building B
Conference Room B1-501
1800 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960



1:00 PM –2:30 PM

Sebastian Workshop

Sebastian City Hall
1225 Main Street
Sebastian, FL 32958

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Wabasso Workshop

Dasie Hope Center
8445 64th Ave
Wabasso, FL 32970

Oslo Road Interchange Receives \$10M in new FDOT Work Program

On September 18, 2015, FDOT published its Draft 5-Year Tentative Work Program covering Fiscal Years 2015/16 —2020/21. In it was an early Christmas gift—an initial **\$10 Million** in funding for the Oslo Road Interchange.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

MPO MEETINGS

OCTOBER 14, 2015 –10:00 AM

TAC/CAC MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2015 –1:30 PM

**(JOINT MEETING—NOTE SPECIAL
TIME)**

BAC MEETINGS

OCTOBER 27, 2015 –2:00 PM

Note: All meetings held in County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Conference Room B1-501. All information is current as of the time of publication. For more information, visit us at www.irmpo.com or call (772) 567-8000.

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Although the funding was identified in year 2020 of the work program, FDOT officials are confident that additional funding to complete construction can be programmed and maybe even accelerated now that initial funding is in place. The MPO will consider the FDOT Work Program at its October 14, 2015 regular meeting.

...IN OTHER MPO NEWS ...

League of American Bicyclists declares Indian River County a Bicycle Friendly Community.

At the June MPO meeting, the League of American Bicyclists in Washington, DC, announced that the County has been designated one of only two Bicycle Friendly Counties in Florida. MPO staff, which assisted Vero Cycling in coordinating the effort, hopes this will be a springboard to an even more bicycle oriented community in the future.

GoLine announces first ever Public-Private Partnership,

In conjunction with the Vero Beach Hotel and Spa, GoLine recently began providing Beachside shuttle services for tourists and residents alike in the Central Beach area. The service is expected to relieve congestion and fix a severe beachside parking problem.

Find out more at www.golineirt.com



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