



The MPO Overview

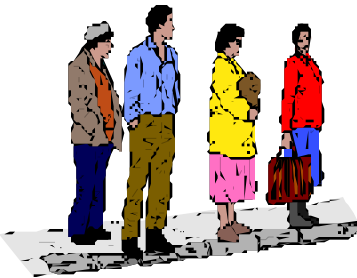
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GIMME SHELTER!

New shelter design combines efficiency, practicality in attractive package.



If you see a person standing on the corner in Indian River County these days, odds are they are not promoting a new housing development or trying to get you to refinance your mortgage. Rather, they are likely to be one of the thousands of people each year that decide to give the GoLine public transportation system a try. According to surveys conducted by the MPO, these riders give the system high marks for everything from on-time performance to driver friendliness to vehicle cleanliness. What is lacking, according to users and potential users alike, is a protected environment in which to sit down and wait for the bus.

Recognizing the lack of infrastructure to accommodate transit passengers, the MPO and Senior Resource Association have explored designs and locations for bus benches and shelters. These agencies have been aided in their quest by a citizens’ initiative led by Vero Beach residents Judy Orcutt and Amy Thoma. Together, Ms. Orcutt and Ms. Thoma have researched aesthetically pleasing, cost-effective designs and have sought partnerships with local employers to minimize the cost of the project to the taxpayers.

As shown in the attached picture, the proposed shelter design is dark green in color and made from anodized steel. It provides protection from the sun and the elements, while allowing a breeze to penetrate via perforated sides. Standing about 8 feet tall, the shelter will blend unobtrusively into its surroundings throughout the county, but will also enhance the local streetscape by way of its simple and elegant design. Neither the county nor the SRA plans to offer advertising on the shelters.

Brian Freeman, MPO Senior Transportation Planner, indicated that “the challenge was to find a standard design that protected the passengers and met all applicable hurricane codes while blending in with the look and feel of the architectural environment in the county.” Mr. Freeman noted that, in many locations, right-of-way is severely constrained. The proposed design, therefore, must accommodate people comfortably but intrude no more than five feet or so from the sidewalk into the adjacent right-of-way.

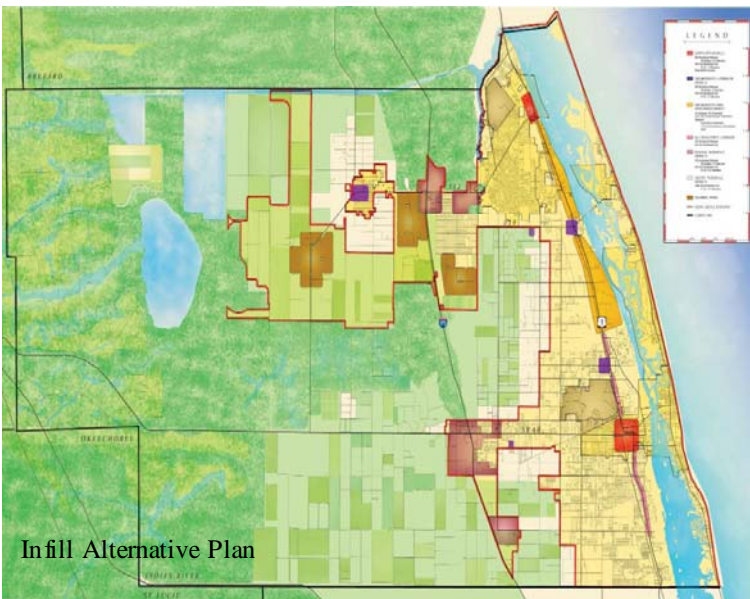
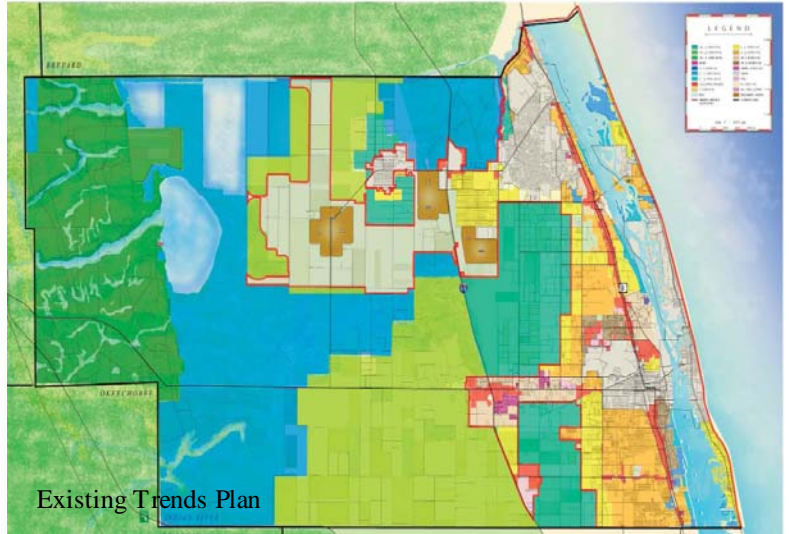
According to the Senior Resource Association, you can expect to see the first of the shelters in high ridership locations, such as PARC 24 on Indian River Boulevard and at the Indian River Medical Center. Less popular locations may offer only a bench in lieu of a shelter, or may simply continue to be designated with signage only.



Preferred Land Use Scenario Selected for 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

According to Federal and State law, the Indian River County MPO must update its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every five years. An important early step in the 2035 LRTP Update is the development of a preferred land use scenario. In fact, the land use plan is the primary factor used in determining who travels where in Indian River County and what roads and modes of transportation they will use. This information enables the MPO to determine what investments in future transportation projects will provide the most benefit to taxpayers and visitors in the county.

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, the MPO formally kicked off the future land use analysis process by holding a public workshop at the Vero Beach Community Center. Through small group discussions and face-to-face interviews, the MPO identified a number of community preferences to be considered in the development of a preferred land use scenario.



Two alternative land use scenarios were developed for the county based on the public feedback: the Existing Trends Plan and the Infill Alternative Plan. The **Existing Trends Plan** basically **maintains** the land use patterns and densities from the County's **Comprehensive Plan**, while the **Infill Alternative Plan** proposes new neighborhood, corridor, and district areas that will be targeted for **infill redevelopment rather than western expansion** and the creation of **employment** opportunities close to where people live. After carefully considering all of the pros and cons, the Infill Alternative Plan was selected as the preferred land use vision for the 2035 LRTP Update by the MPO Board.

As the MPO goes forward with development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Infill Alternative Plan will serve as the basis for forecasting the County's transportation needs. Once transportation

needs have been identified, a series of public workshops will be conducted to obtain input on preferred transportation improvements. The public is encouraged to attend these workshops. If you are interested in learning more about the 2035 LRTP Update, please contact MPO staff at (772)226-1672 or by e-mail at pmatson@ircgov.com.

FOR FUN- TAKE THE MPO READING TEST

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Traveler Information : FDLE Alerts

Amber Alert

The purpose of the Florida Amber Plan is to broadcast critical information of a missing/abducted child believed to be endangered, in a timely manner, to the general public. Broadcast of critical information includes DOT's dynamic message signs.

Silver Alert

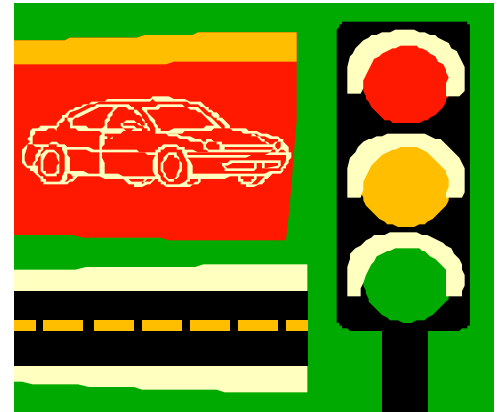
Executive Order 08-211, enacting Florida's 'Silver Alert', was signed by Governor Charlie Crist on October 8, 2008. The Silver Alert Allows the immediate broadcast of information to the public regarding missing elders with dementia or other cognitive impairment with the goal of returning them home safely.

LEO Alert

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), has established the Florida LEO Alert Plan. The purpose of the Florida LEO Alert plan is to broadcast critical information of an offender who has killed or seriously injured a law enforcement officer and who, if not apprehended immediately, would pose a significant risk to the public.

Each Alert has different criteria and must be coordinated between each agency (either local or state) and FDLE. In each case, enough vehicle descriptive information along with a complete or partial tag number to benefit a broadcast on the signs must be available.

Source: <http://www.floridasturnpike.com>



Governor Crist Signs Bill Requiring Safety Belt Use in Motor Vehicles

TALLAHASSEE – Recently, Governor Charlie Crist signed Senate Bill 344, the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law. The legislation mandates the use of seatbelts in motor vehicles, effective June 30, 2009.

“Today I am proud to sign legislation that will help save lives in Florida and prevent serious injuries that otherwise could have been prevented,” said Governor Crist. “Nothing is of greater importance than keeping Florida’s citizens and visitors safe.”

With the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law, a seat belt violation is now a primary enforceable action and will result in a citation. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), primary enforcement will prevent 142 fatalities in Florida annually. Florida joins 26 states that already have laws for primary enforcement of safety belts. In 2007, Florida ranked 35th in seat belt usage with a usage rate of 79.1 percent.

Sponsored by Senator Nan Rich and Representative Rich Glorioso, the legislation modifies and renames the current safety belt law. The new law also removes an exemption for passengers of a pickup truck.

The families of Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti attended the bill signing ceremony. Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti both lost their lives as a result of car crashes that occurred while they were not wearing safety belts. Dori Slosberg died at age 14 in 1996, while Katie Marchetti died at age 16 in 2006.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

MPO MEETING

SEPT 9, 2009 –10:00 AM

TAC MEETING

AUG 28, 2009 –10:00 AM

CAC MEETINGS

SEPT 1, 2009 –2:00 PM

BAC MEETINGS

OCT 22, 2009 –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.

Anyone requiring special accommodations contact the county's ADA coordinator at (772) 567-8000 x233.



ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Oslo Road from 27th Avenue to 58th Avenue – Widening to four lanes. Under final design. Construction begins Jan. or Feb. 2010.

CR 512 (Phase IV) from Interstate 95 to Sebastian River Middle School – Widening from 2 to 4 lanes. Construction underway. Completion Sept. 2009.

16th Street from 74th Avenue to 66th Avenue - Pave two lanes. Construction begins Oct. 2009.

17th Lane SW from 27th Ave to 20th Ave—Widening to three lanes. Construction underway. Completion Nov. 2009.

20th Ave from 25th St SW to 17th Lane SW—Widening to 2 lanes. Construction underway. Completion Nov. 2009.

66th Ave from 16th Street – SR 60— Pave 2 lanes. Construction begins Aug. 2009.

SR 60/58th Avenue Intersection – Widening to 6 lanes from College Drive to 26th St. Construction begins late 2011.

66th Ave and 57th St Intersection— 2 lanes plus turn lanes. Construction begins Fall 2009.

66th Ave from SR 60 to 33rd Street – 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Construction begins Spring 2010.

43rd Ave/58th St SW Intersection Improvement – Widen to add new bridge on 5th St SW over 43rd canal and install 6 ft turn lanes all 4 legs of intersection. Construction underway. Completion Jan. 2010.

FDOT Projects

State Road 60 from 66th Ave to 82nd Ave –widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. Construction underway.

US 1 from 4th Street to Oslo Road - widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. Construction is scheduled from Summer 2008—Summer 2010.

(Please note that all construction dates are estimates and subject to change.)



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