



The MPO Overview

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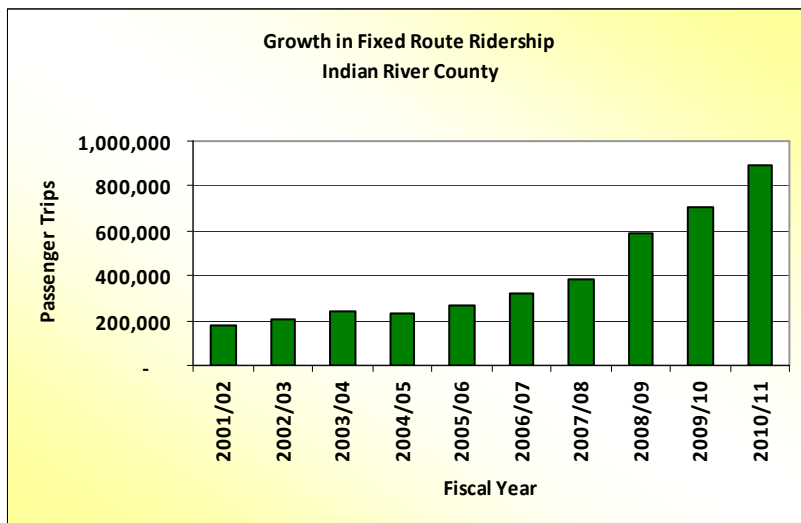


One Million Transit Riders on the Horizon!

During the last decade, fixed route transit in Indian River County has grown substantially, and the total number of annual passenger trips provided by Indian River Transit's GoLine is now approaching 1,000,000 trips/year. For the most recent fiscal year (FY 2010/11), Indian River Transit's GoLine reported 895,000 annual riders, a new record and a 26% increase over the previous fiscal year. As shown on the chart below, this ridership growth is part of a trend that has been going on for nearly a decade in Indian River County. If this trend continues, it is expected that the GoLine will exceed one million riders during the current fiscal year!

Role of the Transit Development Plan (TDP)

A major cause of the growth in ridership has been the service improvements that were implemented in recent years. Those service improvements were first identified in the MPO's Transit Development Plan (TDP). As the guiding document for the development of transit service in Indian River County, the TDP is updated on an annual basis. In the past, the TDP was responsible for transit system improvements such as the addition of new routes, the expansion of service hours on weekdays, and the introduction of Saturday transit service.



MPO to Update Indian River TDP

Updating the TDP is a requirement to qualify for federal and state transit funding and is essential to the success of transit here in Indian River County. According to Florida regulations, a major update to the TDP must be completed every five years. In Indian River County, the last major update to the TDP was adopted in 2008 and was prepared by MPO staff in coordination with Stanley Consultants and the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR).



In December, the MPO approved a Scope of Services for the 2013 TDP Major Update. That project will again involve Stanley and CUTR, as consultants to the MPO. Among the tasks to be performed by Stanley and CUTR are soliciting public input regarding transit service, conducting an analysis of socio-economic data and trends, analyzing existing transit service and performance, and developing a 10-year implementation plan for service improvements. For more information on the 2013 TDP Major Update, contact Phil Matson at (772)226-1455 or Brian Freeman at (772)226-1990.

Long-time Roadway Priority Now Complete

Private sector participation makes new roadway/intermodal project possible

On a recent mild December morning, a group of citizens and staff looked on as local elected officials formally opened 53rd Street, a new, four-lane roadway linking 58th Avenue to US 1 and Indian River Boulevard. After acknowledging all the persons who helped make the project possible, Public Works Director Chris Mora noted that this roadway represented the County's first "completely new" major road in decades, perhaps dating back to the opening of Indian River Boulevard in the mid 1990's.



Because of 53rd Street's potential to relieve future congestion on east-west roadways, the County first began acquiring right-of-way for the new roadway in the late 1980's. Later, 53rd Street appeared in the MPO's first (2020) Long Range Transportation Plan, which was adopted in 1995. It was not until 2004, however, that an opportunity to construct the entire roadway presented itself, thanks in part to the interest several large private-sector partners. Those partners, which included the DiVosta corporation and North American Properties, recognized that transportation is a major part of the quality of life and economic well-being of the community by donating right-of-way and entering into cost-sharing agreements to help make the roadway possible.

The project itself consists of four through travel lanes buffered by landscaped medians and shoulders, and flanked on each side by sidewalks and designated bike lanes. The roadway meanders along the banks of the County's North Relief Canal and passes lakes, wooded areas, and newer residential subdivisions, forming one of the more picturesque drives in the urbanized area of the County. Its intermodal facilities provide the cyclist with safe east-west travel in the central county area, all the way to Indian River Boulevard and the Beaches. In fact, the group of onlookers contained half a dozen or so cyclists, many of whom were residents of nearby Vero Lago and Waterway Village.

Our thanks to our private sector partners and the County Public Works Department for a great job on a great new facility!

More GoLine Buses Running on Saturdays

Beginning in late 2011, the number of GoLine Routes operating on Saturdays increased significantly. As a result of this service expansion, GoLine riders in Fellsmere, Sebastian, Wabasso, and South Vero Beach can now take the bus on Saturdays. Saturday service has been available in Vero Beach and Gifford for several years. In total, 12 GoLine routes are now in service on Saturdays (only two routes, Route 11 and Route 13, do not offer Saturday service). Saturday hours of operation are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.




Expanding Saturday service to additional routes, which was a recommendation of the MPO's 2008 Transit Development Plan, was made possible through a Service Development Grant from the Florida Dept. of Transportation.

For more information on Saturday service, contact the GoLine at (772)569-0903.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY MPO AND MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

(all meetings held in Conference Room B1-501,
County Admin. Bldg. B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960)

Committee Name and Meeting Dates

Month	MPO	TAC	CAC	BAC
January	11 th	27 th	3 rd	24 th
February	8 th	24 th	7 th	
March	14 th	23 rd	6 th	
April	11 th	27 th	3 rd	24 th
May	9 th	25 th	1 st	
June	13 th	22 nd	5 th	
July	11 th	27 th	3 rd	24 th
August	8 th	24 th	7 th	
September	12 th	28 th	4 th	
October	10 th	26 th	2 nd	23 rd
November	14 th	16 th	6 th	
December	12 th	28 th	4 th	
 Scan this QR code with your smartphone to access our Calendar	Meeting Date 2 nd Wednesday of the month 10 AM	Meeting Date 4 th Friday of the month 10 AM	Meeting Date 1 st Tuesday of the month 2 PM	Meeting Date Quarterly 4 th Tuesday of the month 2 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012

MPO MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 8, 2012 –10:00 AM

TAC MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 24, 2012 –10:00 AM

CAC MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 7, 2012 –2:00 PM

BAC MEETINGS

APRIL 24, 2012 –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 x 233.



ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Oslo Road between 27th Avenue and 43rd Avenue

One mile segment to be widened to 4 lane, median-divided roadway. Project estimated completion: June 2012.

Oslo Road between 43rd Avenue and 58th Avenue

One mile segment to be widened to 4 lane, median-divided roadway Construction to begin: June 2012.

66th Avenue between 4th Street and 12th Street

Construction to begin May 2012.

66th Avenue between SR 60 and 49th Street

Widening to 4 lane, median-divided roadway. Construction to begin July 2012.

I-95 - St. Lucie and Indian River Counties — widening to three lanes in each direction between SR 70 (Exit 129) in Fort Pierce and SR 60 (Exit 147) in Vero Beach (18 miles). Construction in St. Lucie and Indian River Counties now underway, watch for delays.

For real-time I-95 widening information, please contact Kathleen Dempsey at (772) 489-8410 or email at kdempsey@corrardino.com (Please note that all construction dates are estimates and subject to change.)



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