

# MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on December 6, 2012

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on December 6, 2012 at the Lee County Tax Collector's Office, 2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL.

Bill Williams	Lee County District 2
Tony Cardinale	Lee County District 3
Albert O'Donnell	Lee County District 3
Rick Anglickis	Lee County District 5
James Boesch	Lee County District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
David Scott	City of Cape Coral
Steven Hook	City of Cape Coral
Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
David Urich	City of Fort Myers
Daniel Wagner	City of Bonita Springs
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Linda Carter	At-Large-Transportation Disadvantaged

Those also in attendance included: Russ Muller and Johnny Limbaugh with FDOT; Dan Rudge with LeeTran; Josh Philpott with Lee County Port Authority; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Paresh Patel and Ravi Devaguptapu with FTE; and Don Scott, Meghan Marion, Ron Gogoi and Anna Bielawska of the Lee County MPO.

Chairman Rick Anglickis called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. as a committee of the whole.

## **Agenda Item #9 – Presentation on the I-75 Airport Direct Connect Project**

Mr. Limbaugh of FDOT made a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Mr. Hook arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Mr. David Scott arrived at 3:09 p.m.

Mr. Rick Williams arrived at 3:09 p.m.

Mr. O'Donnell arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Boller arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Anglickis announced that they now have a quorum.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the November 1, 2012 CAC Meeting

**MOTION BY MS. CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2012 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Ms. Letourneau of BikeWalkLee spoke in favor of the motion that was adopted in the morning at the TAC meeting dealing with the FDOT FY 2013/2014 – FY 2017/2018 Work Program. The following suggestions were made: incorporation of regional enhancement projects – Abel Canal and River of Grass and also including the San Carlos Trolley Lane Study Project.

Mr. Don Scott mentioned that he sent out a recommendation in the MPO Board agenda packets that the FDOT FY 2013/2014 – FY 2017/2018 Work Program should not be approved unless two items are included:

- 1) The San Carlos Trolley Lane Study Program is included and funding left in the Work Program Operational Improvements/Multi-Modal Enhancement Box (\$1,257,977 in FY 2015) be used to fund it, and
- 2) SU dollars in the future year for SR 82 are reimbursed if possible.

Mr. Don Scott said that the TAC recommended the first two and also included

- 3) The incorporation of funding for regional enhancement projects – Abel Canal and River of Grass (PD&E Study)

The TAC also wanted the wording of the motion to say “endorse with the following adjustments to include”.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Agenda Item #3 – Review and Endorsement of FDOT’s FY 2013/2014 – FY 2017/2018 Tentative Work Program

Mr. Limbaugh made a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Mr. David Scott asked why the variance is so great on a linear per foot basis. Mr. Limbaugh said it has to do with the drainage improvements that are included within the job.

Mr. Urich arrived at 3:16 p.m.

Mr. Gogoi asked if the Chiquita Blvd project was advanced because it is not a new project. Mr. Don Scott said that no the design phase has been added to the program.

Mr. Cardinale asked about the Metro Pkwy PD&E at four and one half million. Mr. Limbaugh said that is the design phase from Daniels Pkwy to Winkler Ave. It will be turned into a six lane facility with a median in the middle. Ms. Carter asked what they are going to do about all of the turn ins on that road. Mr. Limbaugh answered that there will be a median access plan developed as a part of the design.

Mr. O'Donnell asked what the difference between a 5 lane and 6 lane carrying capacity is. He said it looks like \$100 million dollars will be spent just to add one lane and some medians. Mr. Limbaugh said that now that Michael G. Rippe Parkway connects US 41 and Metro Pkwy drive time will be significantly reduced from North Fort Myers all the way down to south of Alico Rd. Traffic will start shifting towards the Metro corridor, and that's when the extra capacity will be needed.

Mr. Don Scott stated that now the committee has to decide whether to match the TAC's 3 recommendations from this morning. Chairman Anglickis said the recommendations are what Mr. Don Scott passed out as agenda item 6.

**MOTION BY MR. BILL WILLIAMS TO RECOMMEND ENDORSEMENT OF FDOT'S FY 2013/2014 – FY 2017/2018 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM AS PRESENTED IN AGENDA ITEM 6. SECONDED BY MR. DAVID SCOTT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #4 – Recommend MPO Approval of an Amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan to Advance the Construction Funding for Bus US 41 from Littleton Road to US 41 and the Design Funding for Metro Parkway from Daniels Parkway to Winkler Avenue to Current Year**

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MR. BOESCH TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO ADVANCE THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR BUS US 41 FROM LITTLETON ROAD TO US 41 AND THE DESIGN FUNDING FOR METRO PARKWAY FROM DANIELS PARKWAY TO WINKLER AVENUE TO CURRENT YEAR. SECONDED BY MR. HOOK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #5 – Recommend MPO Approval of Amendments to the FY 2012/2013 – FY 2016-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to Advance the Construction Funding for BUS US 41 from Littleton Rd to US 41 and the Design Funding from Metro Pkwy to Winkler Ave to Current Year**

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MR. BILL WILLIAMS TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2012/2013 – FY 2016-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADVANCE THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR BUS US 41 FROM LITTLETON RD TO US 41 AND THE DESIGN FUNDING FOR METRO PKWY TO**

**WINKLER AVE TO CURRENT YEAR. SECONDED BY MR. RICK WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approval of the Smoothed Federal Urban Area Boundary Map**

Mr. Ravi Devaguptapu of Florida Transportation Engineering (FTE) presented a PowerPoint on this item. The map needs to be completed by January 2013. It has to come before the MPO Board for approval. He said the map will be reviewed by the DOT and the FHWA within the next several months. By May, the proposed boundaries should be approved. All parties involved need to approve the map by October.

Mr. O'Donnell asked what the impact of these boundaries is, for example land use or zoning. Mr. Devaguptapu said the impact is the amount of funds that are distributed to the state and then to the MPOs and different municipalities within the state.

Mr. David Scott asked if this does actually affect land use or zoning to any extent. Mr. Don Scott answered no.

Mr. Gogoi said that if not enough development occurs in an area, it goes back to the original census boundary.

Mr. Devaguptapu said that some assumptions made to the process will come true, and some will not due to a changing economy and other conditions, for example.

Ms. Carter commented on the bus maps. She said there needs to be more because people are not being serviced as boundaries are expanded. Mr. Devaguptapu said those areas are being funded by rural area transit programs. As some rural areas become urbanized, they will no longer be available to receive this type of funding, and they will become eligible for urban area programs.

Mr. David Scott asked where this presentation is posted. Ms. Marion said it is on the Lee MPO website under today's agenda & packet.

**MOTION BY MR. RICK WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE SMOOTHED FEDERAL URBAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP. SECONDED BY MR. DAVID SCOTT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approval of the Request for Proposal for the Lee County Community Transportation Coordinator (CCTC)**

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE LEE COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR. SECONDED BY MR. URICH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #8 – Endorsement of LeeTran's USC 5310 Grant Application for Operating and Capital Assistance**

Mr. Rudge presented this item.

Mr. O'Donnell made a statement that the \$ 20 million listed is not a grant request; it is a financial statement for the year.

Mr. Rudge said that you have to apply for the grant, and then the state lets you know how much funding will be received.

Mr. O'Donnell said that the grant request should be tabled, since the amount of money being requested is still unknown.

Mr. Rudge said that if the grant is tabled, LeeTran will not be able to apply at all for 5310 funds. The application is due in January 13, 2013, and it has to go before the MPO Board for approval.

**MOTION BY MR. O'DONNELL TO ENDORSE LEETRAN'S USC 5310 GRANT PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE. SECONDED BY MR. WAGNER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Other Business**

#### **Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

None.

#### **Agenda Item #11 – LeeTran Report**

Mr. Rudge gave the LeeTran report. Mr. Rudge said that the October 2011 vs. October 2012 ridership numbers were up by 24 %.

LeeTran has also started the free Downtown Fort Myers Trolley service.

#### **Agenda Item #12 – Port Authority Report**

Mr. Philpott of the Lee County Port Authority presented the report. The airport traffic is down 4 % year to year, but there has been an increase from month to month traffic. There has been an increase from October 2011 to October 2012 traffic by 3.5%. Traffic is returning to the airport. The construction of the firefighting facility should be completed in early 2013.

There will be a public hearing for the noise study in January before the port commissioners.

Mr. Pohland commented that the FAA report is 900 pages long. The Fort Myers Beach group and government are preparing a resolution to go to the county, port authority, and FAA to make recommendations on their plan.

Mr. Philpott stated that the FAA has been very receptive to their recommendations.

**Agenda Item #13 – FDOT Report**

Mr. Limbaugh said that there will be a signal installed at Briarcliff and Michael G. Rippe Pkwy.

**Agenda Item #14 – Announcements**

Mr. Wagner said that Bonita Grande Rd. Mining Company has been foreclosed, and the property is owned by a bank. The bank has hired a consultant group to make a residential proposal. The number of units there might fall anywhere between 550 minimum to 2,900 max. This might create traffic problems for Bonita Springs.

**Agenda Item #15 – Topics for next meeting**

None.

**Agenda Item #16 – Information & Distribution Items**

The 2013 meeting schedule is in the packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



