

# MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on February 7, 2013

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on February 7, 2013 at the Lee County Sheriff's Department-Bravo Substation, 1301 Homestead Road North, Lehigh Acres, FL.

Margaret Banyan	Lee County District 1
Carie Call	Lee County District 1
Bill Williams	Lee County District 2
Tony Cardinale	Lee County District 3
Rick Anglickis	Lee County District 5
James Boesch	Lee County District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
Steven Hook	City of Cape Coral
Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
Edward Tryka	City of Bonita Springs
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; Carmen Monroy with LeeTran; and Don Scott, Meghan Marion, Ron Gogoi and Anna Bielawska of the Lee County MPO.

Chairman Anglickis called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Ms. Marion called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the January 3, 2013 CAC Meeting

**MOTION BY MR. RICK WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 3, 2013 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

None.

Ms. Marion announced that there are three new members:

Ms. Banyan said that she is a faculty member at Florida Gulf Coast University and teaches land use planning. She was appointed by Commissioner Manning.

Ms. Call said she is an environmental planner and is LEED certified. She was appointed by Commissioner Manning.

Mr. Tryka said he is a civil engineer and works at Agnoli, Barber and Brundage in Naples. He was appointed by Mayor Ben Nelson.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #3 – Review and Approval of the Lee MPO/LeeTran Transit Planning Interlocal Agreement**

Mr. Scott presented this item. This agreement outlines the coordination activities and specifically addresses the use of the 5303 transit planning funds for the Committee's consideration.

Ms. Carter asked if this is the item that was tabled last month, and if this agreement is made every year. Mr. Scott answered yes and that this is a three year agreement.

Ms. Call mentioned that the agreement states it is a five year term instead of a three year term.

**MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE LEE MPO/LEETRAN TRANSIT PLANNING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE TERM IS CHANGED FROM FIVE YEARS TO THREE YEARS IN SECTION 8. SECONDED BY MR. HOOK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Agenda Item #4 – Review and Comment on the Transit Bus Pull Out Study Scope of Services**

Mr. Gogoi presented a PowerPoint on this item. The cost of the study is \$124,000.

Mr. Cardinale asked if the cost of the study includes conceptual design plans. Mr. Gogoi said yes. Mr. Scott said that coming up with standards for FDOT has also been discussed.

Ms. Carter asked what the cost will be after the project is completed in its operation including the signaling, maintenance, etc. Mr. Gogoi answered that some of this will be addressed in the Bus Queue Study Scope.

Mr. Pohland asked about the pull-offs on Estero Blvd. They do not follow the pull off standards recommended by FDOT District 1.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Review and Comment on the Transit Bus Queue Study Scope of Services**

Mr. Gogoi presented a PowerPoint on this item.

Ms. Carter asked if there is going to be signs warning that the bus comes first. Mr. Gogoi answered yes. Ms. Monroy said that it is important to note that these two scopes are both studies, and they identify what works best. LeeTran is looking at safety and operations improvement. Ms. Carter asked how LeeTran is going to educate the public about this. Ms. Monroy answered that the study comes first and identifies what is

important at each of the locations. Each improvement proposed will be appropriate for that specific location according to the existing and future land use.

Mr. Hook asked how a bus queue might improve general traffic movement. Ms. Monroy answered that this will help encourage more bus ridership, and this will alleviate traffic.

Ms. Banyan asked if this bus study and the previous one will be coordinated together, as there is a lot of overlap between the two scopes. Mr. Scott answered that they are a little bit different on the operations side. He still has to ask the LAP coordinator about coordinating the two studies.

Ms. Banyan also asked if it would be possible to look at an increase in operational efficiency in the two studies. Mr. Gogoi answered he will ask the consultant and that this is a valid point.

Mr. Hook asked how much of the data collected by LeeTran in previous studies will be used. Ms. Monroy said that they have studied Bus Rapid Transit in the entire county, especially along segments of US 41. These two bus studies will complement the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study because BRT needs to have quick movements for buses pulling in and out of traffic.

Ms. Carter asked if the BRT will include the new articulated buses. Ms. Monroy said that, ideally, you would like to incorporate these buses because of their increased passenger capacity. Any improvement made has to be appropriate for that location, and the new LeeTran facility does accommodate these types of buses.

**Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Florida Department of Transportation being the Designated Recipient of FTA 5310 Funds**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MR. BILL WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEING THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OF FTA 5310 FUNDS. SECONDED BY MR. BOESCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the 5310 Application**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

**MOTION BY MS. CALL TO APPROVE THE 5310 APPLICATION. SECONDED BY MS. CARTER.**

Ms. Carter mentioned that one vehicle should be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #8 – Review of the I-75 Sketch Plan Segment Analysis**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Ms. Carter said this looks good on paper, but it is going to be a disaster. There is a need for secondary parallel north/south roads for hurricane evacuations. Mr. Scott answered that this is why he raised the issue.

Ms. Banyan mentioned that Lee County has not done a good job thinking about the network of roads. She said you have to think more about the network connections when you think about relieving I-75 traffic.

### **Agenda Item #9 – Discussion on the Potential Regional TRIP Project Priorities**

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Mr. Rick Williams asked about the Burnt Store Widening funding impact.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Discuss Possible Items for the Upcoming Joint Lee Collier Meetings**

Mr. Scott presented this item. The next meeting is a joint meeting with Collier MPO in Estero.

Chairman Anglickis asked if any of the state MPOs will be combining. Mr. Scott answered that so far the answer is no.

## **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #11 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

None.

### **Agenda Item #18 – Information and Distribution Items**

Chairman Anglickis requested a roster of new TAC & CAC members in the next agenda packet.

### **Agenda Item #16 – Announcements – Re-affirm BPCC Appointments representing the CAC**

Ms. Marion said Ms. Carter is the main appointee and Mr. Urich is the alternate. Chairman Anglickis asked to reappoint these two.

### **Agenda Item #15 – FDOT Report**

Mr. Limbaugh of FDOT announced that there is a Transit Planning Position job opening at FDOT District 1.

### **Agenda Item #14 – LeeTran Report**

Mr. Scott announced that LeeTran is looking for a volunteer to sit on the JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) Grant committee. Ms. Monroy added that the volunteer

would help make hard decisions to help distribute a small amount of money to very important projects. The time commitment would be up to September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Ms. Monroy announced that the LeeTran Facility groundbreaking will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The construction will be 22 months.

**Agenda Item #13 – Determine if CAC Report is Necessary at MPO Board and Nominate a Presenter**

Mr. Rick Williams will be the presenter at the February MPO Board meeting. Mr. Scott suggested having someone from the Collier CAC do the report in March.

**Agenda Item #12 – Member Comments**

Mr. Rick Williams proposed to do a motion concerning impact fees. He suggested making a recommendation to the MPO Board not to support the impact fees cut until there is another source of funding.

Chairman Anglickis suggested going further and drafting a resolution that should be brought before the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wagner said that the Bonita Springs council has already voted against the impact fees cut.

**MOTION BY MR. RICK WILLIAMS TO BRING A RESOLUTION THAT SUPPORTS KEEPING IMPACT FEES BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THE MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. CARTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #17 – Topics for next meeting**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.