

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT COLLIER & LEE COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held on March 11, 2014

The following members were present for the joint meeting of the Collier & Lee County MPO Technical Advisory Committee on March 11, 2014 at the Estero Community Park & Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, 103A, Estero, Florida 33928.

Collier TAC

George Archibald	City of Naples
Ute Vandersluis	Naples Air Port Authority
Dale Bathon	Collier County Traffic Operations
Trinity Scott	Collier County ATM
Jeremy Frantz	Non-Voting

Lee TAC

Andy Getch	Lee Department of Transportation
Josh Philpott	Lee County Port Authority
Wayne Gaither	LeeTran
Dawn Huff	Lee County School Board
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral Public Works
Bob Herrington	Charlotte County MPO
Matt Feeney	City of Bonita Springs Public Works
Margaret Wuerstle	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Those also in attendance included: Russ Muller and Susan Lex with FDOT; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Lorraine Lantz with Collier MPO; Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, Johnny Limbaugh with Lee County MPO. Gary Harrell, Dave Urich, Ned Baier

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Gaither

Ms. Lantz called the roll for the Collier TAC and announced that a quorum was not present.

Mr. Limbaugh called the roll for Lee County TAC and announced that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2 – Election of a Chairperson

Mr. Gaither was elected as chairperson of the March 11, 2014 Joint Lee and Collier Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments

Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee commented on 5a and 6a:

5a: Ms. Letourneau stated the BikeWalkLee supports both recommended projects as both would increase economic development and safety. Would like to see both funded.

6a: Ms. Letourneau stated BikeWalkLee continues to support the LinC route

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved with no objection.

MOTION BY MR. PHILLPOTT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA SECONDED BY MR. GETCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #5A – Review and Approval of the Joint TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott introduced the item. The Lee County and Collier MPO staffs have updated their list of joint TRIP priorities as shown in **Attachment A**. A new project including the construction phase of the Burnt Store 4-laning from SR 78 to Tropicana Parkway has been added for consideration of FY 2018/19 TRIP funds. This project was originally funded with FY 2014/2015 TRIP funds but because it was not production ready the committed funds were switched over to the construction phase of another segment of Burnt Store Road from Diplomat Parkway to Van Buren Parkway. This project was evaluated against the only other candidate project for TRIP funds for that year which is the LeeTran Capital Expenditures for Passenger Amenities. The evaluations conducted using the Lee/Collier TRIP Project Prioritization and Evaluation Criteria resulted in the original priority of the LeeTran project dropping from #1 to #2.

Another new project is the construction phase for the widening from 2 to 4 lanes of Airport Pulling Road from Vanderbilt Drive to Immokalee Road. This is the only candidate for FY 2019/20 (the new fifth year) TRIP funds. Although, it automatically becomes the #1 priority for that fiscal year's TRIP funds, staff still went ahead and scored the project using TRIP Criteria. The updated list retains the same priorities for candidate projects for the other fiscal year TRIP funds.

MOTION BY MR. ARCHIBALD TO APPROVE THE TRIP PRIORITIES SECONDED BY MS. ZAMBRANO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5B – Review and Approval of the Joint Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Map

Ron Gogoi presented the staff changes to the pathways component of the Collier-Lee Bi-County Regional Network. The proposed changes include changing the color coding of those pathways on the map where the status of the proposed pathways have changed from “Programmed” to “Existing” due to the completion of construction; and from “Planned” to “Programmed” for those facilities where funds have now been committed for construction. The proposed changes are listed below.

Road Name	Limit From	Limit To	Current Map	Proposed Change
Oil Well Road	0.5 Mile West of Oil Well Grade Rd	East of Ave Maria Blvd	Programmed (Yellow)	Existing (Red)
Oil Well Road	Immokalee Rd (CR 846)	Everglades Blvd	Programmed (Yellow)	Existing (Red)
CR 951	Davis Blvd (SR 84)	Golden Gate Main Canal	Programmed (Yellow)	Existing (Red)
Immokalee Rd	Northbrooke Dr	1000' West of CR 951	Programmed (Yellow)	Existing (Red)
US41	Rattlesnake Hammock Rd	Broward St	Planned (Green)	Existing (Red)
US41	Collier Blvd (CR 951)	Greenway	Planned (Green)	Programmed (Yellow)
SR 82	Lee Blvd	Shawnee Rd	Planned (Green)	Programmed (Yellow)
Burnt Store Rd	SR 78 North	Van Buren Pkwy	Planned (Green)	Programmed (Yellow)
Del Prado Blvd	SR 78 North	Diplomat Pkwy	Programmed (Yellow)	Existing (Red)
SR 80	I 75	Buckingham Rd	Planned (Green)	Programmed (Yellow)
Metro Ext	Six Mile Cypress Pkwy	Alico Rd	Planned (Green)	Existing (Red)
Alico Rd	Metro Ext (NB On Ramp)	US 41	Planned (Green)	Existing (Red)
US 41	SR 78	Tara Blvd	Planned (Green)	Programmed (Yellow)

The Lee and Collier Joint TAC were asked to recommend that the MPO Boards amend the current map to reflect the proposed changes at their Joint meeting on March 21st. The proposed changes were approved by the BPCC and PAC at their joint meeting on February 25th.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE STAFFS RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MAP SECONDED BY MS. HUFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5C – Review and Approval of the Joint Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Priorities

Ron Gogoi presented the two candidate projects for Regional TAP funding from the Lee and Collier Bi-County Area. They are as follows;

- \$1,662,229 for the design and construction of a 10' wide shared use path on Old 41 from US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County (Project Sponsor: *City of Bonita Springs and Collier County Growth Management Division*)
- A \$520,000 PD&E Study for a pathway on Pine Island Road from Veterans Parkway to Stringfellow Road (Project Sponsor: *Lee County BOCC*)

Both projects are identified in the Lee-Collier Joint Regional Pathway Network which is a requirement of the two MPOs before regional projects can be considered for discretionary funding.

The Lee and Collier TACs were asked to recommend joint priorities to the MPO Boards. Staff suggestion is that the Old 41 project be assigned the top priority as it benefits both counties. The Lee MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and Collier MPO's Pathways Advisory Committee met on February 25th and concurred with the staff recommendations accordingly.

MOTION BY MR. FEENEY TO APPROVE THE JOINT TAP PRIORITIES SECONDED BY MR. ARCHIBALD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item #6A – Update on the Lee and Collier (LinC) Transit Connection and the Service Development Grant which will expire in 2014

Wayne Gaither with LeeTran presented an update on the LinC Route, including performance statistics, the results of the rider survey, and the funding proposal.

A survey was developed to obtain information on the current users of the system and their travel patterns.

LeeTran, Collier Area Transit (CAT), the City of Bonita Springs, and the Lee MPO have been meeting to discuss the route's performance, and seek funding solutions to allow the route to continue in FY 2015 and beyond.

Three alternatives have been discussed, 1) discontinue service, 2) Collier County operate the service, and 3) Lee County continue to operate the service. Ultimately, the group concluded that it was most advantageous to current users of the route if LeeTran continues to operate it. A funding proposal has been developed that will allow the route to continue in operation.

Agenda Item #6B – Update on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plans for Collier MPO and Lee County MPO

Ms. Lantz presented an overview of the Collier MPO's efforts for their 2040 LRTP. She stated that Collier MPO conducted a Visioning Workshop to look at the County and discuss how the MPO Board anticipates the area growing. Ms. Lantz provided an overview of visioning the results. She stated that Collier MPO has been updating SE data and providing data to FDOT for development of the District wide model. Collier has hired Stantec Engineering to produce the LRTP

Mr. Scott presented a PowerPoint for this item. The Lee County MPO has begun reviewing revenues. The land use scenario project that is looking at land use alternatives that would help reduce vehicle trips, trip lengths and increase the viability of transit options. He stated that the Lee MPO is working with the Statewide wide needs plan committee that is looking at best practices.

Mr Scott highlighted several projects that may impact the Collier/Lee County Boundary Line and should be discussed as the MPOs develop their LRTPs. Those projects include:

- The widening of Old US 41 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from US41 to Bonita beach Road
- The extension of Logan Blvd. from Immokalee Road to Bonita Beach Road
- The widening of SR29 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from Oil Well Road to the Collier/Hendry County Line
- The widening of SR82 from 2 lanes to 6 lanes from SR29 to the Collier/Hendry County Line
- The CR 951 Extension Corridor and the improvements projected for I-75 in the Needs Plan
- The transit connections that cross County lines, including the current LinC connection and proposed Needs Plan connections such as along SR 82

Agenda Item #7 – FDOT report

Mr. Muller stated the District Bike Ped Coordinator, Providence has been deployed and will likely be out for up to a year. The District will be looking to temporarily fill the position

Susan Lex added that TRIP funding is down and MPO's should be looking at projects in the \$500,000 range

Agenda Item #8 – Transit Update

Mr. Gaither of LeeTran provided the report for Lee County Transit. At this time LeeTran has seen a 2% decreased in ridership since the route changes. He stated for the month of February LeeTran carried 369,000 passengers and LeeTran is still on track to providing over 4 million trips this year.

Ms. Scott of CAT provided an overview of Collier County Transit. Cat is proposing a new bus wrap design and advertising policy for inside the bus. Cat is proposing some route change that will provide service to the beach for the first time. She said that there has been a dip in ridership over the last year that may be attributed to moving to real time trip information.

Agenda Item #9 – Members' Comments

None.

Agenda Item #10 – Information Items

Minutes from October joint meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Member Agency	Representative		Alternate		Alternate	
Lee County						
Department of Community Development	Mat Noble	A	Rick Burris			
Department of Transportation	Andy Getch	P	Lili Wu			
Lee County Port Authority	Josh Philpott	P	Ellen Lindblad			
Lee Tran	Wayne Gaither	p				
Lee County School Board	Dawn Huff	p	Elisa Yanes			
City of Cape Coral						
Department of Community Development	Wyatt Daltry	A	Rick Sosnowski			
Department of Public Works	Persides Zambrano*	P	Stephanie Smith			
Cape Coral Mini Bus Service	Kitty Sayers	A	Mildred Hammer			
City of Fort Myers						
Department of Planning	Nicole DeVaughn	A	Lynne Rodriguez			
Department of Engineering	Ben Bullert	A	Saeed Kazemi			
Town of Fort Myers Beach						
	Walter Fluegel	A	Josh Overmyer			
City of Sanibel						
Department of Planning	Jimmy Jordan		Ben Pople	P	Roy Gibson	
Department of Public Works	Keith Williams	A	Scott Krawczuk			
City of Bonita Springs						
Department of Public Works	Matt Feeny	P	John Gucciardo			
Collier MPO						
	Lorrain Lantz	P	Sue Faulkner			
Charlotte MPO						
	Bob Herrington	P	Gary Harrell	P		
SWFL Regional Planning Council						
	Margaret Wuerstle	P	Jennifer Pellechio		Dave Crawford	

Those also in attendance included: Russ Muller FDOT; Ned Baier Jacobs; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; and Don Scott, and Ron Gogoi, Johnny Limbaugh of the Lee County MPO.

Chairperson Gaither called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The roll was called and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes from the January 9, 2014 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOV 7, 2013 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. HUFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments; comments will be taken at each of the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of an Amendment to the FY 13/14 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to De-Obligate Funds for use in FY 14/15

Don Scott presented the item. The MPO staff is asking to de-obligate \$175,000 in FY 2013/2014 to make this funding available for projects that will be undertaken during this next fiscal year, (FY 2014/2015). Listed below are the proposed changes:

1. Task 1.2 Unified Planning Work Program – De-obligate \$12,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
2. Task 1.3 Public Involvement and Community Outreach – De-obligate \$10,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
3. Task 1.4 Equipment & Resource Purchase, Upgrade and Maintenance - De-obligate \$8,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
4. Task 1.5 Regional Coordination – De-obligate \$10,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
5. Task 1.6 Transit Program Management and Support Systems Monitoring - De-obligate \$15,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
6. Task 2.1 Congestion Management , ITS & Data Development - De-obligate \$3,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
7. Task 3.1 Long Range Transportation Planning - De-obligate \$20,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
8. Task 3.2 Transportation Improvement Program - De-obligate \$5,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
9. Task 3.3 Freight and Goods Movement Planning - De-obligate \$3,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
10. Task 4.1 Special Projects & Studies - De-obligate \$15,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
11. Task 4.2 Bike Ped & Multi-Purpose Pathway Planning - De-obligate \$14,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.
12. Task 4.4 Administrative and Planning Consultant Services - De-obligate \$60,000 in FY 2013/2014 to allow this funding available for projects planned for next year.

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE UPWP AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2012/2013 and FY 2013/2014. SECONDED BY MR. POPLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – *Review and Comment on Draft FY 14/15 and 15/16 UPWP

Don introduced the item for discussion. Every two years the MPO is required to develop and submit the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The two year draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 is being provided for the Committee's review and comment prior to being submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for their review. The draft version of the UPWP is due to the Florida Department of Transportation by March 15, 2014 with the final version due by May 15, 2014. The Committee's will be asked to approve the final version of the UPWP at its May 1, 2014 meeting.

Bob Herrington commented that the acronym list needs to be updated. Committee members were asked to send any other comments to Don Scott.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item #6 – Update on Federal Functional Classification Project

Mr. Gogoi presented this item. MPO staff has been working with FDOT staff from District One and Central Office, FHWA and FDOT's consultants to resolve all the issues pertaining to the functional classification update exercise of Lee County roadways. For the most part the proposed changes that came through the MPO committees and endorsed by the MPO Board were approved by FDOT. The approved changes also include a fair amount of the roadways designated as Minor Collectors. MPO staff will give a more detailed update at the April TAC and CAC meetings with an analysis of what got approved and what was left out. At the April meetings, MPO staff will be also sharing maps and tables of the approved roadway designations which FDOT will be now adding to FDOT's RCI database.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Dave Urich gave a presentation on the Kismet/Littleton road extension project. The project will be further evaluated during the LRTP update

Mr. Muller stated the District Bike Ped Coordinator, Providence has been deployed and will likely be out for up to a year. The District will be looking to temporarily fill the position. Russ asked that if anyone is planning a community event to let him know as FDOT is looking for opportunities to get the Bike/Ped message out.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.