

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on June 5, 2014

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on June 5, 2014 at the City of Cape Coral Annex/Public Works Building, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL.

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

Those also in attendance included: Ned Baier Jacobs; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Dave Ulrich; and Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo of the Lee County MPO.

Chairperson Gaither called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the April 3, 2014 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2014 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BURRIS MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the MAY 1, 2014 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. OVERMYER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2014 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. POPE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Darla Letourneau with BikeWalk Lee spoke in favor Land Use Scenario “C” she handed out a copy of the MPO’s 2010-12 resolution in support of a Balanced Multi-Modal Transportation System.

Dave Urich – presented information on his proposal for extending Kismet Parkway.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #3 – Review and Approval of the FY 2014/2015 through FY 2018/2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Johnny Limbaugh presented the FY 2014/15 through FY 2018/19 TIP. Each year the MPO develops a five year Transportation Improvement Program that includes highway, aviation, transit, transportation disadvantaged and enhancement projects that are funded with State and Federal money. The endorsement of this TIP will conclude the annual project prioritization and programming cycle that began last spring with the development of the MPO’s project priorities. Inclusion of projects in the TIP is a prerequisite for federal funding of surface transportation projects. The TIP also includes the Capital Improvement Programs for each of the municipalities, for informational purposes only.

The draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was brought to the May meeting for review and comment and the document was also sent out for public review.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2014/2015 THROUGH FY 2018/2019 TIP WAS MADE BY MS. ZAMBRANO, SECONDED BY MR. GETCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Approval of the TA, Multi-Modal and Safe Routes to School Priorities

Ron Gogoi presented the proposed priorities for consideration for federal funds including the Lee MPO’s allocation of Transportation Alternative (TA) Program funds, the MPO’s Multi-modal Enhancement Box funds and the State’s TAP and School Highway Safety funds. School projects that do not get funded with Lee MPO’s allocation of TA funds will be eligible for funding through the State portion of TA and Highway Safety funds.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PRIORITIES WAS MADE BY MS. ZAMBRANO, SECONDED BY MR. POPLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE STATE TAP AND SAFETY PRIORITIES WAS MADE BY MR. FEENE, SECONDED BY MR. HERRINGTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MULTI-MODAL PRIORITIES WAS MADE BY MS. ZAMBRANO, SECONDED BY MR. GETTCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEE MPO TA PROGRAM, MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENT BOX, AND STATEWIDE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR 2014
Adopted by Lee County MPO on June 20, 2014

Applicant	Roadway	Limits	Improvements	Next Unfunded Phase	Requested Funds	Local Match	Total Cost	Priorities		
								TA PROGRAM	MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENT BOX	STATEWIDE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM
LeeTran	Bus Purchase	Purchase of Diesel-Electric Hybrid or Clean Burning Heavy Duty Transit Buses ¹		Bus Purchase	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000		1	
Lee MPO	Fowler Ave @ Colonial Blvd Intersection Improvements	The NB approach will be reconfigured to include two through lanes and two right turn lanes under signal control. A pedestrian crossing on the east leg will be re-established to allow pedestrians to move to a channel island while the NB right turn is red.		PE+CST	\$1,005,533	\$0	\$1,005,533		1	
Lee County	Pine Island Rd Shared Use Path	Stringfellow Rd to Veteran Pkwy	PO&E Study	PO&E	\$520,000	\$0	\$520,000		1	
Lee County	BlueTOAD Traffic Monitor Purchase	Purchase and install 20 BlueTOAD Traffic Monitors to track travel speed on arterial roadways (\$ per year)		Purchase + Installation	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000		4	
Lee County	PZT Camera Purchase	Purchase and install 25 cameras to monitor traffic on arterial roadways over a period of 5 years (\$ per year)		Purchase + Installation	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000		5	
Lee MPO	San Carlos Blvd Sidewalk	Kelly Rd to South of Gulf Point St	Add sidewalk (East Side)	PE+CST	\$117,750	\$12,750	\$130,500		6	
Lee MPO	US 41 Sidewalk	.09 Miles N of SR 78 to Littleton Rd	Add 8' wide sidewalk (east side) + bus pads + connection to bus stops	PE+CST	\$292,500	\$0	\$292,500		7	
Lee MPO	US 41 Sidewalk	Littleton Rd to N Fork Rd		PE+CST	\$414,250	\$0	\$414,250		8	
Fort Myers	Fort Myers Elementary School Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$132,000	\$10,000	\$142,000		9	2
Fort Myers Beach	Connecticut St Sidewalk	Estero Blvd to Estero Bay	Sidewalk	CST	\$0	\$0	\$0	1		
Bonita Springs ²	Bonita Elementary Sidewalks			CST	\$0	\$0	\$0	2		1
Cape Coral	Old Burnt Store Rd Bike Lane	Embers Pkwy to Tropicana Pkwy	Bike Lanes	CST	\$0	\$0	\$0	3		
Fort Myers	South St Sidewalk	Fowler St to US 41	Sidewalk (North Side)	PE+CST	\$108,000	\$8,000	\$116,000	4		
Cape Coral	Mariner/Middle Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$225,900	\$45,180	\$271,080	5	10	3
Lee County	Tice Elementary Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$152,250	\$0	\$152,250	6		4
Lee County	G Weaver/Higgs Elementary Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$274,900	\$0	\$274,900	7		5
Cape Coral	Santa Barbara/SW 20th St Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$308,880	\$61,776	\$370,656	8		
Fort Myers	Coronado Rd Sidewalk	Cortez Blvd to US 41	Sidewalk (North Side)	PE+CST	\$264,232	\$12,000	\$276,232	9		
Lee County	Tanglewood Elementary Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$215,150	\$0	\$215,150	10		6
Fort Myers	Grace Ave Sidewalk	Cortez Blvd to US 41	Sidewalk (North Side)	PE+CST	\$74,527	\$8,000	\$82,527	11		
Cape Coral	SW 10th St Sidewalk	Chiquita Blvd to Skyline Blvd	Sidewalk (North Side)	PE+CST	\$308,080	\$61,776	\$369,856	12		
Cape Coral	Avenell Blvd/Cantor Circle Sidewalks			PE+CST	\$732,996	\$146,599	\$879,595	13		
Fort Myers	Passaic Ave Sidewalk	Cortez Blvd to Camelo Dr	Sidewalk (North Side)	PE+CST	\$75,500	\$8,000	\$83,500	14		
Cape Coral	Galor Circle Sidewalk	Avenell Blvd to Ramsey	Sidewalk (North/West Side)	PE+CST	\$677,160	\$135,432	\$812,592	15		
Fort Myers ²	Jeffcott St Sidewalk	Ford St to Highlands St	Sidewalk (north side)	PE+CST	\$224,800	\$20,300	\$245,100	16		
	Stella St Sidewalk	Ford St to Highlands St	Sidewalk (north side)		\$217,900	\$20,000	\$237,900			
	Katherine St Sidewalk	Ford St to Highlands St	Sidewalk (north side)		\$207,000	\$18,700	\$225,700			
	Franklin St Sidewalk	Ford St to Highlands St	Sidewalk (north side)		\$224,800	\$20,300	\$245,100			

Notes:
¹These are projects from last year's priorities with design phases funded; ²These are unfunded projects from last year's priorities

Agenda Item #5 – Review and Recommend to the Board the Preferred Land Use Scenario

The MPO is currently undertaking an intensive effort to explore alternative ways the county could grow that would reduce or shorten vehicle trips and increase other travel options.

Identifying future land use patterns as alternative scenarios will allow the MPO and citizens of Lee County to evaluate the costs and benefits of different patterns. The Committee is being asked to recommend a preferred land use scenario, which will become the basis of the future transportation vision in the MPO's forthcoming 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Over the last several months the Consultant team has been analyzing the results, conducting the public engagement process and drafting the reports Ned Baier and Bill Spikowski presented their findings and recommendation for scenario "C"

MOTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF SENERIO C WAS MADE BY MR. OVERMYER, SECONDED BY MR. BURRIOS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Agreement

Don Scott presented the item. Rule 41-2.014(2), *Florida Administrative Code*, describes planning related grant funds as those that may be used by the Designated Official Planning Agency which, for Lee County, is the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization – to undertake their responsibilities under Chapter 427, *Florida Statutes*. This includes staff support to the Local Coordinating Board to implement planning services for the non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged in its service area. The money comes from the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, which was set up to provide a dedicated funding source for some of the operational and planning expenses of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in carrying out its legislative responsibilities.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE TD PLANNING GRANT WAS MADE BY MR. HERRINGTON, SECONDED BY MR. PHILPOTT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approval of the Round-a-Bout Feasibility Study Scope

Ron Gogoi presented the item. FDOT funded an MPO priority for a roundabout feasibility study by including it in its FY 2015-2019 Tentative Work Program. The project is programmed in fiscal year 2014/15 at \$400,000. The list of tentative intersections that were submitted to FDOT prior to project programming has been revised following input from the TMOC, BPCC, TAC, CAC and the MPO Board. Staff has now developed the attached scope of services that calls for screening the final list of 21 locations for fatal flaws, and doing roundabout feasibility analysis on those that pass the screening test. The scope also calls for developing conceptual design layouts at these intersections. The Committee reviewed the scope and recommend that a review of transit stops be added and it should also note that the proposed budget is \$400,000. The committee asked that the revised scope come back to them at their August meeting.

Other Business

Agenda Item #8 – PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

Agenda Item #9 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Gaither provided the LeeTran report. Wayne talked about the ridership experiencing a small .09% drop based on a comparison of April 2014 to April 2013.

Agenda Item #10 – FDOT Report

No report

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Next meeting is August 7th

Agenda Item #12 – Topics for next meeting

Agenda Item #13 – Information and Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.